



Judy Thompson
In consideration for the position of
Director-at-large

A bit about me:

I have been with my wife, Lyn, for 28 years and we have a 32-year-old son. Lyn and I recently moved from California to Massachusetts. As of yet, I have not found a league to bowl in but hope to do so this year.

I was on my local Little League Board for 8 years as the Concessionaire Manager. While in this position I increased sales by 30%.

As a founding member of the women's division of NAGAAA (North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association) I held the office of Secretary. I spent 10 years as a High School softball umpire and 20+ years umpiring adult league and tournament softball.

I have bowled in a gay league for over 30 years. In 2007, I was nominated the first female IGBO Rep from San Diego and served on the Mid Year 2008 committee. While the Regional Director for Region 9, Southwest/Pacific Nations, I was able to increase female participation in our local tournaments from 8% to over 20%. In 2016 I was instrumental in starting the Women's Invitational Tournament of Southern California.

I have served on the following IGBO committees: Archives, Newsletter (chair), Women's Social (chair), Membership, a committee member for Mid-Year 2018 Reno, and IGBO Annual 2024 Reno. I served as your IGBO Vice-President for two years and am honored to be a recipient of the Tom Hack and Fellowship Awards.

Why the Director-at-Large Position?

Lifetime members and Associate members have always fallen through the "cracks" in IGBO. I am tired of not having representation nor being kept in the loop. As a Lifetime member I have a vested interest in bringing more Associates and other Lifetime members into the fold. There is no reason that this group should not be included in all aspects of IGBO. Our recent food drive is a prime example. I would like to make it possible for these members to participate just like our leagues did.

Since many Associates and Lifetime Members do not bowl in an IGBO league, they are unaware of the numerous opportunities to participate. I, as the Director-at-Large, would make contact with as many of them as possible via phone calls, text messages, email messages, and in person at tournaments and make them aware of our activities.