



BALLOT - 2018 Board of Directors Election

Hello Members,

It's that time of year again! Please take a few minutes to read through the candidate statements and get to know those who plan to join the Yukon Quest Board of Directors. As a member, knowing the people who will direct the organization on our journey forward will allow you to communicate your vision and concerns directly. Participating is one of the most important ways you can contribute directly to the success of the Yukon Quest. We appreciate your time and consideration of these candidates. This is your race...be involved!

This year, we received three applications for the three vacant seats. The Nominating Committee has reviewed these applications and can attest that all three are members in good standing or will be by May 30th, 2018.

Voting Process

Your vote will remain confidential

- Your membership must be current on May 30th, 2018 for your vote to be counted.
- All ballots, whether emailed or mailed must make the voting member identifiable **for membership verification purposes only**. Ballots returned for which we cannot determine the member's identity will not be counted.
- There are three ways to submit your ballot:
 1. Reply by email with your marked ballot to Alaskaoperations@yukonquest.com
If you're unable to edit (mark) your ballot electronically, an email with your vote(s) in the message body will be accepted.
 2. Mail your completed ballot to:
Yukon Quest
Attn: AGM
550 First Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99701
 3. Bring the ballot to the Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM) at La Quinta on May 30th at 6:00 pm.
- A mailed or emailed ballot must be **received** by 3:00 pm, May 30th, 2018 to be counted.
- Candidates will have an opportunity to address members at the AGM. Once voting closes, all ballots will be counted and results will be announced. If you will be in town, come to the AGM to meet the candidates and vote.

Alaska Board of Directors Nominees

All candidates are running unopposed for three year terms.

_____ Louise Russell

_____ Isaac Jackson

_____ Michael A. Stepovich

Yukon Quest

*Annual General Membership Meeting
May 30, 2018
6:00 PM
La Quinta*

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2018 Board of Directors Election Candidate Statements

Louise Russell

My name is Louise Russell from Dogbooties.com

Vision for the Quest: That the Quest remains a long distance sled dog race focused on the dogs, mushers and the spirit of the trail. Integrity and financial stability are both important for success along with transparency, insightful, engaged volunteers and operational staff will be the norm. Sponsors will be proud to support the YQ and educational opportunities are to be embraced in a way to increase the knowledge of and love for sled dog racing.

Vision mesh with the Goals: My vision aligns very well with the stated Mission, Core values and Vision of the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race. If we seek integrity and honesty at all levels we will have a race that is respected as well as admired.

Background: As a Registered Nurse I worked in surgery prior to opening my own small business, Dogbooties.com 25 years ago. I was a board member for the John Beargrease Sled Dog Race and Goodwill of Duluth, MN. I have participated and chaired several boards in Rotary International. I have been a longtime sled dog race supporter, community volunteer and was awarded Business Person of the Year in 2009 by the University of Minnesota. In 2014 I relocated my entire business from MN to AK in part to be more closely connected to the sled dog community of AK.

Isaac Jackson

My name is Isaac Jackson, born in Grand Marais, MN and brought to Alaska in 1985. In the future there will be a waiting list in order to compete in the Yukon Quest because the race has expanded the field to the maximum. I will help organize and promote the Quest, keeping it sustainable and in a positive light showing dog mushing is a safe and humane sport that is a big part of the greatest state - Alaska. The Yukon Quest will continue to grow by keeping the younger generation interested in mushing.

I graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) with a Civil Engineering B.S., and now I am a registered Environmental Engineer working for Doyon Utilities (DU) overseeing the Air Compliance Program (ACP). For the ACP I manage training, projects, employees, and consultants to ensure DU complies with regulations. I am an active member of the Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA) currently past Chairman, after serving as Chair and Vice-Chair. I have worked to get UAF students sponsorships to attend A&WMA conferences in Boise, ID (2017) and Stevenson, WA (2015). In 2017 my student team won third for the A&WMA Environmental Challenge. I will bring this energy and experience to the Yukon Quest Board.

Michael A. Stepovich

My name is Michael Stepovich and I am a lifelong Alaskan from Fairbanks. Growing up in the Interior, I have several fond memories of the Quest. Going forward, my vision is to increase community involvement to better assist in the preparation and preservation of the Yukon Quest. This vision aligns with the mission statement and core values of the Quest. Currently I am a Financial Specialist for Doyon Utilities. My job consists of preparing an annual operating and maintenance budget for Fort Wainwright, while coordinating and planning several meetings. In addition to my finance background, I sit on the Borough Planning Commission. This position helps me to understand rules and policy preparation and adaptation. Preserving our history and special interests is one of my highest priorities. My finance background, ability to analyze budgets and time on the Borough Planning Commission will make me an asset to the Yukon Quest Board of Directors.