



2014-2015 Executive Board Elections Packet

# Hey HOBY!

It's time to elect an OUTSTANDING new E-Board to steer our Alumni Association for the next year! We hope that you'll stay involved with us, participate in alumni association service events and social events when you're able to, work toward completing your 100 Hour Pledge, and log your hours on HOBY Online – and also that you'll help us to select some OUTSTANDING leaders for our E-Board.

To vote, take the time to read the nominating statements that your fellow alumni have submitted for your consideration. Everyone who has nominated themselves is passionate about the program and put a lot of effort into the statements they prepared for you. After reading the statements, please vote for your choices for E-Board President, Vice President, Secretary, PR, and the Area President for your Area by completing the [2014-2015 HOBY NYE E-Board Election Voting Form](#)

Your votes will determine which alumni hold the following contested positions in our E-Board next year:

Public Relations, Area 1 President, Area 3 President

Alumni running for positions uncontested will be appointed by our outgoing E-Board.

The positions being decided are:

**President** - As President of the Alumni Association you are to keep open lines of communication with all HOBYS Alumni and Staff. You are to bring new ideas to the group and help facilitate the work of the Area Clubs in order for them to accomplish their goals. You are to organize and run Alumni Association Meetings. Your primary job is to mentor the Area Club presidents and keep alumni enthusiastic about the activities and events. Must be a second year alum or older.

**Vice President** - As Vice President you work with the President and all other Alumni Officers to organize projects and events, help the president come up with new ideas, and assist with mentoring the Area Club Presidents. You should be encouraging alumni participation with projects. Must be a first year alum.

**Secretary** - You are organized. As Secretary you keep minutes from all E-Board Meetings, and after the meetings you should type the minutes and send them to the Alumni Advisor so they can be posted on the website. Keep track of what is going on in each area and help come up with new ideas. You will work closely with the Public Relations officer to develop content for advertising, etc. and with the Alumni Advisor to create Alumni Association reports. All alumni are eligible.

**Public Relations** - ADVERTISE! Make flyers for events and send them to the Advisor to get them posted on the website. Contact outside vendors to get fundraisers set up. Make sure Facebook, Yahoo! Groups, and any other networking is being used to advertise for events in order for maximum turnout at events. All alumni are eligible.

**Area Club President** - The main purpose of the Area Club president is to keep alumni in their respective area active. Keep communication lines between yourself and the E-Board open in order to complete projects and get new ideas. You will be the bridge between the E-Board and the alumni from your area, and as such you will be responsible for keeping them informed and involved. Work on completing the 1:1:1 challenge, meaning one social event, one service project, and one CLeW in each area. 1:1:1 should not limit you, but it should guide you. Do service projects and social events. If there is already a CLeW established in your area keep it going! If not, check out the planning guide and try to get one set up in your Area. Once elected it is recommended that you recruit a group of alumni to assist you (perhaps as a mini-board). All alumni are eligible.

## Position: President (1)

Ryan McCormick and Anum Hussain

During the 2013-2014 HOBY year we have worked tremendously well together to better the HOBY community, and we have come to the conclusion to run as E-Board Co-Presidents together. Here are our respective nominating statements!

Ryan McCormick  
HOBY NYE 2013 alumnus  
HOBY NYE AA Area 3 President 2013-2014  
HOBY NYE 2014 J-Staff

As the outgoing Area 3 President I believe I have done a substantial amount of work to better the HOBY community, which is why I believe I am the perfect fit for the E-Board President. I have worked with Anum for the past year making sure Area 3 completes the 1:1:1 challenge, which it did. During this past year some of the events I managed with HOBY include; two HOBY hangouts, a CLeW, a HOBY carwash, and a blankets day which will benefit local children's hospitals. One of my greatest accomplishments through HOBY was logging my 425+ hours since seminar of 2014. This push, physiologically through outgoing E-Board President Bradley Cech, has made me receive some of the best things I could ask for such as becoming a 2014 J-Staff and receiving the Lt. John Finn Community Service Award through the Albany County Dept. of Youth, Children, and Families. Outside of HOBY I am president of the Cohoes High School Class of 2015, Student Council, and Cohoes High Schools branch of National Honor Society. HOBY has changed my outlook on life, and I hope to soon be the next E-Board co-president with my now, lifelong friend, Anum Hussain

Anum Hussain  
HOBY NYE 2013 alumnus  
HOBY NYE AA Vice President 2013-2014  
HOBY NYE 2014 J-Staff

As the former Vice President of E-Board, I know that this is a position that I have been prepared for and can successfully fulfill. Since my seminar in 2013, I have remained an active volunteer both inside and outside of HOBY. Along with being elected the VP of the 2013-2014 Executive Board, I am an active member of the Area 3 Mini-Board, working alongside Ryan to complete and exceed our 1:1:1 challenge, and I was honored to be a J-Staff member at the 2014 seminar. I volunteer at Albany Medical Center and the Colonie Town Library, tutor at a local elementary school, and participate in other fundraising events that have attributed to my 450+ service hours since my seminar. I am also the Senior Co-Chair of my school's Student Government and the Co-Chair of our Girls Take Charge club – both of which are positions that have helped me acquire valuable leadership skills. HOBY has been such an amazing part of my life, and I would be honored to be elected to serve as your E-Board co-president!

## Position: Vice President (1)

Kunika Chahal  
HOBY NYE 2014 alumna

My name is Kunika Chahal and I am interested in running for the vice president position on the HOBY New York East Alumni Association's Executive Board. I am from Mohonasen Senior High School in Schenectady County. Schenectady County is located in HOBY NYE Area 5.

I believe I am extremely qualified to be the vice president of the HOBY New York East Alumni Association's Executive Board. I believe this because I am extremely dedicated to the HOBY aspect of volunteerism, a vital part of the HOBY program. Currently I am volunteering to help feed the poor in India. I have directed several projects including hosting a free breakfast and lunch for anyone who wanted a hot meal, and serving food and donating needed supplies to a large group of homeless handicapped people. I am also a Red Cross Volunteer, a volunteer at St. Peter's Hospital, and was recognized at a Sikh Temple for the volunteering that I complete there every weekend. I am also a peer mediator, a member of Study Circles, a member of Peers for Peace, and a member of International Club; all of which supports HOBY's goals of supporting/promoting diversity and volunteerism. I am also extremely organized and can manage my time well. I also have experience of being in a leadership position being the class president for the last two years and the president/captain of a variety of other groups/teams/clubs. Thus, I believe I can handle the responsibilities of being the vice president of HOBY's E-Board well; and hope to help make a positive impact on the world through HOBY. Thank you.

## Position: Secretary (1)

Kayla Campaña  
HOBY NYE 2013 alumna  
HOBY NYE 2014 J-Staff

Hey HOBY NYE! I am Kayla Campaña from S.S. Seward Institute in Orange County, which is located in Area 1. I am running for Secretary! In the tiny town of Florida, NY where I live, I didn't get many opportunities to reach out to people outside of my community until HOBY came along. Now, I've met so many outstanding people and been able to get involved in various volunteer opportunities, which is why I would like to do everything I can to stay as involved as possible. Holding the position of Secretary for the E-Board would absolutely help me do that! I feel that I have an abundance of qualities that would help me be successful as Secretary. I was Vice President of the Area 1 Board this past year, which helped me to learn the ropes of being on an E-Board to a smaller degree. I am extremely organized to the point where you could say certain things make me look like I have OCD, but I promise I don't. Not only do I keep my things organized, easily accessible, and color coordinate my notebooks in school, I am good at taking complete and thorough notes without being overly wordy. I feel that is something that a Secretary would most definitely need to master. I have also served as an officer for many clubs in my high school, such as Spanish Club, French Club, Newspaper Club, and my high school class, which gives me some experience working with fellow officers to achieve our goals and an idea of what responsibilities I will have as Secretary. Lastly, if elected as Secretary, I will do my absolute best to be open-minded to any criticism or ideas given to help me better myself in this position. Thank you!

## Position: Public Relations (2)

Katherine Curtis  
HOBY NYE 2013 alumna  
HOBY NYE 2014 J-Staff

Hello!

My name is Katherine Curtis. I will be a senior at New Paltz High School in Ulster County, which falls in Area 1. I am running for the Public Relations position on the E-board. An Alumni E-board position would be perfect for me, as it would be the step up from my current position on the Area 1 E-board as the Event Planner (of course, I still plan on being involved within the Area). Together with the other Area 1 E-board members, we put on the first Area 1 CLeW in years. This involved fundraising, coordinating, negotiating, public speaking, some more fundraising, and of course, contacting schools, students, parents, and guidance counselors. I was asked to coordinate with community members to organize local fundraisers, something that would be required of me on the Alumni E-board. I plan on also using these skills to map out and note the details for future events to ensure the best possible turnouts. Additionally, I served as a class president for the last three years. From this, I have also gathered valuable skills about the art of fundraising. I have also had to use my artistic skills to work on banners, t-shirt designs, prom forms, prom decorations, and more. These two experiences alone have allowed me to adopt great communication skills that I would plan to utilize as a member of the Alumni E-board.

Thanks!

Caitlyn Hunt  
HOBY NYE 2013 alumna  
HOBY NYE AA Public Relations 2013-2014  
HOBY NYE 2014 J-Staff

I'm a 2013 HOBY Alumni, I was a junior staff member this year as well as the public relations person for the executive board. I enjoyed being the public relations person and would love the opportunity to serve again. HOBY has had a wonderful impact on my life and will help in the future and I would love the opportunity to share it with others.

## Position: Area 1 President (2)

Crae Wilkins  
HOBY NYE 2013 alumnus  
HOBY NYE AA Area 1 President 2013-2014  
HOBY NYE 2014 J-Staff

Having been Area 1 President this past year and also J-Staffing at the NYE seminar, I feel like returning to the position this year would be a great way to not only use the vast network of alumni we have in the area to create new projects and opportunities, but to greatly expand and improve upon some of the ideas we implemented last year. For example, Area 1's CLeW was a wonderful experience, but, being new to the E-Board realm, it was definitely a feat for my extremely talented and engaged colleagues in the area board and myself to accomplish. Given the opportunity this year, I would hope to not only smooth over some of the cracks from less well thought out programs but also bolster, challenge, and engage our alumni with new and community-oriented service projects.

Eliana Lopez  
HOBY NYE 2014 alumna

I am diligent student, but not only that. I work with the community and athletics as well as after school clubs and activities. I work hard and put my dedication in to my work. I have the creative mind and I strive for my goals. Last year I achieved over my \$500.00 donation goal for the Philippines by over \$100.00. I'm also planning on other projects similar to those for my school Interact Club for this year. I would like to practice my creative mind on HOBY, as Area 1 Club President. Helen Keller, an inspirational woman who did the "impossible" once said, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." I know that I have the confidence and faith in myself for this position. Thank you for taking your time.



## **Position: Area 2 President (0)**

No nominations for this position

## Position: Area 3 President (3)

Benjamin Schiher  
HOBYS NYE 2014 alumnus

My name is Benjamin Schiher from the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake High School in Schenectady County. I am in a part of the HOBYS NYE Area #3, and I am applying for the Area Club #3 President.

Becoming the Area #3 Club President I must be able to uphold a attitude with professionalism and responsibility. After participating in the 2014 HOBYS NYE Seminar, I was inspired to become involved with HOBYS. Volunteer service is something that I live by, and I believe that HOBYS is the premier organizations that lives by Volunteer Service. I believe that I am qualified because I have a lot of experience when it comes to working at a position such as Area Club President. I have held the position of Class president since 8th grade and I have been in charge of planning and creating fundraisers to save up for the expensive prom and senior banquet. We are currently over \$5,000 and we need \$10,000. I am also a Cadet Captain in Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force's official Auxiliary. I am the deputy cadet commander in my squadron and I am the Chairman of the Middle Eastern Group Cadet Advisory Council. I am responsible for overlooking the activities of each squadron in our group and I am responsible for planning events for the squadrons in our group. Thank you for your consideration!

Katie Myers  
HOBYS NYE 2013 alumna  
HOBYS NYE 2014 J-Staff

Hi, my name is Katie Myers, I live in Albany County, and this coming school year I will be a senior at Albany High School. I am a 2013 alumnus and I'm a member of Area 3. I'm applying to be Area 3 President.

There are so many reasons why I love HOBYS, one of them being its ability to not force me out of my comfort zone, but gently nudge me to do things that I wouldn't normally be brave enough to do. For the longest time, even after HOBYS I told myself I would definitely stay involved but maybe not front and center with an Area title. HOBYS's main principles along with the people it's connected me with who I've grown to know and love have made me realize that I'm ready for this title and all of the responsibilities that come with it. I have participated in Area 3's mini board, and helped plan our CleW, service project and hangout. I think the mini Board has helped further develop my communication and teamwork skills. I was able to J-Staff at this year's seminar which truly allowed me to find a different side of myself and feel a new level of responsibility and mentorship. I love volunteering, and to be quite honest I became hooked when I started volunteering at the Albany Ronald McDonald House about 2 years ago. And lastly but most certainly not least. I've gladly been shadowing the current Area 3 president and am excited to possibly take the reins. I feel so incredibly dedicated to HOBYS, and would accept this commitment with open arms.

Anthony Moore  
HOBY NYE 2014 alumnus

My name is Anthony Moore. I'm currently registered at Rensselaer High but will likely be going to Doane Stuart and live in Rensselaer County. I'm part of HOBY NYE Area #3 and would like the position of Area Club President. I believe I am qualified for this position because I can be outgoing if needed and am good at clearly communicating with others.

## Position: Area 4 President (1)

Jonathan Bearden  
HOBY NYE 2014 alumnus

Hello E-Board, I hope you are having an OUTSTANDING time reading all of these applications! So, my name is Jonathan Bearden, and I wish to become HOBY Area 4 President. In assuming this position, I understand my responsibilities and believe I fit the criteria to keep Area 4 an active and involved group. Being a HOBY 2014 NYE alumni, I already have the leadership skills needed to run a smooth Area 4. Since May 2014, I have been very persistent with volunteerism and have obtained over 100 hours so far by volunteering at my local YMCA as a camp counselor, and plan for many more hours to come in other areas. I also believe that running a whole Area is not a one man job, and I am very close to the 2014 NYE alumni that are in the Area-4 and together, we have good things to come. Before I even finished at the HOBY NYE Leadership Seminar, I knew I wanted to apply for president because I had such passion for HOBY and what the organization stands for.

In school, I was elected Student Council President and have previous experience in organizing events for fundraising. In the previous year, I organized a school-wide Volleyball Tournament with proceeds to go to Muscular Dystrophy, which made over \$400! I also have organized "Leadership Days" between the high school student council and my local middle school and elementary school's student councils. Basically, at these events, we organized leadership and team-building activities that I learned at the Area 4 CLEW in freshman year and re-taught it to the youth. I stressed the importance of getting involved in the community and staying an active volunteer. I am also very involved in my school's international club and have been vice president since freshman year. This past summer, our club went on a 10 day trip to Spain; immersing ourselves in rich Spanish culture and seeing historical landmarks up close. On this trip, I realized that my true passion is to travel the world and truly make a difference. One non-profit organization that is truly inspiring to me is Doctors Without Borders, and in the future I hope to go in the medical field and become a traveling doctor. In the time between those aspirations of traveling and helping people, I have begun to organize a "color run" with partial proceeds going towards Doctors Without Borders. I believe that becoming Area 4 President will give me the support from HOBY alumni I need to successfully accomplish this event.

I have noticed how Area 4 hasn't had many events where alumni are given the opportunity to come together and organize volunteer projects. I plan to change this. I have attended HOBY hangouts organized by Area 3 and I aspire for Area 4 to become as active and involved. If I'm given the opportunity to become Area 4 President, I plan on being more involved with area hangouts and organizing the Area 4 CLeW. I was truly inspired in my experience at HOBY 3 months ago, and will strive to become a model Area President and represent HOBY with pride and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your time!

## Position: Area 5 President (1)

Lily Herrmann  
HOBY NYE 2013 alumna  
HOBY NYE 2014 J-Staff

As the HOBY 2014 seminar wound down to a close I was overcome with the same desire to make a difference in my community as I did during my ambassador year in 2013. Coming back as a j-staff allowed me to experience HOBY from an entirely different perspective; I realized the ways that HOBY had impacted me when I was an ambassador and worked to emulate that as I shared the weekend with the people that would soon become lifelong friends. Through this past year I've completed nearly 500 community service hours in various fields such as sustainable community development and the fight against global epidemic. I feel as though I represent a city and community, Schenectady, that has not played a pivotal role in HOBY leadership nor embodiment. Because of this, after living in a city that has so much to offer and yet so little delegation, I find myself to have a special drive to facilitate change and volunteerism in Area 5. I hope to encourage all members of Area 5 to complete their L4S challenges as well as for the Area as a whole to complete the 1:1:1 challenge. As president I would want to create an air of transparency between all members, inviting everyone to join the area 5 executive board! I also would like all ideas and projects to be heard by the entire group as a whole and fulfilled to the fullest. Personally, I would like to organize a Habitat for Humanity build for the area service project. After working with Habitat for the last two years I've come to realize what a fantastic ice breaker the labor can be. I've also developed many excellent local contacts within Schenectady County as I've served as the volunteer coordinator and publicity manager in the Doctors Without Borders fundraising event "Schenectady Splash Down" created by myself and my three closest friends. With these contacts we would have many opportunities as an Area to reach out and extend a helping hand. I would also make it my personal goal to organize any other service project brought up by the group! There's no limit to how much a group of dedicated individuals can make a difference. As Area 5 president I hope to facilitate a trend of success in the amount of outreach such a diverse Area can have as well as set a goal to complete the 1:1:1 challenge not just this year, but for all the years to come! Thank you for your consideration in Area 5 presidency!

## **Position: Area 6 President (1)**

Andrew Baker  
HOBY NYE 2014 alumnus

"Hello fellow Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership alumni! I electronically address you at this moment with the humble request to consider me for election for the position of Area 6 President. As a quirky and optimistic youth, I promise you that, if elected, I would offer dogged persistence towards the implementation and development of new service opportunities within Area 6 and the HOBY community at large. I promise you that I will not hold all the answers, but I will relentlessly search to find innovative ways to change the world we live in today. I emphatically ask you to join me in this endeavor, wherever it may take us. HOBY has helped to mold me a pair of 'outstanding' wings. It's time we teach others how to fly."