

Name: Jennifer Rastegar
Membership Number: US2006088262
Relevant Experience:

Served as Female-Identified PACT Representative from May 2015-May 2017

Bachelors, Masters in Mathematics

Several terms as DST AL-020-D

One term as VST Requiem

Worked with Standards on multiple occasions both as PACT and outside the position to develop safe-space, and harassment documentation and education

Worked with NCA/PACT Male to develop 2018 convention programming to open forums on Board policy for feedback, and harassment recognition seminars.

I'm not certain there are many things that could prepare someone for this job. Originally, and in full disclosure, I imagined the job would entail about 30/50/20 Support/Advocacy, Assistance in Membership Handbook Guidance, Reporting to the Board and aiding in policy decisions.

The job is really more like 60/10/30. This is very important because it isn't settled upon one specific thing, but can change on a dime based on what's going on with the club. It requires someone who isn't afraid to reach out to new individuals, to be supportive and understanding without criticism, and above all make sure the member is cared for first. This can mean something as simple as reminding someone who's gone through an incredibly traumatic experience to remember to eat and sleep.

Being in the position, and having the privilege to reach out to our members and protect them, advocate for them, and aid them has been the most rewarding thing to me. Sometimes it can be incredibly demanding and time-consuming, but I wanted to re-apply and go another term because seeing the difference hard work, diligence, and understanding make on people's lives is worth every second of it.

No disciplinary actions received ever, let alone in the last 24 months.