



## Skål International Northern New Jersey

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Eric Braendel  
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SKÅL USA  
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Washington, DC 20002

Dear Eric,

On behalf of Skal International Northern New Jersey, I respectfully submit our endorsement and nomination of **Jim Dwyer for Skal USA VP Administration**

Jim has been a member of SKAL since 1993, starting with the Toledo club where he was elected VP in 1997. He transferred to the Detroit Club soon after, when the Toledo club folded. He was transferred to New Jersey in 1998, and has been with the Northern New Jersey club since then. He joined the board in 2001, and became president in 2009. In 2013 he was elected SIUSA rep, and was elected president again for 2015. Jim is currently serving as Director of Membership since 2017.

In 2003, Jim instituted a holiday toy donation/collection that the club continues to date. He also proposed & initiated 'Friendship Trips' for our club to visit other SKAL Clubs throughout Europe. The initiative was so successful that we have continued the now 'tradition' virtually every year since it began in 2004, coordinating visits with over 30 clubs over the past 14 years.

In 2007, Jim organized the first (of 3) Region 1 dinners in Hightstown, NJ attended by 100 Skalleagues from 17 clubs nationwide.

In 2017 and 2018 he brought together clubs from Northern New Jersey, New York, NEPA, Philadelphia, Long Island and Atlantic City for a great multi club event in Princeton, NJ, which will become an annual event.

Jim has attended 8 NAASC Congresses (Calgary, Jamaica, Bermuda, Puerto Vallarta, Halifax, Boise, Toronto and Playa Mujeres) and 5 SKAL International World Congresses (Antalya, Budapest, New York, Torremolinos and Monaco).

As Social Media Director Jim started the SKAL Toast Challenge, which was adopted and enjoyed by SKAL clubs worldwide. In June he started Membership Mondays to help clubs share ideas about maintaining and growing their membership. To bring more awareness to the SKÅL USA and SKÅL International websites he is starting Website Wednesdays. He has become SKAL's 'Town Crier' who alerts everyone to meetings, special events and significant awards. His mantra is Engage, Entertain and Educate.

Jim is a great ambassador not only for the Northern New Jersey club, but for also for SKAL USA and SKAL International as well. His enthusiasm well suits him for the position of **Skal USA VP Administration**

He is wholeheartedly endorsed by the Northern New Jersey club.

We are pleased to present our nomination, along with our solid endorsement, of Jim Dwyer as a candidate for **Skal USA VP Administration**

Best Regards and SKAL,

Timothy M. O'Neill  
President  
SKALInternational, Northern New Jersey