



BPAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The BPAA Nominating Committee interviewed candidates for the BPAA Board to discuss their qualifications and interests. The Committee is pleased to recommend Mandy Haws, Chrissie Kent and Tim Voss for the three open Director At Large seats. The Committee also recommends Jim Decker as President-elect, Kevin Krauss as Secretary, Brian Borowski as Treasurer and Randy Thompson as President (final term). Upon review of each of the candidates' credentials, we are sure you will find them, as we did, to be excellent leaders for the Association. We appreciate your consideration of these individuals and encourage you to talk with a Nominating Committee member if you are interested in serving on the BPAA BOD.

Jack Moran
Nominating Committee Chairman

BPAA 2019-2021 DIRECTOR AT LARGE NOMINEES

Mandy Haws

Norman, Oklahoma



Mandy Haws is the General Manager of Sooner Bowling Center, a 24-lane center in Norman, Oklahoma. Her in-laws have owned the center for 35 years and she is celebrating her 16th year in the bowling business. Prior to working in bowling, Mandy was a development director for the American Heart Association where she coordinated the Oklahoma City American Heart Walk. She has also worked in outside sales and purchasing for a regional plastics distribution warehouse. Mandy earned her degree in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma where she met her husband, Doug. Mandy and Doug have 3 daughters, Charlotte (11) and twins, Lainie (9) and Natalie (9). They live on a small ranch in Purcell, Oklahoma and love coming home to the country life. Mandy is active in the Norman community, serving on the Chamber of Commerce, as president of Visit Norman and as troop leader for her daughters' Girl Scouts troop. She serves on the BPAA Board of Directors, as current chair of the Education committee, a member of the Governance Committee and was past cChair of the Social Media Committee. Locally, Mandy serves on the Oklahoma Bowling Centers' Association and Oklahoma High School Bowling Executive Boards. She credits much of what she has learned in the industry to educational opportunities, networking and friendships gained through the BPAA.

Chrissie Kent

Newark, New York



Chrissie Kent is general manager of Doug Kent's Rose Bowl Lanes in New York. She has been involved in the bowling industry as a bowler, proprietor, youth coach and coordinator, league coordinator, program coordinator and tournament coordinator. She presently serves on the BPAA Membership Committee and on the IBC Youth Committee. Locally she served as president of her local Chamber of Commerce and on the board of directors of the rotary. She has been an active, sanctioned bowler for over 30 years. Chrissie is also a founding member of the Blessings in a Backpack program in her community that feeds 200 children each week. She is a proprietor who takes pride in creating a fun, viable atmosphere for both sport bowlers and recreational bowlers. Chrissie's sister is Leslie Bohn, wife of Parker Bohn, III, and her husband is pro bowler, Doug Kent. Chrissie resides in Newark with her husband and two children.

Tim Voss

Columbus, Ohio



In 2003 Tim Voss left the comfort of a 25-year career in the corporate world to become an entrepreneur/bowling proprietor, buying Sequoia Pro Bowl, a 32-lane center in Columbus, Ohio. Tim has fought hard to maintain a strong league bowling focus with a full house of 32 lanes of leagues 7 days per week that included 1,217 adult USBC members last season. Tim has built a model youth program that has grown to 140 USBC youth bowlers and 20 USBC Certified Coaches this season. His center's youth activities include five high school teams and a Friday middle school "After School Bowling Club" started 2 years ago that sells out its bus capacity of 84 participants. He has been hands-on in rebuilding this early 60's vintage business and is proud to say he has used his education from BPAA conventions to capitalize on the entertainment business potential of bowling. He has used that to develop the center into a home for over 25 fundraisers, including the Don Johnson Memorial that has raised over \$150,000 for Children's Hospital and the Spielman Fund Bowl for a Cure that has exceeded \$100,000. Tim has found success in developing a strong summer business with an innovative "Prize-a-Palooza" program that fuels over 400 league bowlers, and by working with a bowling friend to create the Tony Black Open Doubles tournament that had 1,384 participants in a 4 weekend event last summer. Tim's 25 years of corporate marketing experience include Spalding and Rawlings Sporting Goods plus extensive work with iconic brands like the NBA, MLB, Harley Davidson and Disney. Tim and his co-owner wife Liz Kellough are residents of Powell, OH.

BPAA 2019-2020 OFFICER NOMINEES



Randy Thompson | Des Moines, Iowa

President

Randy Thompson is entering his final year as BPAA President after serving two years as Vice President/President-elect and two years as Secretary. He also represents BPAA on the USBC Board of Directors.

Randy is a second generation proprietor and has been in bowling management and ownership for nearly 40 years. He has served terms as local and state association Treasurer, Secretary and President. In 2006, Randy was the driving force behind bowling becoming a sanctioned/lettered sport in the state of Iowa for high school boys and girls. He was also responsible for landing high school bowling in the Iowa Hall of Pride Museum as a featured high school sport.

Randy was named national Bowling Proprietor of the Year in 2008 by the International Bowling Industry magazine and BPAA Iowa Proprietor of the Year in 2010. He was elected to the Greater Des Moines Bowling Hall of Fame in 2011. Randy has served on the BPAA High School and Marketing committees as well as the IBC Youth committee. He currently is chairman of the BPAA Awards Committee and previously chaired the Membership committee.

Randy and his wife Sheri have three sons, Jason, Brandon and Jordan. Their family-owned center, Great Escape in Pleasant Hill, Iowa, is managed by Brandon and his wife, Whitney, is the Sales/Marketing Director.



Jim Decker | Rohnert Park, California

President-elect

Jim Decker has served as Vice President for their past year and prior to that as BPAA Secretary for two years. He served as the Pacific Coast Regional Director on the BPAA Board of Directors (2013-2016). He is a second generation proprietor with over 40 years' experience in the bowling industry and is owner/operator of Double Decker Lanes, a 50-lane center in Rohnert Park, California—the first bowling center in the nation to use a photovoltaic system (solar panels) for its main source of electric power.

On the national level Jim is the current International Bowl Expo Chairman and has served as Chairman of the Marketing Committee and as a member of the BPAA Beverage Committee. At the state level he has been on the Northern California Bowling Center's Board of Directors since 1995 serving two terms as President and currently is the chairman of the Pacific Coast Bowling Convention. He served on the California State USBC board and the local board as well. Jim received the Northern California Bowling Centers President's Award in 2001, 2006 and 2013; the California Bowling Proprietor of the Year award in 2007 from the California State USBC and Nor Cal BPA in 2010; the California Legislature 6th Assembly District "Green Entrepreneur of the Year" award in 2005 and the Al Malatesta award for contributions to the West Coast Bowling Convention in 2009.

Jim and his wife, Susan, have been married 30 years and have two sons who are also involved in the operation of Double Decker Lanes.



Kevin Krauss | Seminole, Florida

Secretary

Kevin Krauss has been actively engaged with the BPAA for over 10 years serving as Secretary last year, BPAA Nominating Chairman from 2012-2017 and as the Southeast Regional Director on the BPAA Board of Directors for six years. He has also served on the Beverage Committee since 2012 and assists with the association's strategic planning.

At the state level Kevin served as President of the Bowling Centers' Association of Florida (BCAF) and has been on the BCAF Board 28 out of 34 years. He served as President of the Rotary Club of Pinellas Park from 1990-1991, is Vice President of the Florida Foundation of the Pinellas Park Rotary and Secretary/Treasurer of the Krauss/Baschab Family Foundation.

As owner/operator of Seminole Lanes, a family-owned center in Seminole, Florida, Kevin was afforded the opportunity to get involved in the great sport/recreation of bowling when his parents, Jerry and Joan, had the courage to start their own business 62 years ago. They sincerely believe in what they do and have instilled that in the family. Of course being profitable is important in business but contributing to the community and to bowling in general are the things they are all most proud of.

Married to Mary Ann, they have two children, Kelsey and Cory, and a new daughter-in-law, Katelyn.



Brian Borowski | Lockport, New York

Treasurer

Brian Borowski has been in the bowling business for over 35 years. He started his career working for an independent bowling center during high school and college. After earning his BS degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB) in Business Management with concentrations in Finance and Management Information Systems, Brian began working with Brunswick Recreation Centers as an Assistant Manager and then as a GM. After three years he was promoted as an Internal Auditor and was responsible for auditing the P&Ls and implementing cost controls within the 120 bowling centers around the U.S. and Canada. In 1994 Brian purchased his first center in Des Moines, Iowa, and during that time served as President of the Des Moines Proprietors' Association. In 1998 he sold his center in Iowa and purchased Sunset Bowl in Pueblo, Colorado, and then in 2000 purchased Ideal Lanes in Canon City, Colorado. He subsequently sold Ideal Lanes in 2006, Sunset Bowl in 2007 and in 2008 purchased two centers in western New York: Classic Lanes and Allie Brandt Lanes.

Brian has been very active at the local, state and national levels. Most recently he served as President of the Buffalo BPA (2014-2016) and as a BPAA board member (2014-2018) representing New York state. Currently he is President of the New York State BPA. He has served on the Budget and Finance and Smart Buy committees of the BPAA for the past three years.

Brian has bowled competitively in high school, was a four-year starter at UB and continues to be an avid bowler. He has won numerous tournaments throughout his career and has thirteen 300 games and five 800 series to his credit.