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Most if not all eligible voters are well familiar with my experience and qualification for the position of Steering Council Member.

I have volunteered with LICCB for four full seasons and served as its Chair for the last two.

Getting people onto the water is the primary way the boathouse accomplishes its mission. Public and volunteer participation have grown fourfold during my time with the boathouse. I am proud of the role I have played in the recruitment and retention of dedicated volunteers who deserve all the credit for this impressive growth.

I am familiar with and sensitive to the range criticisms and suggestions that have been presented. This is evident in my support for the formation of a Steering Council.

My vision for LICCB in 2011 involves a path of continued growth in the capacity of boathouse programs that is consistent with volunteer interest and capability.

Safety, as always, is paramount. Fun is almost as important.

Questionnaire:

1) In what LICCB programs have you participated, and in what capacity? How else have you helped the boathouse?

For the past four years, I have participated in almost every program the boathouse has offered in the capacity of participant, volunteer and organizer. I think that I have helped the boathouse by making many more people aware of its existence both by their direct participation and indirectly by having paddlers and their boats being observed more often, in more places and in greater numbers..

2) Where would you like to see the boathouse go in the next year? How would you make this happen?

In the coming year, I think that a high priority should be placed on expanding our human resources to maintain, then expand the programming we have offered. The new Steering Committee will be very useful to systematically organize and share workload and responsibilities which will produce efficiencies which result in

more fun and less stress for all concerned. I intend to make this happen by spending my energy doing more of the things I do best and encouraging others to do the same.

3) What unique or needed skills would you bring to leading the LICCB?

The leadership skills acquired during decades running my own business have been and will be useful to the boathouse. My lifetime boating experience is another valuable resource that is useful to the boathouse and its programs.

4) What specific aspects of the LICCB are you most eager to improve? (There are a lot of possibilities here: sound finances, sponsor relationships, representation at harbor functions, safety, volunteer appreciation and motivation, equipment maintenance, creative and reliable programming, communication, engagement with educators, etc.)

All of the above appeal to me. The two that I am most interested in are creative and reliable programming and representation at harbor functions.

5) What have you enjoyed most in your time with the LICCB and how would you like to share that with others?

For me, one of the most enjoyable aspects of my time with the boathouse has been paddling trips with groups of friends and strangers. I would like to share that with others by creating more opportunities for trips and more variety in duration and difficulty of them.