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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter and resume is intended to express interest in election to the Mind's Eye Society Board of Directors.

I have been a general member of the MES since 1997, with one long break in the middle from '05 until '13. Since returning to the club in earnest I have worked hard to give my time and energy towards making this all it can be, and I feel that I have the skills and experience to offer in a role with the Board of Directors. I have served on both the Storyteller and Coordinator sides of the club. Since the beginning of this chronicle I have worked tirelessly as a ST, currently as the NW RST, and as a mentor to our Coordinator staff locally.

I understand the potential breadth and width of the responsibilities of this position. I have worked as part of the Business Services Division of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for more than 15 years, supporting our Contracts and Finance systems. I am intimately familiar with the concepts and prospect of fiduciary responsibilities and the legal obligations of serving in this role. I presently manage purchasing and training budgets, and hold responsibility for identifying and complying with auditable regulations and requirements across the financial spectrum. I will maintain a working knowledge of all governing materials, gladly.

I have been a member in good standing for more than 36+ months, and I have never been the subject of a disciplinary action greater than a Letter of Counseling. Importantly, I have never committed any crimes or misdemeanors related to fraud/theft/embezzlement/etc. – this is a requirement in my career at PNNL as well. I have not always agreed with CCP, White Wolf, et. al. but I have never been party to, or even considered being party to, any form of legal actions against them.

I have always been an advocate of transparency in leadership, and recognize the vital nature of holding members of the BoD to scrutiny internally by the Board itself, and the need to publish such concerns when warranted. I fully recognize the need for confidentiality when those circumstances arise as well. I also fully recognize the need to avoid Conflict of Interest issues, and will readily self-identify should they occur – Col issues are a major concern in the Contracts world and I have had extensive training in this area, as well as in professional ethics, which is an area where I also act as an advisor and instructor as part of my career, and will do so to my fellow board members whenever needed.

This position is part of a team, and supporting the decisions of the Board and presenting a professional and accountable public face for the club is essential. I would do my utmost to fulfill this. In addition, I am capable and willing to fulfill the time and effort obligations necessary to this

role, and have access to all required technologies and resources to do so. In addition, I will commit to attending events as needed to provide the oversight and communication required.

I am NOT applying for this position for prestige (neither for the points or for the prestige of saying “hey, look at me, I am the cool kid”). This is not a position that I would ever expect direct compensation for, but I believe sincerely that to have the opportunity to aid and direct the club into the future, as a safe and fun place for its members including myself, is its own reward. I have already achieved high Member Class and I believe that it remains a core part of that agreement to act as best as I am able in the capacity as mentor and steward of the Mind’s Eye Society. This role on the Board of Directors would only help facilitate that service.

In my current career, I develop programs and training systems for a government research lab of 4500 researchers, engineers, technicians, and security specialists focused on energy related research and national security. Some of what we do is aid in the dismantling and disarmament of nuclear weapons and facilities throughout the world – we are the lab that works with various international agencies on behalf of the US for places like Chernobyl and Fukushima. This means that every project we take on can have large scale consequences, even when the process we are looking at can seem very simple. I am rewriting the process used by the lab to buy computers, monitors, and printers right now, for example. My education is in Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, and History. I continue to study and broaden my knowledge base.

Also, a key to ANY person in a position of governance is this: I listen and when I make mistakes I accept them, when I am wrong I admit it, and I always try to become better for it. I accept the responsibilities that come with any decision I make and own them; I am also willing to hold others to that same standard. I try to always be positive – but I do sometimes fall short, and in those cases I own up to it. As part of a very broad team (local, regional, and national staff on both sides of the aisles) I seek guidance and input readily, and defer to the rulings and styles of those who manage the efforts I am involved in – in other words, I do not value my own opinion higher than that of my boss. At the same time, I will not hesitate to offer my view if I feel it is valuable, and I will take initiative when warranted and act decisively because I am willing to take ownership and responsibility for my failures as much as I will for my successes.

In fact, one of my greatest strengths may be that I am very difficult to upset or insult, and I never get embarrassed. I am empathetic and sympathetic even to those who are angry and upset with me – I see their side of the argument as much as mine and compromise is easy for me. My shihan taught me this very powerful and simple lesson: if I do not fight my opponent I cannot lose – this means that if I do not act like it is important to win, then I cannot fail to succeed. If someone is angry, I help them. If someone is selfish, I help them. If someone is humble, I help them. I take everyone as they are.

## MES Specific Information

Membership Number: US2002021129

Domain Coordinator: Tiffany Whitelatch – tricitiesdc@gmail.com

Domain Storyteller: Jacob Kestner – dsttcmnd@gmail.com

Regional Coordinator: Rachel Holts – rc@nw.mindseyesociety.org

Regional Storyteller: Jim Chastain – rst@nw.mindseyesociety.org

Former Disciplinary Actions – NONE

Required Standards Completed – YES

## Experience

Regional Storyteller – NW	Mar2016-current	NW Region
aaNST Sabbat CoS	Dec2014-Mar2017	National
Venue Storyteller	Aug2014-Mar2016	WA-076-D
Domain Storyteller	Oct2004-Apr2005	WA-076-D
Venue Storyteller	Aug2003-Sep2004	WA-076-D
Assistant Regional Storyteller – Outreach	Oct2002-Sep2003	NW Region
Chapter Storyteller	July2002-July2003	WA-061-C
Assistant Chapter Storyteller – Plotlines	Feb2000-Jun2002	WA-061-C
MES Help Desk Tech	August 2013-May 2015	National
MES Standards Office – Grader	July 2013-May 2015	National
MES Standards Office – Editor	July 2013-March 2014	
National		
SRA; Eastern Washington	Dec2003-Feb2005	NW Region
Assistant Regional Coordinator – Arbitration	Aug2002-Nov2003	NW Region
Assistant Chapter Coordinator – Records	Aug2001-Jun2002	WA-061-C
Assistant Domain Coordinator – Web Presence	Aug2001-May2003	WA-076-D

## Education

Portland State University

Graduated Jun2001 Portland, OR

BS, Philosophy

Minor concentrations in Computer Science, English

Vice President: Philosophy Club ('99-'00 school year, '00-01 school year); Treasurer: United Indian Students in Higher Education (UISHE) ('99-'00 school year); Member: Portland State Fencing Club

Marylhurst University

Sep2001-Dec2002 Lake Oswego, OR

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies program

Graduate studies in Ethics, History, Philosophy, and Sociology

## Professional Experience and Skills

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Battelle) Mar2003-Present Richland, WA

Contact: Laurie Berube (509) 371-7615; Dan Lemire (509) 371-7653; Genia Carvo (509) 371-7733

Technical Trainer & Support Professional – Contracts Division, Business Support Directorate

- Fully develop, maintain, present, and update end-user support tools and training materials
- Provide directed training for Contracts and Technical Oversight Representative staff on laboratory purchases in compliance with internal and Department of Energy policy
- Provide training and support (via email, phone, messaging, or direct 1-on-1) for the PeopleSoft Acquisitions system, including specific training for Purchase Orders, Vouchering, and Returns
- Technical Oversight Representative for contracts in support of the Contracts and Internal Audit Divisions
- Support the Contracts group access to Assessment Tracking System as the designated Super-User
- Perform end-user surveys and evaluations for compliance and customer satisfaction
- Perform surveys and evaluations of supplier compliance
- Maintain and update supplier database
- Maintain and update role membership and role design in the Roles Based Access Control tool.

## Matrix duties

- Maintain (inventory/repair/troubleshoot) and purchase computer hardware/software for BSD staff; this includes managing the purchase/repair budget as well as managing support cases ensuring continuous operation for the following departments – Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Budget Office, Business Support Systems, Cost/Price Analysis, Employee Accounting, Financial Assurance Office, Project and General Ledger Accounting, Property Accounting, Tax Accounting, and Travel Accounting
- Monitor compliance with lab hardware and software specifications.

## Notable Skills

Program Administration, Program Management, Applying Information & Knowledge, Communication & Guidance of others, Customer Service expertise, Editing & Technical Writing, Performance Evaluation, Handling Complaints, Implementing new policy and procedure, Problem Solving, Public Speaking, Technical Oversight, Troubleshooting

## Software Skills

Microsoft Office (incl. expert Excel, InfoPath, PowerPoint, SharePoint, Visio); Microsoft Project; Adobe Acrobat Pro; Adobe Creative Suite (CS5); Oracle User Productivity Kit; Windows Vista, 7, 8; iOS and OSX; Linux (Mint, Red Hat, Ubuntu); Android

## Past duties

Badge requests, Foreign National Visitor Application processing, Supply orders, Data entry, Balanced Scorecard report documentation, Contracts document editing & production, Records management, Advertisement

## Additional Experience

Roto Rooter Jan1998-Dec2002 Wilsonville, OR

Contact: Anita Pulley (503) 682-9774 ext. 13102

Customer Service Representative/Dispatcher

Duties include: Provide direct customer service and basic troubleshooting, Dispatch and route service technicians, Manage workloads for service technicians, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Create and implement Customer Service Representative training program

Skills developed include: Communication & Guidance of others, Customer Service expertise, Handling Complaints, Problem Solving, Public Speaking, and Troubleshooting

Pizza Hut Jun1993-Dec1998 Oregon City, OR

Delivery Shift Supervisor

Trained all delivery drivers and implemented coordination system, Supervised all aspects of restaurant operation, Installed networked computer system at Oregon City, Gladstone, and Tualatin store locations

Quantum Residential, Inc. Sep1991-Nov1993 Richland, WA

Assistant Property Manager/Maintenance Supervisor

Lead supervisor for all maintenance and turnover at complexes. Maintained rental records and supervised apartment complexes between manager transitions

O'Conner Construction May1989-Aug1991 Crescent City, CA

Electrician Apprentice/Laborer

Residential rough/finish electrical wiring and fixtures. Construction labor, siding, roofing, and concrete finishing as needed

## Special Interests

Kosho Ryu Kempo, Shorinji Kempo, Kajukembo, Aikido, American Freestyle Karate  
Astronomy, Computer Repair, Creative Writing