



NOMINATING STATEMENTS: Alumni Association President

Sam Moore

Full Name: Samuel David Moore
Alumni Year: 2009
Position Running For: E-Board President

HOBY to me means everything. It has honestly become my life. Not a day goes by that I don't somehow think of the different lessons I have learned, the friends that I have made, and/or the cheers that I feel like spontaneously bursting into. I love HOBY and the people that are involved with it with all of my heart and soul. Every day I try to live and spread the HOBY message of love, understanding, and service to other people in hopes that it can bring them the immense levels of joy that it has brought me. In this same spirit, it is my hope and desire that you will vote for me for the position of Executive Board President of the Alumni Association of NYE. As E-Board President I would use the organization and leadership skills I have gained by being a part of the 2010 HOBY Seminar's J-Staff (GO GREEN), my tenure as HOBY Area 3 President for the 2009-2010 year, my time as President of La Salle Institute's Student Senate, and the skills that I have learned that come with being an Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America. As Area 3 President I helped to plan a CLeW and also acted as the Regional Food Bank liaison for HOBY NYE, planning many service events and initiating a very beneficial relationship between the two groups. I have also attended many E-Board meetings and know and understand the responsibilities that the E-Board President is required to fulfill. I have a plethora of ideas for improving and expanding upon the projects started by last's years E-Board, including (but not limited to), posting the minutes of the E-Board online, working to ensure better communication between HOBY adult leaders and the alumni, providing better guidance when helping Areas organize their CLeW, and taking various steps to ensure that the HOBY spirit does not die down after the seminar is over. If elected President, I promise to always be approachable, to respond to all e-mails and messages in the quickest possible manner, and to work as hard as I can to make 2010-2011 one of the best post-seminar years that NYE has seen yet. Please consider me for your vote for HOBY NYE E-Board President. Thank you for your time.

HOBY Hugs,
Sam Moore



NOMINATING STATEMENTS:

Alumni Association Vice President

Shilpa Taneja

My name is Shilpa Taneja and I just attended HOBY in June (2010)! I enjoyed HOBY so much that I really want to stay involved by running for the upcoming E-Board vice president. HOBY taught me how to become a great leader while staying involved in my community and not being afraid to always be myself. I would love to continue spreading these ideas to all of HOBY's future alumni and by being involved with the E-Board, I will successfully be able to do that. I would make a great vice president for HOBY because I am extremely organized and involved, and I also have prior experience in the position. I am currently involved in many activities in school including Student Government and the school newspaper, and I have also been nominated for and attended leadership conferences in the past. Most importantly, I held a position for the 'Building Council' at Shaker High School, a club involving teachers, parents, and students who all meet and discuss ways to improve the school through many different projects and activities. This helped me become a better leader in my school and my community. I am so excited to stay involved and become an active member of my community through HOBY! I have already begun doing volunteer work, and I plan to continue this throughout the rest of my life. I am also attending the HOBY World Leadership Conference this month, and I cannot wait to meet so many other people who feel exactly the same way that I do. I have been inspired to be a great leader because of HOBY, and I hope to inspire others as the vice president of the HOBY E-Board!



NOMINATING STATEMENTS:
Alumni Association Secretary

Marissa Gates

Hey HOBY! My name is Marissa Gates and I would like to be the NYE Secretary for the next year. I was a HOBY ambassador in 2009 and a member of the junior staff this past year. I am extremely committed to HOBY, serving on the area 3 board for the previous year and feel confident that I can work well as secretary. I have a lot of experience with HOBY: I attended a CLEW my freshmen year, planned one this year, and I have worked to attend as many HOBY events as I can. I would be honored to serve as your 2010-2011 HOBY NYE Secretary! HOBY HUGS!



NOMINATING STATEMENTS: Alumni Association Public Relations

Stephen Bernier

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NYE 2009 WLC 2009
Public Relations

I feel in order to be fair to the people voting, i think a brief explanation of who i am is in order. My Name is Stephen Bernier, and i go to Chateaugay Central School in Franklin county! I live about 5 minutes from the Canadian border in northern NY! I am going to be a Senior this school year and i have involved in HOBY now for 2 years now, i guess it is! I am very creative and i love to express myself through anything creative. I love to design things on the computer and i love creating things such as business cards, flyers, posters, slide shows, anything like that. I am in love with GLEE and love such artist as LADY GAGA!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I hope that allows you to catch a bit of my personality if you don't know me!

Through HOBY I've learned so much about people and myself. I've learned that with leadership comes much responsibility. Us, as youth can make a difference in society and can inspire and educate others to take the journey to volunteer as well. I've met people from all over the world and I miss them greatly. But I've realized wherever they might be and wherever I might go, there will always be someone there for me. Through a passage dedicated to service, we can change the world. I've learned that I can be myself. HOBY to me is an outlet where i can express myself, and where i can communicate my thoughts and share to everyone else who i am. I'm not a shy person, i'm actually quite outgoing, but HOBY allows those who are shy the opportunity to share what they want to contribute to the world. This is an ideal which is very important to me. Above all HOBY does not judge, no matter race, gender, or sexuality, HOBY is there to provide, to those interested, the necessary skills to be a future leader, and to change the world. And this quality is what attracts me to HOBY above all!

I feel i hold the responsibility and the necessary skills needed to fulfill this position to the best of my ability, and I think i would be a positive attribute to the alumni board. I have been involved in HOBY for a few years now, and i am absolutely dedicated to this outstanding program. The second i took one step into the dining hall my Alumni Year i knew i was at home, and these people surrounding me were about to be my friends and a part of my family. To this day i still fully believe this. After that i knew i wanted to stay involved with HOBY, i wanted to take the journey of volunteering. I was so enthralled with my experience at HOBY NYE i applied for HOBY WLC in Washington DC. That was one of the most amazing experiences in my life. For people who went I know you know how i feel, and for people who didn't NYE has better cheers!!! Being a J-Staff for HOBY 2010 was as equally incredible, and i will never forget it! But what's important for this position is that you possess the dedication and creative thinking to promote all of the future Alumni events. So don't vote for me because i was on J-staff and that makes me great, Don't vote for me because i went to WLC, but vote for me because you think i will bring something amazing to HOBY because bringing something amazing is what i hope to do!

I have been involved with many extra curricular activities which provides me with quality leadership skills. I am

president of National Honor Society, Yearbook and AV Club, French Club, and also am the senior class representative of Student Council. I am involved in many other activities such as Mock Trial, Model OAS, Senior Chorus, Senior Band, Jazz Band, Musical, Drama Club, Theatre Camp, and am an active volunteer at my local hospital. As president of AV/Yearbook club i was in charge of the 2010 yearbook and creating the many pages within the yearbook. Within the past few years i have been in charge of creating the monthly newsletter on and off. This newsletter is for the purpose of creating awareness for the activities at school and updating the activities that have just happened and the outcome of these activities. I also helped create last year's senior slide-show. I am also an active photographer at many events at school, and am often the first to go to if there needs to be some photos taken. I also have taken College classes over at Clarkson University which was every weekend for 5 weeks in the morning til the afternoon. This class was for creativity and imagination. Here we had to create logos, posters, and express ourselves using such programs as Photoshop and programs like that. I can use Photoshop very well, and am well accustomed to almost any camera. For HOBY i was the Area 6 president, and we completed the can's for the community area project and also did the relay for life. I also helped out James, the webmaster, for whatever he needed me to do. For this year's Relay For Life I created a logo to provide HOBY with some advertising and an unique way to show that HOBY is dedicated. But all in all, I am very good with technology, i am very creative, and i feel i could contribute a lot to HOBY by being involved in the Public Relations. I also attached a photo from the relay with the picture of the logo.



Stephen Witkiewicz

Name: Stephen Witkiewicz

Alumni Year: 2009

Position Applied for: Public Relations

1). HOBY to me is a collection of outstanding people who really want to make a difference in the world. HOBY people come from all races and walks of life. Every single type of person possible is represented in the HOBY community. The one uniting thread that bonds each and every "HOBYer" together is the motivation to lead change and make a difference for those who need it most. A HOBY person does not do this for any sort of self gain, but just to help others. All HOBY alumni are bonded by a strong connection of love and caring that supports this spirit of giving. To me, that is the true HOBY spirit.

2). I feel there are many reasons why people should vote for me for Public Relations on the 2010-2011 E-Board. I have experience with the E-board as last year's secretary. HOBY is also a huge, influential part of my life. I continue to volunteer with HOBY such as being on J-staff this past year. I also help to plan events such as the Plattsburgh Relay for Life and other things to promote HOBY and give back to the community. If I am elected I will continue to plan these events and will try to plan even more. Some possible future events could include another CLeW, as well as other events for all alumni to participate in. Of course, as a Public Relations person I would advertise all these events and many more very well and attempt to get all active NYE alumni to participate.

3). I feel that I possess a great deal of qualifications and experiences for this position. My past experience on the E-Board is certainly a plus for this. Also, have a great deal of qualifications in school that have provided me with experiences that will be useful for me to bring to the E-Board. In my school, I am president of the Student Body, Math Honor Society, Business Club, National Honor Society, Key Club, and vice president of my class (2011) as well as strongly involved in a variety of other clubs and activities. These past experiences provide a strong leadership base that I can bring to the E-Board. The many events I have to plan, organize and advertise give me great experience for public relations. In fact, these opportunities have allowed me to develop a strong advertising ability that I would like to bring to the HOBY E-Board.

4). I feel that I would make a great candidate for public relations on the 2010-11 E-Board because of my many experiences and qualifications. Sorry I could not make it to the fundraiser I am out of town, but I hope you guys have a great time and raise a lot of money!!! I also would like to say that no matter who you vote for, I think you're all OUTSTANDING and I love you all just for being a part of HOBY!

Dustin Maguire

Public Relations

I truly never could have imagined how much my life would change as a result of the HOBY seminar. Not only did I find who I was as a person, I found out how I want to live my life, and what I want to stand for. I strongly believe that volunteers should find something they are absolutely passionate about therefore their entire heart can be in it. For some people this may be raising awareness for a disease, helping the homeless, or possibly climate awareness. Although I do find myself interested in most causes, the past year has given me the realization that educating youth about leadership and community service through HOBY was something that absolutely made me tick. It's something I now could not see missing from my life. I now know that I have made a lifetime commitment to HOBY and love the fact that I am able to impact many other causes through HOBY.

I lead with my heart. It's as simple as that. I know I am going to make an OUTSTANDING Public Relations Officer because of my commitment to HOBY as well as my ability communicate with others and make things happen. I'm always tied in with different networking sites such as [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) which is essential in ensuring HOBY alums are aware of events and activities.

I am truly honored to have this opportunity to possibly be a part of the Alumni Board and there is no doubt in my mind that I will be able to bring new and exciting ideas to get as many HOBY alum involved as possible.



NOMINATING STATEMENTS:

Area 1 President

Alexa Rivera

Hey everyone my name is Alexa Rivera and I am a 2010 HOBY alumni. I am so excited to be running for Area 1 Club President. Before I went to HOBY people would ask me what I thought it would be like and I would always respond "Well. I really don't have any expectations; I'm just going to see how it goes." But truth is, that was a complete LIE. I am, like most of you, a over enthusiastic-crazy driven- passionate to the point of severe lack of sleep-above thrilled person, and being that person, my expectations for most things are VERY high. And HOBY was no exception. When expectations are that high, things tend to fall short. HOBY was different because it far exceeded my already high expectations by light years. HOBY was an unforgettable experience that has touched my life and heart. Because it has affected me so deeply, I would love to be Area 1 president so I can help create HOBY into a chain reaction, and help its positive messages influence other people's lives, even if they have no idea what "hey burrito" means. HOBY means so much to me and I not only want to stay involved with it but NEED to and WILL stay involved. I would love your vote for Area 1 President because I know that all of us have great ideas and I am very willing to listen to ideas, plan for new projects, make calls and emails, and keep everyone organized and participating in this family that has come to mean the world to us. As far as experience I am president of two clubs in school but I think what makes me most qualified for this position is my passion for this program and willingness to put the time and effort forward to make a difference. Before I close I would like to thank you all. I do not know who you are, what your name is, what your past was or your future holds, what your hopes and dreams are or anything about you. But I do know, that in some way-you are involved in HOBY, and for that- I thank you and I love you.

peace love and robots,
alexa



NOMINATING STATEMENTS:

Area 3 President

Lindsay Lee

Alumni Year: 2010

What does HOBY mean to you?

Entering the HOBY seminar, I had no idea what to expect. Perhaps a few keynote speakers and some trust building exercises. I had expected to have a good time and learn a little about group leadership. I did not, however, expect to learn so much about myself. I always felt myself to be very self-actualized but HOBY opened up a whole different world within my own mind that I had never known before. HOBY, to me, meant a whole new understanding of other's leadership techniques and my own underlying insecurities that were soon cast off with the first verse of "Hey, Burrito". HOBY means more to me than most experiences I have had the chance to encounter

Why should people vote for you?

After leaving the seminar with a large feeling of HOBY spirit and spirit for my community, I immediately began working on the Area 3 community service project. I began researching Aveda and the Ronald McDonald house's recycling systems for the soda can pop-tabs and screw tops. I spoke on the phone several times with the current Area 3 president, drafting a SMART Goals mission statement for the project, listing instructions for other Area 3 ambassadors. I spoke with my school's Key Club, Student Senate, Environmental Club and Students for Peace and Survival, encouraging the individual members and the clubs as a whole to help me with the Area 3 effort. I feel a strong devotion to this project and have already raised 674 top and tabs from graduation parties and other events. I believe my esprit de corps for Area 3 is a driving force behind my desire to be the president of Area 3.

What experience/qualifications do you possess that make you a strong candidate for the position?

I am the secretary of my school's Key Club next year, which requires me to communicate ideas and functions to a large group of people as well as holding a Student Senate treasurer officer position as a junior, which requires me to mediate between my own class and the entire student body. Both of these skills lend themselves well to being the president of such a large area. I am an extroverted leader with strong initiative and am very easy to communicate with. I am available on many social networks to spread the word about projects and opportunities to help other ambassadors to serve the community and our area. At the HOBY seminar, I was one of 5 girls interviewed by the Alumni Panel to attend the Los Angeles leadership seminar and felt that the interview experience was quite rewarding and a wonderful learning opportunity. I was also nominated for the World Leadership Conference in Washington twice as well as being nominated for the National Youth Forum on Medicine in Boston for 2010.

Is there anything else that we should know about you before we vote?

Due to the fact that I am taking 3 SAT II's and the SAT I's next year, if the weekend of HOBY falls on the same weekend, I will not be able to apply for JStaff but if I were to win the presidency for Area 3 I would make every effort to be available for the duration of the year. I would like to win the presidency to further implement the recycling project and have more jurisdiction to garner more support from the other ambassadors. I attend Bethlehem High School and live in Slingerlands which is not exactly a central location in Area 3 but I believe I can effectively facilitate the Area 3 ambassadors and alumni. I also am not fully available this summer due to the fact that I was accepted into the Vassar Pre-college (Summer Institute for the Gifted) program which runs from July 11th to the 31st and I am also traveling to Greece and Istanbul from August 17th to the 28th. I will, however, still be easy to contact and communicate with even though I will not physically be in the area.



NOMINATING STATEMENTS:

Area 5 President

Stephen Masterson

My name is Stephen Masterson, I recently participated in the HOBY NYE Seminar and I would like to nominate myself for the position of Area 5 Club President. I am new to HOBY, and yet it already carries great meaning in my life. Attending the seminar was an amazing experience that I will never forget. I met some great people and learned great leadership skills. But the seminar was just the beginning. HOBY's volunteer opportunities have had a very positive effect on my life. I had volunteered and done service before with my school and parish, but HOBY adds a new, fresh twist with all its great people and fun cheers. At the seminar, I went to the Eddy nursing home, and I can honestly say it was the most rewarding experience of the weekend. Nothing is better than the feeling of helping others. I also attended the Relay for Life in Guilderland, and it is still one of the best nights of my summer so far. I have only had a brief taste of what HOBY is, and it has left me yearning for more.

People should vote for me for Area 5 Club President because I am a great leader and organizer. I have experience in organizing volunteer projects as a Student Senator at La Salle Institute. Along with weekly canned food drives and nursing home visits, I have helped organize Thanksgiving food drives for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Troy, as well as a Christmas Toy Drive. I also volunteer with my local parish, St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park. I can use my leadership skills and experience in organizing service projects in order to both coordinate and motivate the HOBY alumni in Area 5. Together we definitely can make a huge difference in our area.

As far as other qualifications/qualities I possess, I am very trustworthy and accountable. I am ranked first in my class academically and I am captain of the La Salle Masterminds team. I play football, indoor track, and baseball for my school. I participate in the JROTC program at La Salle which stresses truth, honor, and duty. I hold a position as an officer of La Salle's Debate Club. My family, friends, teachers, and coaches place great trust in me, and I hope you will, too. Thank you very much, I look forward to some great times volunteering with HOBY in the near future.

Sincerely,
Stephen Masterson