



Candidate Name: Michael Belancio

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Education:

Juris Doctor, May 1998, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA
Bachelor of Arts, Social Work; Minors in Ethnic Studies and Latin-American Studies, May 1995, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, West Chester, PA

Occupation: Attorney

Year of Birth: 1973

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Disc Golf Experience (including the year you first played):

I started playing disc golf at age 42 in 2015. I also joined the PDGA and KCFDC in 2015. I have played in a few leagues, and really enjoy the doubles leagues. I finally played in my first rated tournaments this year and am rated in the 800's - after the wind at KCWO, my ratings are actually going to go up.

Most importantly, I had a major heart attack at age 46 in November 2019. Playing 3-4 rounds a week from January 2020 through today has been a major point of my recovery and cardiac rehab - both physically and mentally.

I have not done too much for the sport to date other than playing in charity tournaments and often taking my three nephews (ages 9, 11 and 14) disc golfing; expanding the sport just a little bit.

One of the reasons I would like to be on the board is to give something back to disc golf that it has given more. With my professional experience, and service on other not-for-profit boards, I might best be of service in this manner.

Professional Experience:

I am admitted to practice law in both Kansas and Missouri, and before all the federal courts that encompass the same, including the U.S. Supreme Court. As a volunteer, I have created several not-for-profit corporations, and obtained them 501(c)(3) charity status under federal law. I have served on several not-for-profit boards of directors, one of which had approximately \$1 million a year budget, and served in each officer position. I left my last board seat when my term expired on December 1, 2019.

Michael's Platform:

While my time disc golfing may not be as extensive as others, my professional and volunteer experience serving on not-for-profit boards could be beneficial and a potential cost savings to the club. I am open to ideas of others and am more than willing to do the legwork to get things done. As disc golf has been essential to my physical and mental health, especially in recovery from a heart attack, I want to ensure that the sport and our extensive venues remain available for others.