



## 2016 Board of Directors Candidate Information Form

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<b>Over age 21 (Y/N)</b>	Yes, 2.76 times over		
<b>NJSRA Member for over 1 year (Y/N)</b>	Yes		
<b>Current Program Director, Owner, or Resort Management (Y/N)</b>	No		

<b>Prior NJSRA Committee Experience:</b>	Secretary of NJSRA since October 2020.
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<sup>1</sup> To qualify as an At Large Member of the Board an individual must have been a member in good standing for one (1) year, must have attained the age of 21 and have served on an NJSRA committee.  
Trustees may not be PROGRAM DIRECTORS, OWNERS or RESORT MANAGEMENT

**Why do you want to be a member of the NJSRA board?**

It has now been over 10 years I have been involved with NJSRA as a Ski Parent, a volunteer, an Official and most recently as Secretary of NJSRA. I have come to see the good NJSRA brings to the athletes it serves, the service it must bring to its member racing programs, the challenges it faces and an appreciation for what makes NJSRA valuable. I believe the record of my time in the NJSRA and the Mountain Creek Ski Racing Club have demonstrated that I have the work ethic needed to be a successful member of the Board of Trustees. I am running for a Member at Large position because I have developed the understanding and judgement that all its voting board will need especially in these challenging years ahead.

**What specific experience/skills will you bring to the board as a Director**

I am an Engineer by training and like to categorize things, so I would break my experience and skills down into the three categories that make up the name of the New Jersey Ski Racing Association:

**NEW JERSEY:**

I am Jersey born and Jersey bred, and the sense of place that gives me is very relevant to the job. I think that there is a special character and community that racers and racing families develop differently than in Powdery Places. I will always value the NJ in NJSRA.

Ski Racing

Two parts to my answer here:

I was never a ski racer, but in 2015 answered the call for volunteers and since then I have served as a Ski Race Official. I've taken that job seriously. My Race History lists 85 Races, and I have studied to achieve 4 different certifications above the basic Competition Official, My plan is to continue to work races, and to always be learning

and growing in the roles. In the process I've learned the rules and mechanics of ski racing, how they are important for keeping races safe and fair, and the sheer number of people also willing to wake up early needed to make a race day successful. I will bring the knowledge and the relationships built to my role on the Board of Trustees.

But I will also call on the ski parent experience of being Ferryman, Fan, Consoler and Cheerleader. The experience of seeing my son emerge as a racer, and then as a young ski coach with more skill, confidence and of course speed than he had when he stepped on the snow at Hidden Valley in his first day, and those many days at Mountain Creek, make it clear to me that Ski Racing is Youth Development, and the support that our member clubs and their coaches and administrators need in their important work.

**ASSOCIATION:**

The role of secretary of NJSRA has also been a great way to observe the way our organization functions, and prepare for the responsibility of a voting role in the NJSRA. The job required me attend every meeting of the past two years, and to truly listen to what was being said, to gain an appreciation for the opinions and knowledge of the people on the Board of Trustees, and an understanding of the duty NJSRA has to its member programs, athletes and to the USSSA. I think it is one of the best ways to prepare for the responsibility of becoming a voting member of the Board of Trustees.