



Potomac Curling Club Board of Director Candidate Statements

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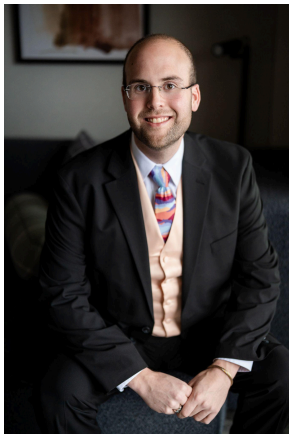


Josh Dei

I am excited for the opportunity to run for our Board of Directors. Since joining Potomac as a new curler at the end of 2021, our club quickly became the place that helped me truly feel settled in this area. PCC is a community where we bond over shared interests, decompress after a long day, and have a drink together at the end of a game. I am running for the Board to contribute more to this community and ensure we continue growing as an organization that meets our membership's diverse needs while honoring our core values.

Over the past 4 years, I have been actively involved in volunteering for our bonspiels, learn to curls, and I served as a facility rentals co-coordinator for a season. While I recognize that this is not much time in PCC's long history, these experiences helped me to develop a better understanding of our club's operations. As we continue to expand at the start of another Olympic cycle, I believe we must remain open to discussions around adapting our processes, leagues, and programs, as our recent Board has tried to do, to best serve our evolving membership needs while simultaneously balancing developmental, social, youth, and competitive opportunities.

Moving ahead, I also want to initiate forward-thinking conversations earlier in our planning cycles, particularly around scheduling, support for rentals, and goal setting to position our club for continued success. Thank you so much for your consideration.



Simon Wechsler

Hello all and thank you for your time in reading this. To those who don't know me, I am Simon Wechsler. I joined PCC at the beginning of the 2019 season after having curled one year prior at Syracuse University and participating in College Nationals. I have been a member of Tuesday Social, Doubles, TGIF, and Pizza League where I am most known at the club. On the ice, I am often known for my loud voice, my love of shenanigans, songs and jokes, and of course BOX!

I am running for a position on board to continue to make PCC a place where all feel welcomed and where everyone strives to embrace their uniqueness to have fun. Over the years, it has been my personal goal to bring a sense of comradery to the club whether through skipping with new curlers on the team or serving in role as Pizza League co-coordinator. While many people know me for my silliness and levity, this attitude has allowed me to connect and build meaningful relationships with many curlers in the club and help newer curlers transition into their own roles in the club, both in ways uniquely offered through this mentality. As a board member, I would work in earnest with other board members and club members at large to ensure that we at PCC remain welcoming to all curlers, no matter the league or personal goals, and that all members feel their voices are heard and respected. Further, if elected to the board, I will use my voice and position to ensure that all voices from all leagues are heard and respected because only



through a sense of joy and belonging can we all bring our uniqueness into the heart of all the makes PCC amazing.



Ted Hallock

I have been honored to serve the club for the last 2 years and I feel that I have more to give. We have so many amazing things going on and I would like to continue helping in the best way I can. I have done all I can to let you all get to know me. I have done all I can to get to know each of you. I know what I am signing up for and I will faithfully execute my duties as I have in the past.

More technological renovations, hand in hand with our physical ones, are on the way. My dedication to this job and this club are undeniable. I hope to take that back to the board and continue doing what I can to make this club and its members better with Strength and Spirit.



Alison Kemp

I am currently seeking re-election to the board as my first term concludes this year. I am currently the president of the club and have also served as the secretary. I have enjoyed my time on the board, learning about the inner workings of the club and striving to make the club and curling better for all of our members. I would like to be re-elected so that I can continue building from my prior term and help lead the direction of the club, particularly to see this summer's construction through completion and continue improving registration and our league and program offerings.

I joined the Potomac Curling Club in 2021 and have played in Pizza, Women's, Tuesday Social, Capital, and Thursday Open leagues. I have previously been a member of Bowling Green, Bowling Green State University, Ogden, and Oval curling clubs after learning to curling in 2005.



Leena Hornlein

At Potomac Curling Club, I have come to love this sport and all of the traditions that make it special. Since joining four years ago, I have played in numerous leagues (competitive, social, and developmental), volunteered extensively with ice prep/building, and travelled to bonspiels across the country.

I am excited to run for the Board of Directors to contribute to the continued growth of a club and sport that I love. I am particularly interested in supporting effective communication, thoughtful programming, and long-term planning that ensures sustainability as membership evolves. With the expected influx of new curlers after this Olympic cycle, I believe that Potomac should allow for great opportunities for new curlers, but also prioritize the needs of current members if we return to an over-subscribed



lottery as we have in previous years. Thoughtful evaluation of league demand in the lottery and participation trends will be key to making these decisions effectively.

I will strive to ensure that all members have equal opportunities to participate and grow within the sport. Finally, I am committed to supporting the volunteers who sustain our club by making opportunities more accessible through clear processes, encouragement, and meaningful recognition.



Stephen Johnson

Excited to run for another board term. I believe having board continuity is important for consistent club management, especially during a post-Olympics rush.

With the new arrival of a slew of first-year curlers, I believe the board has the responsibility to both provide a spot for these new curlers as well as protect our returning curlers. Returning members should have the right to league membership first, with the exception of pizza league having the dedicated spot per team for new curlers. As the board reviews current league proposals for next year, I believe the priority should be returning curlers first, and then new members.

Another issue I expect the board will need to balance next year is the balance between the new, likely more social-leaning curlers and our competitive curlers. Part of our club's core purpose includes developing players for national and international competition, and I will make sure that while we maintain/expand our more social leagues and programs as demand rises, that we don't lose the more competitive side of our club.

As new curlers join the club, different leagues and programs will grow at different rates over the next year. Each of those leagues/programs should have the responsibility to show proof of demand when requesting to expand before the board allows more ice time. Programs/leagues with consistent sheet utilization should be our goal, and asking for more/better ice time should come with recent, relevant data (e.g. we ran a clinic and got ## people, we have ## people on our waitlist from the lottery, etc.).

I am excited to have a competitive election this year, and if you see me at the club/want to email to ask me more questions, I am happy to clarify what I think the board's priorities should be. Thanks and good curling!



Dawn Bria

I'm excited to put my name forward for the Potomac Curling Club Board of Directors because I believe our club thrives when new perspectives and member-driven ideas come together. I bring a set of fresh eyes to PCC—eyes that notice opportunities for growth, connection, and improvement while still appreciating the strong foundation we already have.

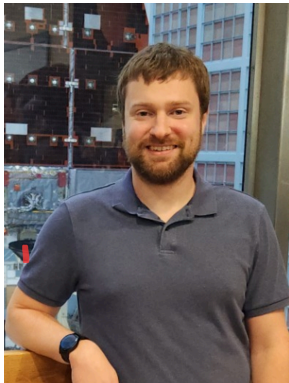
I'm energized by the chance to contribute, and I'm no stranger to board



service. My previous experience on the Lone Star Curling Club Board taught me how to balance strategic planning with the everyday needs of a curling community. I understand how important it is for board members to listen, communicate openly, and make decisions that reflect the voices of the entire membership. I see myself as a voice for the people—approachable, transparent, and committed to ensuring members feel heard and represented.

One area I'm especially passionate about is strengthening the sense of community within our own club. Club wide events at PCC, whether they're social, competitive, developmental, or just plain fun, are essential for building camaraderie and helping members connect across leagues and skill levels. I'd love to help expand and enrich those opportunities so that PCC continues to feel like a vibrant, welcoming home for curlers of all backgrounds.

I'm ready to bring energy, experience, and a member-focused mindset to the Board. Thank you for considering my nomination.



Kyle Conroy

I have been curling since 2008 and a member of Potomac since 2021. During that time I've played in Thursday Open, TGIF Early & Late, Tuesday Social, Men's, Capital, and Doubles (and spared in Pizza several times). I've also curled and/or volunteered in Cherry Blossom, Embassy, Glitter, Glow, and Hangover spiels. It's clear that our club is filled with passionate members who have a wide range of priorities, preferences, and constraints. Any change we make as a club will inevitably appear to benefit some members more than others. However, maintaining the status quo carries the same risk if we fail to adapt to a changing membership, especially following an Olympic cycle when we

can expect an influx of interest.

If elected to the board, I will focus on listening to the perspectives of all members and working toward thoughtful, balanced solutions that support both the long-term health of the club and the needs of our current and future membership.

We are also proudly a volunteer-run club, but especially with this summer's construction project, we risk volunteer burnout. We should continue searching for creative ways to encourage participation and recognize the contributions that keep our club running.

I am running for the board because I care deeply about the long-term success of our club and want to contribute constructively to its future. If elected, I will work to ensure board service remains a positive and productive experience that encourages broad, representative participation from across our membership into the future.



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