

Application for the Mind's Eye Society Board of Directors

Name: Phillip Trad

Membership #: US2009094795

Region: South West

Domain: Domain of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Statement of Intent

The last few years have seen a shift in mentality and perception within the club and outside of it as well. We are seeing a growing shift not only in culture, but how situations are approached, discussed, and handled at all levels of the club. These include everything from personal perceptions and actions to technology and accessibility.

If I became a director, my goals would be to help shape the club to move forward for the best chance at growth and enjoyment for current and future members. It would require taking a long look at what has worked for us in the past along with what has not, discussing and deciding how best to address all aspects of the club so that the MES not only remains active and familiar with the needs of its members, but also works to be willing and ready to make changes when needed. By doing this, I feel it will help the club grow and learn; functioning in a safe and positive manner at all levels. Furthermore, I feel taking these actions will see the membership more involved with and supported by their respective officers, who in turn will provided the best and safest experience we can possibly offer them.

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 2009.

* Must disclose any disciplinary actions that you received while a member of MES, or a member of the CCP managed US club

I was given a formal warning by a DST in 2014 for seeking to RetCon a private scene without Storyteller approval.

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

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

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Mind's Eye Society Experience

Completed all current ordeals

2014 - Present: Assistant Domain Coordinator for the Los Angeles Domain

10/2014 - 2016: Venue Storyteller for Los Angeles Requiem

10/2014 - 2016: AANST for the Requiem Venue

SoCon Charities Lead, 2013

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2013-present: Worked on Standards Writing Team

Convention Second for National Convention 2016

05/2016 - Present: aNCA Charities

07/2017 - Present: aRST Infinite Edge for SW Region

07/2017 - Present: Assisted NC office for matters of Arbitration

11/2017 - Present: aANST Vampire for Infinite Edge

01/2018 - Present: Venue Storyteller for Los Angeles Infinite Edge

I have also assisted with various Conventions and gatherings from 2013 to present. I have also helped with staffing requirements, tech support, mediator, confidant, ride share, mentor, proof reading, and simply a willing ear or shoulder.

Relevant Real Life Experience

My day job is working at the Disneyland Resort in the Attractions department, which has familiarized myself with working with large scale events and crowds of people in not only efficient ways for those working, but also to improve the experience for those attending. I have also been responsible for the training of new and experienced employees for situations or events that are beyond their training or experience. My duties require me to not only be proficient with dealing with high stress situations in a calm and professional manner, but also to focus on finding resolutions and solutions that may not have been foreseen in an efficient manner. It has also taught me a great deal of empathy both for guest and worker in equal measure.

I also have gained my Master's Degree in English Literature, and have had my works published as part of a greater whole. From this and my time at Disney, I have learned how to communicate in an efficient and concise manner, both in written and verbal form. It has also allowed me to understand and accept criticism, taking it into consideration to shape my own outlook and actions to move forward with greater understanding than I had before.