

I reside in Austin, TX and like others who are seeking a Trustee position, have been involved with cycling for many years as a rider, promoter and official. I have been instrumental in the Texas Bicycle Racing Association (TXBRA) since its inception in late 2000, where I am currently the treasurer as well as hold the responsibility for reviewing permits, processing post-event reports, assigning officials, and representing TXBRA as USA Cycling's Local Association Representative. As an official, I am recognized as a National Commissaire in road and track disciplines and am involved with events at the local, regional, and national level.

The USCF Board of Trustees is a team of representatives from across the country who review changes to USA Cycling's current rules, regulations, and bylaws by which provides the structure of racing as we have come to know it. Everyone has an opinion on what works and what doesn't for them, as well as the changes they would like to see made to the current structure. Trustees are the key for having these opinions heard and provide the forum for discussing the issues and implementing change. It becomes a balancing act trying to serve the national events, while insuring the bread and butter of racing at the local level are also accounted for. The key is to make sure the change being implemented is one that will work for both while eliminating any unnecessary burdens. Having experience with a variety of events, riders, and organizers at different levels has provided me ability to recognize and accept that their needs are different. The needs of the grass roots organizer or local cat 4 rider vary greatly from the National Racing Calendar organizer or rider who makes a living traveling across the country. The goal is to make sure all aspects are taken in to account during discussions and especially when decisions are made that will affect both areas.

I am currently serving on a committee with several of the current Trustees. Our task is to define the overall concept of clubs and what they mean to USA Cycling. While licensed riders can belong to one club, the current structure limits the rider's ability to belong to more than one identified team. One of the current concerns being addressed is how we handle the situation where a rider belongs to a club and races for a specific team on the road, but essentially races for another team that is tied to a different club for cyclocross or track. I am eager to continue this type of effort as your elected Trustee and help our sport grow the way you want it to grow.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself. If you decide to vote for me, I'd like to thank you in advance for your confidence and I look forward to representing you for the next three years.