

AREA Candidates' Nomination Form

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How long have you been a member of AREA? 7 yrs break 4 yrs

For what office are you seeking nomination? Southeast Rep

Please compose and attach a 500 word (or less) candidate statement, answering the following two statements/questions. If AREA nominates you as a candidate this will be your candidate's statement.

1. Provide a brief biography and explain why you are running for the office.
2. What are your priorities for AREA and how will you work toward them?

Please list two professional associates who have known you for two years or longer as character references.

1. Name Steve Marshall Phone 501-292 4050

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2. Name Ross Self Phone 803-734-3808

Email selfr@dnr.sc.gov

Email or USPS mail this completed application, with the candidate's statement, to the AREA Secretary (address information located at www.aneanet.org).

I am BeBe Dalton Harrison and I am a natural resource professional who designs and implements programs for government and private entities. Most recently, I worked in conjunction with the Town of Mt. Pleasant to create several aquatic education programs and I am currently working to promote the recreational angler reporting app, MyFishCount, for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

As an aquatic education consultant, my programs and work in aquatic education have been recognized by the American Fisheries Society as well as the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies for outstanding programs.

My passion for fishing and aquatic education can be traced back to my experiences with the SC Department of Natural Resources where I started out as a shy camper with their Camp Wildwood program until I graduated and found a job with the agency. I spent time teaching about the marine environment at SCDNR's Marine Resources Division and then moved on to Columbia to develop and launch the first ever aquatic education program introduced by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries section. I specialize in introducing new anglers to the sport of fishing with an understanding of angler ethics and conservation.

I have worked in natural resources for over 22 years gaining experience in education, marketing, evaluation, conservation, and program development. As a seasoned natural resource professional, I am passionate about advancing quality time spent in the outdoors by youth, women and families. In addition to my consulting work, I also have a line of unique fishing accessories developed as a result of my experience teaching new anglers. My aquatic education company, Angling Women, is driven by a mission to educate new anglers and those who are returning to the sport. I strive to inspire youth, women, and families to feel confident in their fishing skills.

I have been involved with AREA since 2000 and took a break for a few years when having my children. I was thrilled to be able to become involved with AREA again once my children were a little older. I served as a Southeast rep in the past and would enjoy serving in whatever capacity you have a need. I feel that it is extremely important to network, share ideas, and work together to achieve goals. AREA has always been such an amazing resource for aquatic educators and I don't want to see it slow down. I have seen progress over the last 20+ years and I do not want to lose traction. My priorities for AREA would be:

- Provide a consistent portal for communicating national information to the region and vice versa
- Connect the regional folks and give them an opportunity to share suggestions/info with each other and the AREA board
- Continue to share regional educational information and opportunities

I look forward to becoming more involved with AREA again and networking with this incredible group of like minded individuals.

BeBe Dalton Harrison

Code of Ethics for Elected Officers of AREA

As an elected officer of the Aquatic Resources Education Association (AREA) I will:

Represent the affairs of all AREA members without prejudice or favor of special interests within or outside the Association.

Always keep confidential items and information confidential.

Never use my leadership position in AREA for personal gain or for the advantage of other individuals within or outside AREA.

Exercise my authority in a leadership role only when acting in official board meetings and/or as I am directed by the AREA Board of Directors.

Consider all issues presented for my review with an open mind to base my decisions on what is best for AREA and to never violate the trust of the membership of AREA.

Avoid any conflicts of interest between my position with AREA and my professional or personal life, and to remove myself from any discussion and voting on matters in which I have conflict.

Agree to resign my position as an AREA representative if I find myself unable to carry out my duties or unable to abide by this code of ethics.

Commit to AREA members that I will do all in my power to ensure the Association's present and future financial security, growth and development.

I give my personal pledge to exercise the duties and responsibilities of this office or appointment with integrity, dedication, and commitment.

Signed Bobby Dalton Date 8/24/20

Send a signed and dated copy of this form to the AREA Secretary (address information located at www.aneanet.org).