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The weather is changing, it's cooler, less humid. For me, the next few months (through Thanksgiving) represent some of the best cycling weather of the year. That is why there are so many century rides hosted in and around the tri-state area in the late summer - early fall. Soon, the leaves will begin to turn. Red, yellow and orange will replace the green of summer. Cool, crisp days with lots of sun will be followed by even cooler and crisper nights.

The New York Cycle Club's century, "Escape New York" takes place this month. If you haven't already volunteered or signed up for it, take this as your personal invitation to sign up and ride with us on September 26th. You won't be disappointed.

Nearly as exciting as the ENY, the NYCC opens nominations for positions on the 2010 NYCC Board of Directors. Want to make a difference in the club? Create programs for club meetings? Have ideas to build membership? Work on the web site? Create and encourage club rides? Plan and organize the 2010 Escape New York Century? Ever thought of being the club president? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then it's time to step into the limelight. Members can be nominated at the September and October club meetings. Don't pass up an opportunity to improve your club!

Be safe, be well, and I'll see you on the road.

George Arcarola
President, NYCC

It's Board Nomination Time!

By Carol Krol

Think you have what it takes to serve on the New York Cycle Club board? Do you have great ideas for growing club membership or a hankering for developing great monthly programs and lining up guest speakers? Maybe you are a passionate wordsmith and would like to use your talents as the club's content editor? Is being a member of NYCC all about the rides? If so, maybe stepping up as a ride coordinator or VP of rides suits you.

This is your opportunity to have your ideas implemented by having a direct voice in the management and direction of our club by joining the board. Past and current board members have done so and had great experiences and left their mark on the club. You can, too.

"I decided to run for president because I saw a real opportunity to improve the internal workings of the club, mostly from organizational and process standpoint. At heart I am a problem solver, so I sought to improve our committee structure and the coordination between them. I really enjoyed the sense of accomplishment when my hard work was acknowledged by club members. We managed to get all the SIG and STS programs in sync that spring so as to not converge on the same diner or Metro North Train. I learned a lot about myself and the good character qualities of our fellow

Submit!

Have you a hankering to express yourself in prose? Do you have a wealth of information to share with the NYCC membership? Have you just returned from some far-flung spot and wish to tell everyone about it? Submit! Submit!

members that year when I saw so many come together in times of difficulty. I enjoyed my year leading the Club." -- Jeff Terosky, 2007 NYCC president

"It was my first step into a higher role in the NYCC. I was asked by Stan Oldak, and I had so much fun as a C-SIG co-leader that I wanted to contribute more to the club. It was a way for me to get to know more people in the club. I didn't have a lot of face-to-face contact with members, so it provided me the avenue to put faces with the names. I got to be more involved with the intricacies of the club." -- Kim Jenkins, NYCC Treasurer, 2006-2007

Every year, NYCC elects officers for its board of directors for a one-year term. Nominations opened on September 1 and will be accepted through October 13, 2009. These nominations are solicited from the floor of the membership meetings held in September and October (September 15 and October 13, respectively). Written nominations can also be submitted and seconded directly to the club's President (president@nycc.org) as long as they are submitted by October 13.

The officers of the Club are President; Vice President of Programs; Vice President of Rides; Secretary; Treasurer; Public Relations Director; Content Editor; Webmaster; Membership Director; Special Events Coordinator; "A" Rides Coordinator; "B" Rides Coordinator; and "C" Rides Coordinator.

Each officer is an integral member of the team. Here are some short descriptions, but you are also encouraged to contact the current board member in the corresponding position if you are interested in learning more:

President. The president is the chief executive officer of the Club, representing the Club to all outside parties. He or she makes sure the agenda at all membership and Board of Directors meetings are carried out, and makes sure other elected officers are pursuing the duties of their respective offices.

Vice President of Programs. The Vice President of Programs is responsible for producing special programs at membership meetings with the optional assistance of a committee. In addition, this board member will assume the regular duties of the president if the president shall be incapacitated or in any way unable to perform those duties.

Vice President of Rides. The Vice President of Rides is responsible for coordinating rides that are conducted under the aegis of the Club and ensures they are communicated to the club membership. He or she plans rides that occur in conjunction with special events. This board member also has the assistance of the Rides Coordinators in generating and coordinating ride leadership among the members.

Secretary. The Secretary attends board meetings and keeps a record of all proceedings. This board member also maintains a record of Club policies and provides a copy of the current bylaws, policies, or any minutes, upon request by any member.

Treasurer. The Treasurer keeps an account of all monies received and expended by and for the club. This person makes disbursements authorized by the board and presents a written report of the financial condition of the Club as of the first business day of each fiscal quarter.

Escape New York Ride Director. From forming an ENY Committee to working on sponsorships, promotion, publicity, graphics,

merchandising, volunteers, community contacts, permits, provisions, the ENY Ride Director organizes and oversees the many moving parts that contribute to a successful Escape New York.

Public Relations Director. The Public Relations Director represents NYCC to the media and other organizations on all issues of public opinion in order to win and maintain public support of the Club and cyclists in general. This board member also advises the board on public relations implications of club policy and program decisions, in addition to developing and distributing informational and promotional materials to the public.

Content Editor. The Content Editor is responsible for composing and producing NYCC content that appears on the club Web site, as well as the eWeekly club newsletter. The content editor also handles written communications the board distributes to membership, and any materials submitted for publication by members of outside parties.

Webmaster. The Webmaster is responsible for setting up and/or maintaining the club's Web site and any other electronic publishing systems the board deems appropriate for the benefit of membership, and posts and updates content to the site on a regular basis in collaboration with the content editor.

Membership Director. The Membership Director is responsible for promoting membership in the Club. This person also responds to membership inquiries, receives membership applications and dues payments, forwards dues received to the Treasurer, acknowledges new members, and maintains a roster of members.

Director of Special Events. The Director of Special Events coordinates special events, such as ice cream socials, Tour de France viewing parties, Yankee and Met games and other social events, for all members of the club.

Rides Coordinators. A, B and C Rides Coordinators each, under the direction of the Vice President of Rides, will generate and coordinate ride leadership among their corresponding class of riders.

Finally, here's the official information about the nominating and voting process: All nominations are subject to seconding and to the nominee's acceptance. A list of nominees will be distributed to all members of the Club with a ballot. The ballots are sealed and returned to the board-appointed designee(s) at or before the monthly club meeting in November, at which time the committee designated to counting the ballots will open and count them. In the event of a tie for any board position, a special written ballot election, for the undecided office only, will be held at the current or -- if not possible -- the next membership meeting.

Any member may hold any elective office, except that candidates for President and Vice Presidential offices must be members for at least one year before taking office.

Each officer is elected for a one-year term to run concurrent with the calendar year. Officers are installed at the first Club meeting following the annual election. Officers are eligible for re-election, except that the President may not serve more than three consecutive elected terms.

New York Cycle Club runs on volunteers at every level: from rides to special events to board positions. This is your chance to make a real difference on behalf of our membership. We hope you'll consider giving back to NYCC by throwing your hat in the ring.

September Rides

To see this month's rides listed by the week or month, [click here](#).
(password required)

September Events

For a list and description of this month's events, [click here](#).

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