

Steve Myrick



B. A. - University of Massachusetts at Boston
M. Ed. - Boston State College

San Diego Unified School District - Teacher for 30 years (now retired)

Trek Century Training Program - 4 years as part of 5 person coordinating team and Ride Guide

Worldwide Cycling - For the past 18 years I have spent at least a month each year bicycling in Europe, Australia and Japan. Prior to this I spent 10 years bicycling around Canada, Mexico and the United States.

Smart Cycling Course - successfully completed
Cycling Savvy Course - successfully completed

Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Co-op - 30 years on the Board of Directors, serving at various times as President, Vice President and Treasurer
Old Globe Theater - 20 years as volunteer usher
La Jolla Playhouse - 25 years as volunteer usher
Humphreys Concerts by the Bay - 40 years as volunteer usher
Pershing Middle School - 3 years as volunteer math tutor
San Diego Food Bank - 3 years as volunteer
Hot Chocolate Run - 5 years as Ride Marshal
Bike the Bay - 3 years as Course Marshal
Ride the Point - 3 years as Ride Marshal
CicloSDias - volunteer at 5 different events

Commitment to the SDCBC Mission

Over the past 20 years, I have bicycled in over a dozen European countries, Australia and Japan. Cycling in this many locations has allowed me to observe cycling infrastructure in all of its forms. There is no denying that safe bicycling infrastructure promotes more participation in cycling. There needs to be an organization like the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition to help municipal planners design safe bicycling infrastructure. Yes, cost is an issue, however, so is quality of life. More people using bicycles to meet their everyday needs means less air pollution and fewer green house gas emissions. Cycling in Europe, North America, Australia and Asia for the past 30 years has given me an insight into what safe cycling infrastructure should look like. These past 30 years have taught me that cycling increases when there is safe cycling infrastructure. I support safe cycling infrastructure for experienced as well as novice riders. When cyclists feel safe they cycle more.

Membership and Participation in SDCBC Activities

My commitment to bicycling in San Diego and the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition has a 30 year history. I have been a member of the SDCBC and the California Bicycle Coalition for more than 15 years. During that same period of time, I have volunteered many hours to the SDCBC, including volunteering at five CicloSDias events and at least 3 Bike the Bay rides, including the most recent one in August. This is coupled with more than 5 years as a member of the Council of Clubs. In addition to my SDCBC involvement, I have been a member and/or participant in the rides of the following clubs/groups; San Diego Cyclo-Vets, San Diego Knickerbikers, San Diego Bicycle Club, American Youth Hostels, Sierra Club Bicycle section, the Trek Century Training Program and etc. This 3 decade commitment includes a long term as the exclusive leader of the AYH Saturday rides, several years as a Ride Guide for the Trek Century Training Program and a member of the 5 person leadership/coordinating team for the Trek Century Training Program. One of my responsibilities in this program was explaining safe cycling techniques to participants. My successful completion of both Smart Cycling and CyclingSavy courses has helped me to be a better cyclist and a better ride guide. Whether riding in a group or alone, I practice all of the techniques and skills I learned in these classes and hope that other cyclists observing them will integrate them into their cycling.

Service Experience as a Leader in a Non-Profit or Business Organization and Professional Level Skills in a Field of Use to the Board and SDCBC

I am presently and have been a member of the Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Co-op Board of Directors for more than 30 years. During this time I have occupied several executive positions including, President for ten years, Treasurer for 5 years and Vice President for the past 3 years. As treasurer I was responsible for reading and explaining annual reviews and audits, balance sheets, cash flow statements, quarter vs prior year statements, quarter vs budget statements and etc. I also served on that BOD's Outreach and Education Committee, Executive Comm., Finance Comm., Nominating Comm., General Manager Search Comm. and Bylaws Comm. Attendance at several cooperative retreats, Consumer Cooperative Management Association annual conferences and National Cooperative Grocers' seminars and workshops has honed my skills and knowledge in the areas of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Board participation, Human Resources, marketing, community outreach and executive recruitment.

In addition to the many professional skills I have acquired being on the People's BOD I have received Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training in my capacity as a volunteer usher (for 20 years) at the Old Globe and La Jolla Playhouse theaters. I was employed by San Diego Unified School District for more than 30 years as an educator. During this employment besides the academic classes I taught, I participated in parent education workshops, text book adoption committees, staff interview/hiring committees and I taught a bicycle repair and maintenance advisory class which included a section on safe cycling.

Personal and Professional Character

As a member of the People's BOD I have signed both a Code of a Conduct and a Code of Ethics document annually. My integrity has never been questioned at any time during my tenure on the People's BOD. My professional demeanor has allowed me to remain silent regarding personnel issues as well as business issues. I have no personal, financial or business interests relationships that might present a conflict of interest with the SDCBC. I have no reason to provide anything other than intelligent, well thought out and factual information when communicating with the SDCBC BOD, its employees or the San Diego community at large.

An Ability and Willingness to Bring Resources to SDCBC

A donation of at least \$250.00 or a minimum of 10 hours of my time is no problem in light of my previous involvement, contributions and commitment to the SDCBC. My intention is to increase both my monetary contribution and my voluntary hours contribution.

Some suggestions I have for increasing membership are setting up information tables at Farmers Markets, colleges and universities and using social media more effectively. A tie-in that would increase membership and fund raising is that SDCBC solicit discounts to SDCBC members from local bike shops. In return SDCBC could feature a link to the bike shop on its website. This would act as an incentive for people to join the SDCBC and an increase in membership would mean an increase in donations. Another idea is to offer a free Smart Cycling class to ride leaders from local bike clubs. When this individual returns to the club and explains all of the things he/she learned it would interest other club members to take this class. This could be extended to include businesses, by offering group discounts for their employees to Smart Cycling classes. Safe cycling techniques are more important now than previously due to the increase in the number of electric bike riders. I would recommend that SDCBC make a major effort to increase the number of classes to focus on this issue. I would be happy to be part of this effort.

My goals as a member of the SDCBC BOD are to 1) make the organization financially secure, 2) improve and increase safe bicycling infrastructure in San Diego, 3) increase membership in the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, 4) provide educational opportunities for cyclists and motorists and 5) have the SDCBC be recognized as the local source for bicycle related information.