



Candidate Profile

National Office interested in **President**

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District **Central**

Unit **Spirit (Brookfield, IL)**

Years of Sokol Membership **19 Years**

Professional Occupation (present or previous)

- **Non-Profit Management/Fundraising for Entire Professional Career**
 - American Cancer Society – 2007-2013
 - American Brain Tumor Association – 2013-2017
 - CSA Fraternal Life National Board Member – 2006-2018

- **State Director for Illinois of Best Buddies International (January 2018 – Present)**
 - Oversee two offices with a total of 17 full time & 1 part time staff
 - Annual Revenues of over \$1.8 M with operating surpluses of \$91K+ for each year of tenure
 - Programmatic Growth of over 60%

Unit/District/National involvement – Key Involvement

American Sokol

- National Leadership Development - Former Team Lead
- National Risk Management - Former Member and Team Lead
- 2013 American Slet – Sponsorship Committee
- 2017 Chicago Winter Slet – Committee Member
- 2021 Chicago Slet – Committee Chairman

Sokol Spirit – Brookfield, IL

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| • President | June 2020 – Present & June 2010 – June 2014 |
| • BOD/Building Mgmt Committee Member | June 2007 – Present |
| • By-Laws Director | June 2016 – June 2020 |
| • PR/Marketing Director | June 2019 – June 2020 |
| • Membership Director | June 2018 – June 2019 |
| • Physical Director | June 2016 – June 2018 |
| • Junior Boys Co-Instructor | Sept. 2008 – June 2010 |

Accomplishments in these activities

Key accomplishments include:

- ***As Sokol Spirit President***
 - Worked with Unit Bylaws Director to establish Unit Bylaws & Independent 501(c)3
 - Worked with Executive Board to review fundraising efforts and unit activity schedule to reverse trend of annual operating deficits into annual operating profitability.
 - Oversaw efforts to adopt a new and active website
 - Supported creation of new programs and fundraisers including Wheel Gymnastics, Spin Class, Pound Fitness Class, Monthly World Beer Club, Annual Oktoberfest and Pancake Breakfast events
 - Helped create a culture that openly embraces the interests and talents of our membership, which continues to drive the success of our unit.
- ***As Sokol Spirit Physical Director***
 - Oversaw the adoption of an online registration and payment collection platform for fitness classes
 - Worked with Instructors to revise our schedule to embrace the needs of our local community
 - Focused on improving our Tots class by using parent feedback to adapt our schedule and class structure. Enrollment for this class increased from less than 10 participants to over 25 within a year and has maintained at this level to date.

Your goals for the Sokol Office you are interested in

- Foster a pro-active and positive culture for the Board of Governors/Executive Board and all American Sokol Committees especially the BOI
- Work with the Board of Governors/Executive Board and all American Sokol Committees to establish a clear identity and focus for our organization
- Establish clear goals (especially in the below focus areas) and lead the planning of efforts and resources to achieve our goals
 - Membership & Unit Engagement
 - Communications
 - Support our Units (specifically in the areas of cost savings, information sharing, and collaboration)

Anything else you would like the membership to know about you

Our organization and members are passionate and generally optimistic, but with our decreasing membership and other challenges we are at a crucial juncture. I strongly believe that there can be a promising future for our Sokol Units and for the American Sokol, but we need leadership and focus to serve the many needs and perspectives of all our districts/units/members.

My leadership experience, non-profit knowledge, and enthusiasm would be great assets to the role of President for the American Sokol. Leading the highest governing board(s) of our organization is a commitment that I do not take lightly nor one I expect to be easy. However, I believe that I have the experience, and temperament to excel in this role. My professional and volunteer background includes success in numerous capacities including the ability to lead boards forward despite potentially conflicting priorities.

We have many talented and passionate members, and I will work tirelessly with all who are willing to lead our organization. My focus will be to establish clear priorities, goals, and plans to grow our organization and to leverage our core competencies. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute my time and talent as your next American Sokol President.



Candidate Profile

National Office interested in: Secretary

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District: Central Unit: Spirit

Years of Sokol Membership: 29 years

Professional Occupation (present or previous): Previous: Instructor at the local YMCA.

Current cycle and class instructor at Sokol Spirit. Recent graduate of University of Illinois-Chicago.

Unit/District/National involvement: At the **Unit** level at Sokol Berwyn-Slavsky and now Sokol Spirit, I have assisted with tots', girls', and juniors' classes. I have been a co-instructor for the women's' and juniors' classes. I have served on the Executive Board over the years as the secretary, unit physical director, and assistant physical director. I have served on various committees within my unit, including nominating and for numerous fundraising events.

At the **District level**, I have served as the District Physical Director and am currently a delegate to the District Executive Board.

At the **National level**, I have served as a board member for four years on the Executive Board, as Assistant National Physical Director, and currently National Co-Physical Director.

I have contributed many hours of volunteer time for all of the above, as well as for fundraisers at the unit, district, and national levels. I assisted at Instructor Schools that were held in my district.

Accomplishments in these activities: At the unit level, I have written special numbers for classes, some of which were award winners at District Special Number competitions! I

encouraged all ages to participate in this event, as well as in gymnastic competitions. I lead the BOI in successful gym programs, exhibitions and special numbers. I have been a member of Sokol Spirit's women's volleyball team.

At the district level, I lead the BOI in successful meetings, competitions and Sokol Days. At the National level, I lead the BOI for the last four years at meetings and conferences, as co-director. Together we assisted each other to keep units running during the pandemic. We began to create instructional videos/PowerPoint presentations to train directors and instructors. Together we updated the ASO Instructor Guidelines and Directors Manual which are available on the American Sokol website. We have updated skill cards for all districts, which are on the website as well. As National Physical Director, I worked to maintain American Sokol's relationship with Sokol USA and DA Sokol.

My goals for the Sokol Office I am interested in: As the secretary, I would assist the President and the entire Executive Board in keeping the lines of communication open between the board and all districts/units. To that end, I would prepare and distribute minutes of meetings in a timely manner and maintain a distribution list of board members. I would like to assist with the American Sokol website and other social media outlets to keep them as up-to-date as possible. I would support other officers in their roles to promote the success of American Sokol. Support the American Sokol Office whether it is a "virtual" office or a "live" office.

Anything else you would like the membership to know about you?

I attended my one and only instructor school in the beginner class in 1998!
In 2013 I was presented with the Central District American Sokol President's Award for volunteerism in Unit, District and National endeavors.

2022 American Sokol National Physical Director
Submitted by Sis. Mary Cushing – Sokol Spirit

The National Physical Director is not elected by the Convention. It is elected by the District Directors of the National Board of Instructors (BOI) and ratified by the Convention. However, I thought I would submit a profile anyway, so those of you not familiar with my background, would have a better idea of the qualifications of the person you would be ratifying.

I have been involved with Sokol all of my life, in many, many facets of the organization. This year, I celebrate my 50th year as an adult member. I began my Sokol life at Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs in Chicago. I transferred to Sokol Berwyn during my college years. After getting married and moving to Michigan, I transferred to Sokol Detroit. And 4 years ago, transferred to Sokol Spirit. My husband & I have semi-retired to Duncan, South Carolina. Even though I live in an area where there isn't a Sokol unit, I think that makes me an even more advantageous candidate for the National Physical Directors position, because I do not have any commitments in my unit or district at this time and can devote my full and undivided attention to the National BOI.

I will begin with my BOI experience and continue with my other experience.

National Board of Instructors

- Served as a member for over 35 years
- Served as Women's 2nd Assistant this past year
- Served as the representative of the American Sokol to the USA Gymnastics Advisory Council for 3 years
- Served as National School Board Chair 2008 – present
- Served as National School Director 2008 – 2018
- Served as National School Instructor for 25 Schools
- Served as a presenter at several National American Sokol Development Conferences
- Served on other subcommittees of the BOI throughout my years
- As a choreographer, I have written the following National Calisthenics & All Sokol Special Numbers
 - 1994 Opening Gala performance of the American Sokol at the COS Slet
 - 2001 Women and Jr Girls Calisthenics for the National American Sokol Slet in Detroit
 - 2007 All Sokol Special Number performed by the American Sokol at the Sokol USA Slet in Pittsburgh
 - 2013 Children's Calisthenics for American Sokol Slet in Milwaukee

District Board of Instructors

- Served as the Northeastern Women's District Director 2010 – 2013, after many years as Women's Assistant District Director, and was member of the Northeastern District BOI since 1980.

Unit Board of Instructors

- Served as member of Sokol Detroit's BOI and as Sokol Detroit Women's Director
- Taught many classes for Sokol Detroit, as well as Junior Class Teen Club Sponsor
- Taught several classes for Sokol Havlicek-Tyrs in my early years

Other Involvement at the National Level

- Served on the Board of Governors for 11 years as Northeastern District President
- Served on several American Sokol Strategic Planning Task Force (SPTF) Committees

Other Involvement at the National Level (continued)

- National Operation Advisor – 2013 – 2015 a paid position that developed out of the SPTF
- Office Administrator – 2015 – 2018 a paid position that dealt with daily operations of the American Sokol, working out of the office in Brookfield, IL
- Through my involvement with these positions, I was asked to serve on and often take “lead” on the following American Sokol National Committees
 - Budget & Finance Committee
 - Internal Audit Committee
 - Risk Management Committee
 - Grant Committee
 - Membership Database Committee
 - 150th Anniversary Organizing Committee
 - Slet Committee
 - Convention Committee
- Gave a presentation in Prague at COS’ PACH (Parent and Child Conference) in Nov. 2016

Other Involvement at the District Level

- Served as Northeastern District President – 2000 – 2009 and again 2011 – 2013 and co-chaired a most successful 2001 American Sokol Slet in the Detroit-area

Other Involvement at the Unit Level

- Served as 2nd Vice President at Sokol Detroit
- Was a member of Sokol Detroit’s Choral Group for several years

In addition to Sokol, I have been active in other non-profit related organizations. My experience with these other organizations, only enhance the understanding of how a non-profit organization should be run.

- Worked with the Chicago Boys and Girls Club pioneering a Girls Program Director’s job when women were first getting into the profession.
- Taught & coached Rhythmic Gymnastics at the Livonia, MI YMCA. Assisted with the YMCA National Program Department to initiate a Rhythmic Gymnastics program
- Served on many USA Gymnastics Committees, Regional & National elected offices. Also was a Brevet Judge for Rhythmics, judging many National Meets and 2 Olympic Trials
- Worked for a regional organization SHAPE, while teaching Physical Education, did several training workshops for them, developed some programs they implemented, and mentored upcoming instructors
- Gave several presentations at Regional and National USA Gymnastics Congresses, as well as the AAPHERD organization

In conclusion, I would like say that even though some of my Sokol positions were paid positions, I have always taken on Sokol positions & tasks because of my love for the organization. That should be apparent, by my many years in the various “volunteer” positions I have held. Though without a co-director, I am prepared to handle the position of National Physical Director, with a good BOI support team, my assistant directors and the new Executive Board that will be put together.

Thank you for your support and consideration.



Candidate Profile 4/8/2022

National Office interested in FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

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District Central **Unit** Spirit

Years of Sokol Membership 32 years (Joined as a child Sokol Brookfield Tots classes 1949)

Professional Occupation (present or previous) NICOR, an Illinois Natural Gas Utility Company

Sales/Marketing Senior Technical Administrator, Commercial Load, Chains (corporate office) retired after 38 years with corporation starting in Home Service (Home Economics) (Bellwood office); (Worked in various home economics jobs prior with Club Aluminum, Margie's Bridal Salons, Ben Franklin and Jewel Food Stores) In addition was an Assistant Professor, Triton Junior College, River Forest, Illinois, night school for 15 years; Instructor, Sokol Brookfield, Brookfield, Illinois, Tots Program for 14 years;

Unit/District/National involvement and Accomplishments in these activities

SOKOL BROOKFIELD/SPRIT:

President 2007-2009;

Vice President 2005-2007 attending Slet/Special Activities meetings as VP 2005-2014;

Member of Sokol Brookfield/Spirit Board of Directors (Operations/Maintenance/Manager) 1999-2012;

Corresponding Secretary (Procurement, Contract Writing, Manager Reviews, etc.) 2004-2008;

PR/Marketing Chair 2008-2013 writing successful registration plan with 65 different parochial, Private and public schools;

Financial Secretary 1998-2002;

Membership co-chair 1999-2004;

By-Laws Committee Chair 2007-2013 Lead the creation of Sokol Spirit's own set of bylaws and S.O.P.

directive and created new 501C3 documents as a stand-alone Sokol (not under the umbrella of American Sokol FEIN#) receiving Federal approval in 2010;

Chairman of semi-annual Basement/Rummage Sale 1998-2015, participating as a helper since 1995;

Sunday Bingo one Sunday a month since 1999 at Pull-Tabs to 2012 end; Sunday Bingo Refreshment/Retail Committee Chair 2000-2; 2004-2012 usually there every Sunday to assist workers;

Delegate to Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago 2004 to present; presented the President's Bladnek Award for Voluntarism because of involvement in completing energy audit/strategies for the cemetery 2005; Key member in Strategic Planning Committee 2006;

Delegate to/and Secretary of the Friends of Bohemian National Cemetery 2005-2008;

Delegate to Tabor Hills Senior Home/Center, Naperville 2004-2005;
Unit American Sokol Convention delegate 2000; 2005; 2010;
Delegate to T. G. Masaryk Czech School, Cicero 2010 – 2017-Treasurer 2011-2013.
Education Director 2008-2017, currently on committee for monthly movie programming. Wrote grant application to Czech Ministry for Czech language program in 2014 & 2016 to assist with materials and develop an e-learning program through website. Grants both were accepted, but utilized internally with permission for other programs and costs;
Budget & Finance Committee 2001-2009; 2012-present; and,
Audit Committee: 1998-2016 and chair 2002-2016. preparation for Certified Public Accounts who prepare hard audit and taxes

Other unit activities:

*Czech Free-Thinking School held at Sokol Brookfield (program instituted in 1929) Attended 1956-1958; 1999-2001; and 2004-2006; Created new business of Czech Language Classes (Czech Free-Thinkers dropped out of support) 2008-2017 as School board member (now under the Education Director with new by-laws) ALL Cultural and Language events presently generated from this committee including the Czech 3rd Friday movies since January, 2013;
*Launched the Secret Santa Program in 2000 with classes and unit (mitten tree at Christmas) for the LyonsTownship Nurses (Health) Organization/now Pillars for those less fortunate in the local area making Sokol Spirit one of the top 5 consistent givers to this local project and supported since initiation; and,
*Unused rummage sale items are personally brought to local resale shops by Sister Tooke such as HinesVeterans Hospital, Maywood and Helping Hand (Sequin School for Special Needs Youngsters and Adults), Brookfield; and, Launched interface with University of Chicago Slavic Studies Program bringing many books, papers, etc. to the Regenstein Library and information about Czech Language non-credit classes at Spirit to their website.

CENTRAL DISTRICT:

Received at the 2010 Annual meeting the Central District Presidents' Recognition Service Award
Attended as delegate from Sokol Brookfield/Spirit, Annual meeting between 1997 – 2016

Executive Board:

Treasurer 2008-2012...instituted QuickBooks bookkeeping system and was Ad hoc member of
Audit committee from 1998 – 2013; and,
Financial Secretary 1998-2008 (During 2001 acted as pro-tem Treasurer as well)

Other District Activities:

Delegate from Sokol Brookfield/Spirit 1998-2012;
Competition Judge for Boy's 1997-2002; and,
Insurance sub-committee 2003.

AMERICAN SOKOL:

Executive Board

Elected as a 4-year Foundation Director at the 2018 convention-2022;
Elected as a 5-year Treasurer at the 2005 convention (Member of Audit Committee)-2010;
Elected as a 4-year Treasurer at the 2014 convention (Member of Audit Committee and Budget/Finance/Risk Management Team; Coordinated SOP program and helped write 18 of over 50 produced)-2018;
*Strategic Plan Finance Committee 2007-2010 As part of assignment created, distributed, tallied Building Use Documents for all ASO Units and pulled together plans for a regular newsletter on building information for all units to use as well as a shared cost program for building signage.

Your goals for the Sokol Office you are interested in

- *Learn to encourage philanthropy for the American Sokol Endowment Foundation and other restricted funds by educating the membership and other friends about the various donations;
- *Learn to define American Sokol partnerships, sponsorships, friends, etc. through a structured financial program put into an SOP working with the PR/Marketing ASO Director and Executive Board;
- *Write outside grants to enrich the endowment foundation and restricted financial assets of American Sokol and assisting units and districts to do the same;
- *Conduct another successful fundraiser for the Foundation;
- *Establish “gift” protocols through S.O.P. and Brochure;
- *Document every donation, recognize, and publish establishing a “Philanthropy Team” to advise;
- *Working through the Endowment Foundation fund assist the funding of the Instructor’s School (currently under the Future Sokol Leader’s Fund) and ASO Publication to be funded and stable.

Please note that some of these goals were adapted by the Foundation Committee at their April 5, 2022 quarterly meeting.

Anything else you would like the membership to know about you

Work-related Associations Meribeth represented the utility and was past chair/trustee Illinois Nursing Home Administrators Association Service (Business) Associates (Continuing education studies to reach certificate for Nursing Home Administrator); member of the National and Illinois Science Teachers Association; past chair/trustee Illinois School Boards Association Service Associates; Natural Gas Association of Energy Engineers, Certified Energy Manager; American Restaurant Association, Food Safety Certified and Teacher (1989 to current); and, Registered Commercial Gas Consultant, Gas Research Institute.

Professional Associations Meribeth’s involvement includes past National Committee Chair, past state president and district president of the American Home Economics Association (now American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences) and affiliated Chicago Home Economists in Business and locally past president of the Lakeshore Home Economists and Textiles, Clothing & Related Arts Association of Chicago.

Local Activities Meribeth is past president of her church, Grace Lutheran of LaGrange (Council:1995-2002; 2011-2014) and Governance Team, Property Team, Outreach Team, and past leader of Christian Education, Adult Education and Altar Guild. She currently has been an elected trustee of Grace’s Endowment Fund since 2019; Since 1981, P.E.O., (a philanthropic Christian women’s organization), LaGrange, past president;. Co-Founder in 2003 of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) non-profit #2525, LaGrange; Sigma Kappa West Towns chapter sorority since 1968; and, Northern Illinois University Alumni Executive Board trustee 1992-2001- leader of two task forces and currently Emeritus board member. Member American Quilt Society and active quilt-maker for Lutheran World Relief since 2005 and Contemplative prayer group leader at Grace since 2012.

Education: *Riverside-Brookfield High School, 1962, Riverside, Illinois, Illinois Scholarship recipient;
*Associate of Science, 1965, Lyons Township Junior College, (now College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois), LaGrange, Illinois, Home Economics/Science/Business with Honors;
*Bachelor of Science, 1966, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Business Home Economics, minor in Child Development and Textile/Design with Honors, Dean’s List;
*Master of Science in Education, 1974, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, High School administration with minor in Consumer Education with Honors; and,
*Master of Business Administration in the Law Environment, 1983, Rosary College, (now Dominican University) River Forest, Illinois, Finance and Contract Law minors (affiliated with John Marshall School of Law, Chicago, now U. of Illinois) with honors.

(Use additional pages for your answers, if needed.)

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Candidate Profile

National Office interested in President

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District Northeastern Unit Sokol Detroit

Years of Sokol Membership 57 years

Professional Occupation (present or previous) Detroit Edison (DTE): I worked for DTE for over 27 years in many capacities such as Director of Customer Billing System Management, HR Consultant (EEO, Diversity), Budget and Finance Administrator, Represented DTE on a non-profit board for the revitalization of Cork Town (Detroit)

Unit/District/National involvement:

Unit:

- Physical Director for over 30 years
- Membership Director 3 years,
- ByLaws Chair 3 years,
- Ethnic Festival Pastry Chair 10 years,
- 2001 National Slet Chair/Co-Chair, 3 years,
- 2022 National Instructors School Unit Coordinator
- Reconciliation Team Lead

District:

- Physical Director for 30 years
- District Delegate for Sokol Detroit

National:

- Board of Instructors
 - Held various positions from board member to 1st Assistant for over 25 years
 - Served on National School Board for over 12 years
 - Choreographed Sr. II Calisthenics for 2021 Slet
 - Presented at multiple Developmet Conference over the years
- Strategic Planning Team Lead for 6 years
 - Asked by President Larry Laznovsky to take on this role which had been stagnate for a number of years
- Team Participant on various Program Committees:
 - Physical Programs
 - Volunteer Management
 - Mentoring
 - Organizational Development
- EB Member at large 4 years,
- Physical Director for 8 years,
 - First to be a single Physical Director instead of Women's and Men's
 - Two of the three most successful Slets were during my office as District and National Physical Director
- 2nd VP for 4 years
 - Risk Management (SafeSport, Insurance)
 - Human Resources (Office Personnel, COVID protocols)
- During my 16 years on National Executive Board, I served under:
 - Four different administrations
 - Three different Presidents

:Accomplishments in these activities:

Unit Physical Director:

- Bringing younger instructors on to the BOI to prepare for the future;
- Increased participation in District and National Slets,

Membership Director:

- Invited seniors from nearby senior centers and assisted living to participate in National Senior Day to increase awareness in our Unit
- Manned tables at various Social Events to share

District Physical Director:

- Increase activities on a District level through track and field events,
- Active participation on the National Board of Instructors to develop new programs and gain insight, knowledge and experience to become the National Physical Director

National Physical Director:

- Brought on younger members on to this board
- Encouraged and supported the S.A.L.T. group for youths
- Begun collaboration with the Polish Falcons
 - Group participated in one of our Slets
 - Myself and two others volunteered in their Zlot by providing volunteers as well as participating in their activities

National Slet Chair/Co-Chair:

- Coordinated volunteer chairs for all necessary committees
- Provided well documented Slet book for future use
- Had a successful Slet raising money for American Sokol
- Hosted one of the last formal Banquet where a youth gave an opening speech

National Strategic Planning Team Lead:

- With assistance from like-minded Sokols developed a new plan to take us into the future
- Developed new programs in the training of instructors, expanding our type of physical programs as well as addressing our cultural and social programs.
- Assisted in developing the office of the National Operations Advisor to gain insight from the units on their wants and needs and provided assistance and guidance.
- Helped develop the Volunteers Guideline and met with several units who requested assistance to bring on a Head Volunteer to coordinate the Unit activities and assisted committees in obtaining volunteers.

National Executive Board Member at Large:

- This was the first position I was elected to so I could gain a better understanding of what the Executive Board challenges were and how I could assist our organization

Your goals for the Sokol Office you are interested in:

- Building a more collaborative board,
- Develop tactical plans in all areas of our organization
- Have conversations with each board member to determine their thoughts and goals for their position

- Through seeking board members input determine how their goals could/should wrap up to our overall goals
- Have discussions with Unit/District to hear their needs and address them
- Areas of first considerations include:
 - virtual/physical/hybrid office plan,
 - increase membership through multiple defined marketing plans to fit various unit needs,
 - develop programs to
 - entice more youth activities
 - educate them on the value of Sokol to get them involved so they want to stay active throughout their life,
 - bring on younger members to assist in projects so they
 - can gain experience on this board
 - develop future leader positions such as Vice President(s) and President

Anything else you would like the membership to know about you:

- With my vast experiences on all levels of our organization, I believe I am well qualified to handle this position.
- I believe in setting goals, working towards them, keeping members on task and helping them accomplish these goals.
- I do not believe in micro managing people but let them know I am here to assist them
- (Use additional pages for your answers, if needed.)

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Candidate Profile

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District __ Western Unit __ Cedar Rapids

Years of Sokol Membership __ 40

Professional Occupation (present or previous) __ Retired Executive Assistant

Unit/District/National involvement _

UNIT – I taught gymnastics, calisthenics, fitness and conditioning, and promoted Sokol for all ages and genders for 35 years. Served 25 years as Unit Women’s Director and at times, held dual title of Men’s Director. Served as Treasurer for 11 years. Helped to locate a new building after the flood of 2008 and setup Sokol class times at another gym during the interim. Organized many fundraisers, district slets, skills clinics, coaches clinics – sometimes travelling to units in the district to instruct.

DISTRICT – Served as Director of Women for 15 years and held dual title of Men’s Director for 10. Attended national BOI meetings, organized many WD slets, attended many Director and Development Conferences, and USAG conferences. Served as judge and field director at many National slets. I have served as District President for the past 10 years.

NATIONAL – Served as BOI 1st Assistant for 4 years, BOI 2nd BOI Assistant for 4 years. Served as At Large Board Member for 4 years, For the last 4 years I have served as Financial Secretary. Served as the Chairman of the 2017 Slet. Served as Program Administrator, and Female Skills and Gymnastics Coordinators. I have been a member of the Membership, Leadership, Budget and Finance Committees , and has helped with the Convention Committees. I have been on the Board of Governors for the last 8 years.

Accomplishments in these activities. I have setup communications with the Unit Fin. Sec. and provided help when asked. I have arranged for changes to the database to help make the data entry easier. I have received the Western District Ed Pavocek Service Award and the Western District Bud Benak Outstanding Instructor Award. I have received the National Cihak Service Award

Your goals for the Sokol Office you are interested in _ I would continue to process the annual billing on time and monitor when payments are received. I would maintain communications with the Unit Fin. Sec., assisting them when they have database problems and/or general concerns about their membership reports and payments. I will work with them and the database to provide better functionality.

SHOULD the new position of Membership Administrator be approved, this would add the duties of maintaining and growing the unit memberships. Working with the Membership Committee, we would initiate membership drives and membership recognition ideas based on information received from the units on what they expect from National; what they have to offer to new members; what events/activities they have in the past, what worked or didn't work. We would address the ever-present question – why aren't our adult children or grandchildren members?

Anything else you would like the membership to know about you __ I accept responsibility. I am a hard worker and I see each project to its completion. I am very resourceful - if I can't solve a problem, I look to others who can. Sokol has been a very important aspect of my life for many years. I am proud to wear Sokol items when I am out and about, and my heart swells when a stranger comments to me that they went to Sokol when they were young. I try to install this pride into the youths, in hopes that they will say years later – "I still go to Sokol" Thank you



Candidate Profile

ASO Convention committee interested in Secretary

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District Central **Unit** Sokol Chicagoland

Years of Sokol Membership 40

Professional Occupation (present or previous) Database manager for a non-profit organization

Unit/District/National involvement **National** – 2005 Slet Secretary and Slet Activities

Committee Chair, Secretary and Treasurer; Budget and audit committees for about 7 years;

District – Financial Secretary – 8 years, BOI Activities Treasurer – 8+ years, secretary – 3 mos.;

Unit – President – 10 years, Financial Secretary – 10+ years, By Laws Chair – 10+ years.

Accomplishments in these activities District BOI Activities Treasurer – wrote and sent invoices for about 10 events per year; deposited money received; wrote checks for all BOI Activities expenses, approximately \$30,000 income and \$15,000 expenses each year.

Your goals for the Convention Committee you are interested in

I will record and prepare the minutes of the BOG and Executive Board meetings; send an accurate copy of these minutes in a timely manner to the BOG and Executive Board as directed, and fulfill the other duties of the ASO Executive Board Secretary. I would like to disseminate the meeting minutes to all Unit Presidents to ensure they are notified of actions taken at the meetings.

Anything else you would like the membership to know about you

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