Candidate Statement

Brian Gisel

WFDF Elections 2012 – candidate

Name of candidate: Brian Gisel
Position sought: Chair Championships Subcommittee
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Nomination endorsed by: Ultimate Canada (CAN)

Candidate Statement

I hope to retain my position as chair of the Ultimate Championships Subcommittee. I am also currently serving a two year term as an At large member of the WFDF Board of Directors

I have played and served the sport of Ultimate for the past 20 years, at the local, national and international levels. For the past 4 years I have held the position of WFDF Board member at large and previously I have served as the WFDF Ultimate Chair.

Currently WFDF is at a cross-road in our development. While the sport of Ultimate continues to grow across the globe, and demand for our core service (Major International Events) is expanding greatly, we are in jeopardy of failing to keep up with this growth in terms of our organization responsiveness.

WFDF is positioned to provide a substantial list of high quality events to our membership and in doing so we can leverage our position to accomplish many great things for the sport of Ultimate across the globe. However, we will only be in this position if our house is in better order. Recently a lack of focus has hampered our ability to deliver quality service to our membership.

My immediate goals for WFDF are to create a vision for each major WFDF Event and then an event plan for the entire WFDF Event cycle. I think there is an obvious need for better bid and awarding procedures, but WFDF also needs to do a much better job of integrating ourselves into the running of these events. This will accomplish a better economy of scale in the areas of registration, results distribution, media, merchandise and record keeping, allowing us to work with event organizers more closely to provide a much higher quality of the events.

Once a comprehensive event process is in place, WFDF will be in a position to grow along with the sport of Ultimate and can take a true position of leadership for Ultimate on the world stage.

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PROFILE

A senior project coordinator, consultant and facilitator and with more than a decade of experience working with various industries including the Healthcare, Public Utilities, Forestry and Education.

I have strong organizational, written and oral communication and interpersonal skills. Past experiences include requirement gathering, project planning and budget creation/tracking, issues management, user training, people management and overall project organization and coordination.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Strategic and Operational Planning
- Project Management, Team Development, Coaching and Facilitation
- Business Process Redesign, Change Management and Clinician Engagement
- Governance and Program Development
- Client Relationship Management
- Budget planning, estimation and tracking
- Use of Desktop Productivity Tools (MS Office, MS Visio, MS Access SharePoint)

OPERATIONS MANAGER, BRITISH COLOMBIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION – 2008 TO PRESENT

Operations Manager for the Physicians Information Technology Office, a Division of the British Columbia Medical Association. PITO is responsible for the coordination of Electronic Medical Record System Implementation in Primary physician offices across the province. Duties include

- Management of Central Office
- Coordination of reimbursements to all PITO connected physicians
- Budget creation, review and oversight
- Central Support team management and coordination
- Management of IT Infrastructure
- Administer of Maximizer DB System used to track all Implementations
- Liaison with external stakeholders

RECENT PROJECTS & WORK EXPERIENCE AS A CONSULTANT WITH SIERRA SYSTEMS GROUP INC.

PROJECT COORDINATION – VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH, EHEALTH – 2005 TO 2007

Project Coordinator for VCH IMIS eHealth Projects including The Primary Care Information Technology Strategy, CareConnect and Clinical Disease Management (CDM) Pilot

- Provided coordination and support for multiple IT initiatives. Responsible for tracking of all project timelines and deliverables, creation and tracking of program wide budget and management of project integration issues.
- Tracked and managed consultant and clinical invoicing and reimbursement.
- Managed the programs on-line collaboration tool (Sharepoint) and interfaced with VCH IMIS over program logistics. Supported creation of project documentation and acted as document manager for all projects.
- Oversaw the Deployment of CareConnect to VCH Users during rollout phase of the project.
- Coordinated the staffing of projects, new project resource contracts, setup and orientation as well as the development and administration of Clinical Working Groups for multiple projects.
- Responsibilities included facilitating Steering Group and working/clinical group meetings and developing tools and processes for change management and reporting.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT – BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION – WEB-SITE DEVELOPMENT - 2004

Managed creation of a Web Solution for provincial government regulatory organization.

- The project involved creating an on-line system for tracking of regulatory applications from user groups and information distribution to interested parties (public and private) working as interveners for applications.
- Responsible for creating overall project plan and budget forecasts, updating project plan and budget, status reporting as well as team management.

PROJECT COORDINATOR – WEYERHAEUSER FOREST PRODUCTS – PEOPLESOFT ROLLOUT – 2003

Worked as the project coordinator for implementation of PeopleSoft HR systems at 17 sub-divisions of Weyerhaeuser.

- Created and administered each individual project plan and managed issue tracking, status reporting and resource allocation.

BUSINESS ANALYST – BLUE CROSS – SMART CARD ROLLOUT – 2001 TO 2002

Deployment of Pacific Blue Cross Smart Card technology aimed at connecting Provincial Care Facilities with Pacific Blue Cross and Ministry of Health billing system.

- Developed training and installation procedures for product rollout.
- Managed schedule of deployment and undertook rollout of system to Care Facilities across the province, providing setup, user training and phone support after installation.

BUSINESS ANALYST/TESTER – OPEN C SOLUTIONS – CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT – 2000

Business analyst and tester on the implementation team of a Customer Information System solution for water, gas and electric utilities.

- Trained users, led the regression test team, oversaw version control releases and administered overall problem tracking.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT – SIERRA SYSTEMS GROUP INC. – INTERNAL HELPDESK – 1998 TO 2000

Worked on an internal helpdesk supporting 200 office employees and Windows NT network.

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

WILLRICH TECHNOLOGIES INC. – FOUNDER AND MANAGER – 1993 TO 1997

Managed a software development company with four employees.

- Designed, developed and supported an in-class student tracking program for elementary level classrooms. Gathered information, developed and tested the program, made program revisions after in-school testing, and coordinated with school boards throughout the project.
- Provided hardware and software support and troubleshooting for a joint project with IBM. Ran “Mobile Classroom” for OS/2 training. Solved problems for platforms running under OS/2, implementing, upgraded and maintained over 30 workstations, and coordinated LAN support.
- Created and marketed an electronic version of the British Columbia Building Code for use by building inspection staff at municipal level.

EDUCATION

1993 Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C. - Bachelor of Arts (Economics and Political Science)

VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- World Flying Disc Federation Board Member, 2001 – 2007, 2009 – Present
- Vancouver Curling Club Board Member, 2005 – 2006
- Canadian Ultimate Players Association, BC Representative, 2000-2005
- Vancouver Ultimate League Society Board Member, 1999 to 2001, 2008 to 2012

REFERENCES

Available upon request.