

THE EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY™

CANDIDATES STATEMENTS — SEPTEMBER 2009 ELECTION

This Tuesday September 8, the members of The Eulenspiegel Society will again have the opportunity to elect the people who will be directing the affairs of the Society for the coming year.

Being contested in this election are 6 of the 9 positions on the Board of Directors, as well as the posts of Parliamentarian (a non-voting member of the Board) and Arbiter. The Parliamentarian and Arbiter are 1 seat each.

Current Positions, Expiring Terms in UPPERCASE BOLD:

Arbiter: LADY VELVET EAGLE AERIE

Parliamentarian: NAYLAND

Board: 007, **BO**, Goddess Coko, **SIR GUY, MICHELE, LADY SABRINA**, Thrash, Wes Baron, **VACANT**

Candidates:

Arbiter: Lady Velvet Eagle Aerie

Parliamentarian: Mark Richards

Board: 007, Sir Guy, Jason, Lou, Mary Ann, Michele, Nix, Lady Sabrina, Valentine

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ARBITER

1 Candidates / 1 Position

LADY VELVET EAGLE AERIE

Ladies and gentlemen of the TES Association:

My name is Velvet Eagle Aerie. I am running for a second term as Arbiter.

The Arbiter position is a an executive position of the Board of Directors, but not a voting member. This position does not come into play unless there is an issue that is brought before the Board from outside sources and cannot be resolved satisfactorily by the Board of Directors and requires arbitration.

An attitude of objectivity and fairness is paramount in handling this post.

My experience in the work place allows me to bring a knowledgeable skill set to the Arbiter position.

Our community is comprised of many diverse people, groups and factions in the context of what it is that we do (WIITWD). I continue to believe I am prepared to work with any issue which may come up and require an objective approach to repairing misunderstandings.

While I have belonged to many groups during these more than 20 years, TES has always been my primary group and continues to be so. It would be an honor to serve in the Arbiter capacity once again and seek to ensure that any issues that may come up from September 2009 through September 2010, which may require arbitration, will be handled with the integrity that the TES Association requires and deserves.

Thank you for considering me once again for this position.

- Velvet Eagle Aerie

PARLIAMENTARIAN - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1 Candidates / 1 Position

MARK RICHARDS

I am running for Parliamentarian because I can be effective in helping our board and our organization take on the challenges facing us in the coming year.

In the years I've been a member of TES and a participant in the community TES is part of, I have seen much of what works as well as what doesn't. Such perspective is useful in making this an effective organization for ourselves and our fellow members.

I would like to bring those insights to my service as Parliamentarian, presiding over the Board evenhandedly and dispassionately, but doing so effectively, with the energy, passion and skill born of those experiences.

The history I bring to the table includes that of a long-time Board member, Secretary, SIG co-facilitator, chair and/or vice chair of several committees (bylaws, community relations) representative of TES at NCSF and on the LPN committee and publication coordinator of the last two issues of Prometheus (which doubled as the TES Fest 08 and 09 program books). I have also filled in as interim Parliamentarian on several occasions ? so I know the job.

Summing up, I feel I can continue to serve TES by returning as an active Board member and as your Parliamentarian. To do this, I'm asking for your vote. Thank you.

- Mark Richards

VOTING DIRECTOR – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9 Candidates / 6 Positions

007

I go by the scene name 007. I have a long history of volunteer work at TES including (but not limited to) working the door on Operations, hosting parties for the Socials Committee, writing for the TES Weekly, and being Recording Secretary for TES Board Meetings.

In May 2009 when an interim seat needed to be filled, I was encouraged to run for it by both seated Board Members and by prominent community members such as Morgan HMQ. It was a unanimous decision by the Board that I should have the seat.

Since then I have served as the TES Group Marshal for the Heritage of Pride Parade and served as Director of Security for TESFEST 2009, where the number one question of the attendees was "When does that man sleep?". Every attendee can recall seeing me doing the job with diligence and working hard at all hours of the day.

I have proven my work ethic and dedication to this organization several times over in the last few years. I ask you to please take that under consideration when choosing your candidates. Thank you.

SIR GUY

I am Sir Guy. In almost four years on the Board of Directors of The Eulenspiegel Society I have learned the following:

- I am not infallible,
- We all have frailties
- Giving in to emotion can be counterproductive
- Members of the BDSM community are just like members of the community at large
- There are many people with good ideas
- There are a few with great ideas
- TES is not the only organization out there
- TES is the best at what it does
- TES can get better
- So can I

While recent times have been trying and tumultuous, I realize that I can contribute more. I realize I have a good year or two left in me. I realize that I can help build community, help build a legacy and help make a place where people will feel safe to be themselves, to express themselves freely without repercussions and recriminations. I know I am not perfect, but I am perfect for TES, because, like the rest of us, I am a little damaged, but I also see that its not such a bad thing. When I feel I can no longer help the organization that has helped me, I will step away... That time is not yet.

JASON

Jason's Top 5 Worst Reasons to Run for the Board:

5. Free entry to Paddles for cruising.
4. Starfucking!
3. Indulge secret Robert's Rules Fetish.
2. Not doing anything else with your time.
1. The awesome power, muhaahaaa!

Top 5 Best Reasons to Serve on the Board:

5. I have a concept and a vision for the future of TES that will allow it to regain its relevance in today's times.
4. I am concerned with the current board's direction and concentration of authority.
3. I want to offer my services, experience, and energy.
2. TES is vitally important to the NYC BDSM community and can only flourish when we all contribute everything we can to it.
1. The time is right.

As for experience, I've been on the Ops and the Programming committees, served as vice-chair of programming for 3 TES Fests, given several well-received presentations, suffered mightily as a demo bottom innumerable times, and also currently serve as co-facilitator of the Bondage SIG. As I said, I feel the time is right to take what I've learned, my ideas for the future, my sense of humor, and my intrepid nature, and join the board if you'll have me. If you'd like to talk to me about my ideas, feel free to contact me at pikeman@gmail.com. Please vote to put me on the TES Board.

LOU

I think TES serves 3 purposes: To provide a social space for people on the scene, to encourage people to realize that they can participate in BDSM activities with mutual consent and satisfaction and without abuse, and to represent our movement to the greater world

I have been involved in our organization for a while now and have volunteered a lot. Most of what I do is in TES Fest and the Education and Program Committee since one of my great interests is in bringing in good presenters and in helping them give good presentations.

I have got to know some fine people while working for TES, though of course I can tell some stories. I like to think that the people most likely to vote for me are the ones who work with me.

I am around a lot and while have started a new commitment I will still be around a lot, which I think is important in a Board Member. I will make my E-mail address freely available.

- Lou

MARY ANN

My name is Mary Ann and I'm a candidate for TES' Board of Directors. I have been a member of The Eulenspiegel Society for almost six years and I have been an active volunteer at many of TES' functions. During 2009 alone, I have worked the door at TES' January and May Membership Meetings and, as an active member of TES' Socials Committee, I worked at the New Year's Eve Party, co-hosted two separate parties at Paddles and volunteered at the Spring Pot-Luck Social in April. In June, I volunteered at TES' table at Folsom Street and, most recently, I was the Assistant Director of Registration for TES Fest '09.

Over the years, TES has become an important part of my life. I have met many wonderful people through TES and I have forged friendships that I know will last for the rest of my life. Through its educational programs I have learned much and I am all the better for having been active and involved with TES.

It is now time for me to give back to you, and TES, for all I have received. I would very much like the opportunity to serve as a Board of Director for this wonderful organization and be a part of keeping TES alive and intact for generations to come. I promise you I will give my heart and soul to making TES not only the oldest and largest BDSM organization in the country but the best the world has to offer.

MICHELE

I'm proud of what I have done for TES. I have been Membership Chair for the past 6 years and have learned what is important to members and try to speak for them.

I've added a Student reduced membership rate and championed a motion for all non Board Member committee chairs/vice chairs to have their memberships comped as we need to recognize and reward the work of others.

Membership at TES has a customer service approach and I have kept it a smooth working, error free process. If members have problems, they have been fixed smoothly. I'm available at TES parties to sign members up or answer questions.

Helped start TES-Talk in 2003 and recreated it after it was deleted by Yahoo. I continue to moderate and maintain it.

At all 5 TESFests, I have run the Box Office and have been the Registrar at 4. During these events, you could be find me there continually, helping people register and answering their questions.

I am also creating a "Presenters and Programming" database.

When Pat Bond, with Brother Leo and others began TES, a wonderful gift & legacy was given. It is my belief, as a Board Member, one of my jobs would be to protect our gift...while forging ahead.

A Board Member is always on call...always a phone call or an email away in case of problems. I believe I have been proven to be up to this responsibility. With your help, I can continue serving TES.

Thank you,
Michele

NIX /NIX NEPENTHE

I'm running for the board of TES because I hope to help facilitate bridging past traditions with new and evolving ones. I believe TES is in a time of transition. As a volunteer I have seen a need for stronger community. The distance between the old and new widens as younger generations come into the scene. As an organization we need to find ways to integrate the newer groups with the existing 'core' group in order to expand

the body of the TES membership. Both old and new values are important; having them work together is vital.

LADY SABRINA

Greetings,

I'm Lady Sabrina and I've been involved with TES for almost 20 years. I was very pleased and excited when elected to the Board 2 years ago and have found those years to be a rewarding experience.

TES has always been home for me and I've worked hard to try to share with others the feelings of safety and warmth I've felt here.

My suggestion to invite members of the local BDSM community groups to present at TES through programs like the Minorities Panel (which consisted of people with different racial, sexual and gender orientations), the S&M History panel, the Community groups panel, etc. gave us the opportunity to expose people who are unaware of TES to the joys and privileges of being a part of this incredible organization.

I've always believed that the best way to learn about an organization is to volunteer so in addition to being a member of the board, I am vice-chair of the Community Relations and Programming and Educations Committees. I'm the co-facilitator of the DW/sm Group, former facilitator of the Spanking Group and on the Operations Committee. Throughout the years I've presented and/or volunteered at meetings, workshops and most major TES events as well as donating items, time and money to our fundraisers.

The growth and well being of TES is important to me and as a member of the Board I will continue to promote and support TES throughout the BDSM community.

Thank you,
Lady Sabrina

VALENTINE

I have been in the BDSM scene both publicly and privately since the early 1980's. In my vanilla life, I have been able to give back to my community. As a coach,

foster parent and helping with a local church's soup kitchen. These were virtues instilled upon me by my parents. It's easy to sit back and let others do the work but getting involved is what counts.

This has also carried into my BDSM aspects. While perhaps saying hello to the new comer or someone who hasn't been around I'm looking to do much more. In business getting things done in a timely fashion and making sure all parties come to a positive conclusion has always worked well. Hoping to take some of my

personal virtues and my business values and put them to work.

The thought of helping and seeing the BDSM community grow and evolve in a healthy positive venue is something I want to be part of. Not just sitting on the sideline.

Kind regards,
Valentine

MEET THE CANDIDATES:

Tuesday August 18, 2009, 7:30pm

TES ELECTION:

Tuesday September 8, 2009, 7:30pm

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