

## Application for Mind's Eye Society Board of Directors Election

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**Region:** South Central

**Domain:** Eternal Midnight, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### Opening Statement:

Our club is filled with passionate people and many are very good at organizing and the clubs history is a testimony to these individuals. I am sure everyone who is applying to the board along with myself are such people. I am also sure, that many have a list of objectives they want to complete and a vision for how the club needs to change.

I don't.

I will agree that there are some problems in parts of in the club. No organization this size doesn't have issues, but I don't have sweeping plans with solutions that I wish to implement when elected.

That being said, I have the time and willingness to spend it to aid the plans of others, to bring my experience and intellect to the table, and to work with the rest of the team to keep making choices that help the club and allow it to overcome the challenges of today, as well as those tomorrow will bring.

The rest of the application I will talk about who I am, my life and time with the club, so you can understand me a bit better, and in turn provide insight into the type of choices I would make if elected to the board.

### About Myself:

In 2003, I left my home in the English Countryside, and a life of Wargaming and D&D, for London and University. Within hours of arriving I was sent to an old lecture hall, hidden in some woods. Myself and about 100 others met with the Dean of the University and he gave a speech. I have forgotten most the details, apart from one part in which he said *"In the next few weeks you will meet people and do things that will change your life forever, make some good choices."*

Two nights later I was in the same hall again. It was a meeting of the University's student gaming society, they were explaining the plan for the year, part way through a fellow student who happened to be sitting next to me stood up and asked "Do you run any White Wolf games?"

At the end of the meeting a group of individuals in rather cool looking leather coats approached, and then the question was asked did I want to “Join the Club?” It was the best choice I ever made in that hall.

After graduating University four years later, my first job sent me to the USA for a few months. Thanks to that I went to my first major US Con, visited a whole stack of local games, and at one of them met the wonderful person who would become my wife. We were married in 2010 and I have been living in Oklahoma ever since.

My actual time with the club can be divided into 4 ‘chapters’. Each chapter my interactions with the club were different, and have shaped the way I think about many things in our mutual pastime.

#### Chapter 1: 2003 to 2008: The ‘CamUK’

The first 5 years of my membership in the organization was with the ‘Cam UK’ an affiliate club to the CCP managed US club. In this time period I was at the most active I have ever been in the club, due to the small size of the UK I would make 5+ live game a month, and even then, I would still stay up late at night to play on the IRC games with the US players. I took on a lot of roles in the club at this time, and if I am honest I was a poor officer in more than one case (I mean being 19 with maybe 5 minutes training, conflict resolution wasn’t a well-developed skill), but I worked at every level of the club from Venue to the Master Storyteller’s Office, I ran games for 3 people in a small park, and 60+ person games in the basement of a gothic church in London.

#### Chapter 2: 2009 to 2011: “Global Independent Regions”

At the start of February 2009, negotiations between the CamUKs Board of Directors and CCP/WW broke down and the affiliation agreement collapsed. And as of March 1, the CamUK’s games split from the shared continuity and became their own organization. A group of players wished to continue telling stories with the rest of the world, and I soon became the RC of this group.

For the next year, I found myself STing every game going within the UK (All 3 of them! At least for a short period of time), and most of my personal RP was had on IRC games. This continued as I moved to Oklahoma and found myself working out on oil rigs. The virtual community for many weeks were my only contact with the world off the rig.

#### Chapter 3: 2012 to 2016: “Oklahoma City”

In 2012, I moved to OKC and for the first time since 2007 lived in a city with a live game. For the next 4 years I played in nearly every game ran in OKC, traveling frequently to cons and nearby domains. Probably the most ‘normal’ of my club experiences, I spent a year working as DST and made some choices that were not always popular, including again a number I regret. But the domain grew, but sadly, with more changes to my professional career, I had to stop being as active in the domain.

#### Chapter 4: 2016 to Present: “A Return to Virtual”

In 2016, my family moved from OKC, and although we return to the city as often as we can for live games, these can be months apart. My experience with the club became more virtual, again. At the start of the current chronicle I began playing full-time in online games, yet have, in spare moments, traveled to games across the South Central and beyond, where possible.

### **Requirement Summary:**

*\* Have been a member for the prior 36 months from the end of application period\**

I have been a member of the MES since 2012 (Past Groups since 2003)

*\* Must disclose any disciplinary actions that you received while a member of MES I have received no disciplinary actions while a member of the MES. \**

I have never received a disciplinary action, though for the record I have had a few letter of counseling.

*\*Have never been convicted of a felony or any other crime related to fraud/theft/embezzlement or anything similar\**

I have this really nice form that says so that the Police gave me when I moved from the UK to the USA that says I have no criminal record, and nothing has been added since I emigrated.

*\* Have never been a voluntary and named party to any action (lawsuit, proceeding, etc.) against CCP and/or White Wolf or subsidiaries or affiliates\**

I have never been involved in any action against CCP, White Wolf, or any subsidiaries or affiliates.

### **MES Resume:**

Offices Held within the MES and "Legacy Organizations":

#### **Storyteller Experience**

*VST Runnymede Requiem, CamUK; March 2006 – Feb 2007*  
*DST Runnymede September, CamUK; Feb 2006 – Feb 2007*  
*AVST London Mage, CamUK: Feb 2007 to November 2007*  
*VST London Mage, CamUK: November 2007 – November 2008*  
*VST London Mortals, CamUK (IRC Game):- September 2007- May 2008*  
*AANST Awakening, CamUK:- December 2006 – June 2009*  
*VST London Mage, GIR-UK: June 2009 – May 2010*  
*VST Liverpool Mage, GIR-UK (IRC Game):- June 2009 – May 2011*  
*AAMST: Mage: The Abyss- June 2010- Feb 2011*  
*DST Oklahoma City : Feb 2015 – Feb 2016*

#### **Coordinator Experience.**

*ARC Southern, CamUK: Feb 2005 - May 2005*  
*DC Runnymede, CamUK: April 2005 - Feb 2006, Feb 2007 to August 2007*  
*VC Requiem Runnymede, CamUK: Jan 2005- March 2005, Feb 2007 to August 2007*  
*VC Mage Runnymede, CamUK: August 2006 to August 2007*  
*RC GIR-UK: May 2009 to May 2011*

**Convention Work Experience:** (Some posts may be missing these are the posts that had significant pre/post con work)

*SCRE 2016 Prestige Second.*

*Cam UK National 2007, Awakening ST Second.*

*MES National Event 2014, Awakening ST Staff*

## **External Resume:**

### **Education:**

*Royal Holloway, University of London (2003 to 2007)- Masters in Science – Geoscience*

*University of the Highlands and Islands (2016) - Wellbore Surveying Competency: Advanced Wellbore Surveying*

### **Professional Affiliations:**

Industry Steering Committee on Wellbore Survey Accuracy, Current Member

API Industry Recommended Practice Committee: Wellbore Surveying, Current Member, Primary Author of One Section.

### **Work History, in Brief.**

*2007 to 2008: Jr, Geophysicist, London UK*

*2009 – 2010: Commercial Manager, UK*

*2010: Environment and Sustainability Project Co-Coordinator*

*2011-2012: Field Geologist, USA*

*2012-2016: Operations Geologist, USA*

*2016: Part of governmental team assembled to stop/limit man-made seismic events in Oklahoma.*

*2017 – Present: Field Geologist, USA*

### **Relevant Experience, Explained.**

In 2008 because of changes to the economy I lost my job and to make sure I didn't spend all my time sitting on my computer on IRC chatting to fellow 'Cammies', I started volunteering at my local Soccer Club (AKA real football). Day one of my work at the club the commercial manager got into an argument with the directors of the club and quit. The chairman then asked if I could run the office for a few days while they found a replacement, after a few days they asked me if I could stay on for the rest of the foreseeable future, from that point I Ran the commercial department for a football club, including organizing and managing "Match Day" activities and events. I negotiated sponsorship deals and sales, providing additional funds to keep the club afloat. I assisted in the upgrade of the office, converted paper files into electronic copies, and assisted in the development of a new Website and the clubs social media presence. I stepped down shortly before I moved to the USA as I had landed a paying job, as all that work was on a volunteer basis.

In my actual professional life I am a geoscientist, possessing extensive experience in the oil and gas industry. I have a proven record of accomplishment in data collection, analysis, auditing, and management. I have been recognized for expertise in project management, report and presentation generation, regulation compliance, software development, and deployment. I have extensive experience in assessing risks and establishing operating protocols. Nearly all jobs I have done can be described as "Using my Knowledge within diverse teams to advise management and or clients on recommended procedures and immediate actions, to increase efficiencies, reduce costs, and mitigate economic and HSE-related risk.