

Barry's election statement

My name is Barry Auskern, and I will be running for President of the SMAC Board of Directors. While I'm not sure that I would be able to perfectly fill Donna's shoes, I do think that I have a number of skills that would help me to be effective as President. I'm very organized; I can make sure that a meeting stays focused and on point; and I tend to get along with most people who I work with. I've served on the Board of Directors in the past; I currently run the Thursday night track sessions; and I also volunteer for Greenfield H.S. as an assistant coach for cross country and indoor track. I know that one of SMAC's biggest strengths is the enthusiasm and energy of the membership - we run a fantastic 10-miler race, sponsor an amazing Tuesday night cross country series, and have a very well organized youth track program. My job will be to keep the good stuff going and to try not to interfere too much. If I had a specific goal as President, it might be to get the Sunday fun runs up and going again. When I first was a SMAC member, I can recall there being easily 30 people showing up each Sunday for a group fun run, followed by a potluck brunch. For some reason, those slowly faded out over the years until now they are just a distant memory. I always thought they were a lot of fun, and with so many SMACers marathon training, I've wondered why they aren't more popular. But apart from that, my goals are simply to help coordinate and delegate.