

I am involved in multiple aspects of cycling. I own two bike shops with my husband, Adam, in Kerrville and Fredericksburg Texas- we landed here after cycling for 3 years around the world. I have been a member of the Texas Mountain Bike Racing Association since its inception in 1996 and have served as treasurer since 1998. My first mountain bike race was in 1986 in Chico, CA and I've been state champion as a Cat 1 racer in Texas multiple times. Our shop sponsors and mentors the largest junior MTB team in the state and we have won the Texas Team Challenge the last three years with both state and national champion juniors. In 2000- 2003, I was the camp director for the USA Cycling Junior MTB Camps in Texas. Race promotion includes the Kelly Creek Classic since 1997, which changed to the Camp Eagle Classic Mountain Bike Festival, the TMBRA/NORBA National in 2004 (assist) and 2005 (direct), the Fredericksburg Road Race for the past two years and numerous local kids events for the past 15 years. First serving on the MTB Board of Trustees since 2001 and the USAC Board of Directors since 2003, I have seen much change and growth in our sport, including the one day Nationals, the National Calendar, the Promoters payout Program, the Pro XC and Pro Gravity Calendars, the Promoters Summit and the reclassification of the categories (Pro, 1, 2, 3). Juniors are a focus of mine and I was successful in lobbying for separate start times in Cross Country for the 14 and younger junior championship category racers at Nationals last year.

Looking forward, there are many challenges facing mountain biking in the United States as the sport matures and competes with other sports and leisure activities. We need to explore a way to raise the level of the Pro athlete in the sport and make Pro a business category, using the Pro MTB Committee as a tool. Amateur racers need solid venues in which to compete. There is a need for a Promoters Association leading to structure and standards for the promoters, so that they can put on the best event possible under the banner of USA Cycling and the athletes can expect a certain level of professionalism from the races. Rider rankings with national recognition have to be meaningful. Collegiate and high school racing are exciting areas of growth and need nurturing and support. I would like to continue to serve as a promoter representative on the MTB Board of Trustees to further these and other ideas and I hope that you feel I deserve your vote.