

2008 PDGA ELECTIONS

As summer draws near, its time to prepare for the annual PDGA elections, and to send out the call for candidates. Once again voting will take place from June 1 to July 31, with the elected candidates assuming office as of September 1. The 2008 PDGA Election will be held on-line, with members casting their ballots at <http://www.vote-now.com>. The first three on-line elections (2005-2007) saw record participation in terms of the % of current members voting.

VOTING PROCEDURES

During the first week of June all current members for whom the PDGA has an email address on file will receive an email from vote-now.com with their PDGA online election instructions including their individual ballot passcode. All members whose email bounces back or who do not have an email address on file, will be mailed a postcard by campus-vote.com with their on-line ballot instructions and passcode. On or about July 10, all members with valid emails who have not yet voted will be sent a voting reminder. Those members who do not have any access to a computer or internet capability will also be able to contact the PDGA office and request a mailed paper ballot. Provided this request is received by the PDGA no later than July 10, a ballot will be mailed to the member.

BECOMING A PDGA BOARD MEMBER

A Board of Directors is a requirement for non-profit status and is mandated by the PDGA By-laws. The PDGA Board is comprised of 7 elected members each holding two-year terms. Every year, half - in the PDGA's case 3 or 4 - of the Board positions are up for election. In addition to semi-annual summit meetings, the Board and staff conduct monthly teleconference calls and ongoing communication to accomplish required business.

Some of the Board's main activities include: setting PDGA policies; hiring and supervision of an Executive Director responsible for headquarters, staff, and ongoing operations; financial management including annual budget; identification of responsible future Board members; and representing the membership's visions for the future of the sport and the association.

Prospective Board members should have some of the following mix of skills and qualifications:

- Professional experience, involving management, marketing, financial, strategic planning, entrepreneurship, and/or the non-profit sector.
- Communication skills, in representing PDGA, and in corresponding with members, including access to email
- A passion for disc golf
- Familiarity with and commitment to PDGA

In accordance with the new by-laws, three at-large Board member positions will be determined in this year's election. The three candidates who obtain the most votes will secure office. Terms will be September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2010. At their first meeting, the new Board of Directors will elect the PDGA Commissioner and other officers from among the seven Board members.

SUBMITTING YOUR CANDIDACY

If you are interested in running for a position on the PDGA Board, please submit your candidacy, including 2-3 paragraph platform statement, and a synopsis of your professional and disc golf resume, by email to the PDGA Executive Director at bgraham@pdga.com by May 15, 2008.

STATE AND PROVINCE COORDINATORS

The State and Provincial Coordinators represent more than 50 key PDGA volunteer positions. Each year 50% of US State and Canadian Province Coordinators are elected. Each member's on-line ballot will only display the Coordinator race for their home state or province. If your state or province is not included in the list below, it will be on the election ballot next year.

Here is the list of responsibilities for the SC position:

- Represent the PDGA in a positive light to members, clubs, agencies, and communities in their state or province.
- Work with Tournament Directors and clubs within their state or province and in adjoining areas to schedule PDGA Tour and other disc golf events. Serve as state/provincial liaison to the PDGA Tour Manager, in setting the Tour schedule and in addressing and resolving Tour event issues.
- Collect information, either personally or by delegating to individuals or clubs, for the PDGA Course Directory and the Course Evaluation system.
- Promote PDGA memberships, and PDGA programs such as the Affiliate Clubs program, tournament sanctioning, Disc Golf Foundation, and EDGE to the members and potential members in their state or province.
- Provide feedback on the annual Tour Standards to the PDGA Tour Manager
- Coordinate state qualification for events such as the USDGC, USADGC, and other qualified-entry tournaments;
- Vote for and recommend candidates for select annual PDGA Awards
- Other duties as determined by the SCs, PDGA Board and staff

2008 STATE/PROVINCE ELECTIONS

Here is the list of coordinator positions up for election this year, and the names of the incumbents. Terms for these positions will be September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2010 unless otherwise noted.

Alaska – Kevin Maher #29935
Arizona – Dan Ginnelly #3591
British Columbia - Clint Andersen #21512
California (South) – Tim Selinske #2026

Connecticut – Joe Proud #2773
Florida – Brian Kilgore #13117
Hawaii – Steve Welck #19117
Illinois – Brett Comincioli #19325
Iowa – Steve Kenton #11895
Kentucky – David Greenwell #962
Maine – Bob Enman #14355
Maryland – Rich Myers #19614
Massachusetts – Jason Johnson #20571
Michigan - Paul Jefferies #18812
Mississippi – Shane Seal #13928
Montana – Brian Bjortomt #28854
Nevada – Jeff Jacquart #10749
New Hampshire - Dan Marcus #2439
New Jersey – Bob Graham #6341
New York – Rich Bevins #10084
North Dakota – Darrell Nodland #7225
Oklahoma – Joe Rotan #13827
Oregon - David Feldberg #12626
Rhode Island – Norman Fitzgerald #23891
South Carolina – Harold Duvall #2018
Tennessee – Thomas Laird #20788
Utah – Douglas Smith #13349
Virginia – John Biscoe #9456
West Virginia – Bill Ragan #15769
Wyoming – Jack Faubion #24409

Please join us in extending thanks and appreciation to all the above listed incumbents for their years of voluntary service to the PDGA and disc golf. Many of these key contributors will be seeking re-election, many others will be seeking election for the first time.

SUBMITTING YOUR CANDIDACY

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PLEASE VOTE!

When you receive your ballot in June, please take a few minutes of your time to complete and submit your ballot. In doing so not only are you fulfilling one of your basic rights and responsibilities as a PDGA member, but you are also demonstrating that the work performed by these our core volunteers is important and worthwhile, both for you personally, and for the PDGA and disc golf as a whole.

Thanks very much for participating in the 2008 PDGA Election!