

Mike Murray, Portland, Oregon (incumbent)

Mike Murray is one of the founders of OBRA, runs the track program and manages the first aid program. Mike also provides expertise with the Finishlynx camera and finish line technology. He has been racing for many decades and his knowledge has been crucial to the success of OBRA.

Michelle Mercer Bazemore, Bend, Oregon

Michelle is a Cat II Road and Track cyclist who lives in Bend, where she is a marketing consultant who specializes in content marketing, public relations, digital media and social media creation and management. As a racer for the Sunnyside Sports Team, Michelle has expanded her riding experience to include mountain bike racing and cyclocross.

Michelle grew up around the sport of cycling (her father is a six-time national champion), but it wasn't until 1998 that she began road racing. The next year, she started riding on the Major Taylor Velodrome in Indianapolis and became hooked. She has competed in three Masters Nationals Track Championships, earning medals in each one, and served four years on the board of the non-profit Major Taylor Action Committee before moving to Bend in 2007.

Michelle is passionate and knowledgeable about the sport of cycling, bringing her experience as a racer, junior coach, advocate, race promoter and fan to any role she fills. She has written numerous articles about cycling for various publications. Michelle coached juniors on the Major Taylor Velodrome for two seasons, and in 2011, served as the Cycling Director for the Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation in Bend. Since 2011, Michelle has worked with Bart Bowen to help Oregon juniors attend Cyclocross Nationals with the CXmas Junior Fund.

Michelle hopes to represent the interests of Central Oregon's competitive cycling community, and to use her marketing and writing skills to help OBRA earn even more recognition and influence.

Steven Beardsley, Portland, Oregon

My name is Steven Beardsley and I am running for the OBRA board this year. I would like to bring my experience and knowledge base to the OBRA board to positively impact OBRA and the cycling community. My experience in cycling began in 2005 as a Cat 5 on the steep banks of the Alpenrose Velodrome. Since then, I have progressed to a Cat 1 racer on the road, track and cyclocross, and have won many of the most prestigious races in the Northwest. Outside of racing, I have gained invaluable insight into the cycling community through coaching, leading a junior cycling team, race promotion, officiating and participating in non-race cycling events. All of these experiences, alongside my desire to give back to the OBRA community and be a part of its continued growth and success, have driven me to run for the OBRA board this year. I am excited to be a candidate, and I hope I get the opportunity to serve on the OBRA community once more by sitting on the OBRA board.

Experience:

- Professional Litigation Project Management background
- Racing since 2004 (Cat 1 in Track, Road, Cyclocross, Cat Pro Mountain Bike)
 - Two time Portland Twilight Criterium Winner - Cat 1-2
 - Three time FIAC National Champion: Six Day, Team TT
 - 14 x Sr. Men's OBRA State Champion: Criterium, Points Race, Keirin, Kilo TT, Pursuit, Team Pursuit, Team Sprint, Madison
 - USAC National Championships: 2nd - Kilo TT, 2nd - Team Sprint, 3rd - Keirin
- Associate Coach with Portland-based Wenzel Coaching
- Head Coach for PDX Devo Junior Cycling Team
- Race Promoter
 - Giro di Portland (2011-2012)
 - St. Honore Criterium (2012)
 - Rose Garden Circuit Race (2012-2013)
 - Alpenrose Heartbreaker (2008-2010, 2012-2013)
 - Cyclocross Crusade Crew (2012-2013)
- OBRA Race Official (Chief Referee)

Jordan Staples, Vancouver, WA

I have been racing in OBRA since 2006 where I competed in the following disciplines: crits, road races, TT's and cross. I became an OBRA official in 2005, where I quickly worked my way up to become a Chief Referee in many different types of racing formats, such as Cross, Road, TT, and Crit events. I have had the ability to work many local and national level stage races. In that time, I have had the opportunity to work closely with many race promoters, both large and small, as well as have direct contact with racers ranging from Cat 5 all the way to Professional/ Sponsored riders on major National level teams. Lastly, I have worked closely with various members of the cycling industry (Oakley, Northwave, GSG.) as well as local businesses that have wanted to enter into cycling through sponsorship concerns (Kell's). It is through all of these interactions that I feel I can bring a unique perspective to the OBRA board as someone who has risen up through the ranks and can empathize with everyone from the local racer through the professional level promoter. For me, being an official/ CR has always been about making OBRA the best it can be (and the best in the country), and by joining the board, I feel that I can continue what I have started by being able to influence the bigger picture of what is at stake for the future of OBRA.