

Dear Friends,

My name is Jamie Christian, and I am asking for your vote for TICA President. I believe that the members and clients of TICA want to see a return to a more friendly and listening, less political association. I believe that TICA members want to see the “fun and pageantry” return to cat shows. I believe that members want to be more involved in helping TICA to grow but feel they are not afforded the opportunity to do so. I know that TICA members want to feel listened to and involved, as we are a membership-driven association, elected to represent those who elect us. And I know TICA is currently struggling with our systems in the Office and our web sites, unable to provide the fast services that our members and clients need.

The President of TICA must wear many hats

- Chief Executive Officer
- Chairperson of the Board of Directors
- Overseeing the Executive Office as well as all paid employees
- Running the business aspects of the association with knowledge of financial and other reporting
- Acting as the spokesperson for TICA
- Signing contracts on behalf of TICA, and more.

But there is more to the job than just these important things.

Presidency is a position of leadership. The President of TICA should serve as a moderator and guide at meetings, and only vote when the Board vote has resulted in a tie. The President also has a duty to ALL members of the association, as the President is elected by the entire membership, and should always bring membership input to the Board table during discussions. The President, as with all Board members, also has a fiduciary (financial) responsibility to review all proposals, programs and contracts regularly to ensure they are bringing registrations and income to TICA, or that they are providing beneficial visibility to the public.

A president must realize that LEADING IS LISTENING. We all understand that some changes are more important to some groups than to others, both within the membership and on the TICA Board. All opinions should be solicited, and any changes fully vetted prior to implementation. And any member with a question, comment or concern should be given the time to express what is on their mind.

The President must also be the friendly, knowledgeable and personable face of TICA, be it when working with other associations, giving interviews, or talking to members and clients. There is no room for ego or superiority in the position of President.

I have been with TICA close to 20 years. I have over 7 years of experience serving TICA as a former Great Lakes Regional Director (head cheerleader). I have been a judge for 5 years, honored to have judged all over TICA's world. I have been the Clerking Recertification Exam Administrator for 5 years, creating, distributing, collecting, grading exams, and ultimately returning scores to those in TICA's clerking program and reporting the scores to Dewane Barnes.

I have two degrees in management, and I have been the General Manager of multiple businesses over the years. I have worked for privately held companies, as well as holding a national position with a major corporation. I have been tasked with creating financial reporting, interpreting data, creating business plans, and enacting efficiencies which reduce overhead and/or increase business volume. I have managed nearly 100 employees. I have a passion for training and encouraging development of new people so they can grow within the ranks of a business and feel a part of the bigger picture. I am smart enough to know where my management strengths lie, as well as the areas where I should actively enlist experts for guidance.

I invite you to read the pages of my campaign website for more details. It is currently under construction because I have many ideas and feelings to add, so please expect many more additions to the site and check back often.

Sincerely, Jamie Christian

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