



ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES SKAL CLUBS  
NATIONAL SKAL COMMITTEE OF U.S.A

**SKAL INTERNATIONAL LONG ISLAND, NY #513**

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October 15, 2020

Skål Candidacy Letter / Director of Membership of Skål USA 2021  
Mark Irgang  
Skål International Long Island/NY

To Fellow Skålleagues:

I am seeking the position of Director of Membership of Skål USA for 2021. I have been an active member (#090029006) since 2014 and have held several positions inclusive of President of Skål Long Island NY (2018-Present)/Vice President (2016-2018), Secretary/Treasurer (2014-2016). I am extremely passionate about the Travel and Tourism Industry and especially Skål and currently hold other top positions in the industry inclusive of President of the Long Island Hospitality Association (2018-Present), Board Member for the New York State Hospitality Tourism Association (2020-Present) and Board Member for Discover Long Island (2016-Present) which is the marketing arm for Long Island (the former Convention Visitors Bureau). When I took over as President of Skål Long Island the club had less than 15 Active Members and was not allowed to vote on any Skal related issues or personnel so I have worked tirelessly to get the Young Skal to "step up" and become active members and have finally achieved a membership level for Skal Long Island that enables us to officially vote on all issues, concerns and personnel moving forward.

I have been so impressed with Skal International that I was motivated to challenge myself during this unprecedented Covid-19 crisis that our Travel and Tourism Industry is facing and initiated the USA-HOSPITALITY STRONG GO FUND ME Campaign for Skal USA by reaching out to the President of NYC-Wayne Lee and getting his support and then extending the reach to the entire Skal USA by presenting the idea to Dave Ryan-President of Skal USA and the entire Executive Committee gaining their full endorsement to launch this amazing fundraising effort. I am humbled to have worked with all of these amazing individuals to raise over \$10,000 for the Campaign as we have distributed the funds to those in need during this crisis and challenge never before experienced by our industry.

I have been in the Travel and Tourism Industry for over 35 years and have been so engaged with the industry since I was young that I worked arduously and was blessed to attend and graduate from Cornell University's School for Hotel and Restaurant Administration learning from the best Professionals in our industry. I aspire to become the next VP of Membership and then work my way up to being the future President for Skal USA. I feel that I can strongly contribute to increasing membership growth through my experiences in my Board positions from the other associations noted above. In my present role as President of the Long Island Hospitality Association, I work closely with the 4 main College Hospitality Programs on Long Island and feel I can generate a lot of interest from those students and others around the USA to increase membership in our distinguished Skal USA Club. I would formally like to ask for your vote and confidence at this time as it would be an honor and a privilege to serve as your next Director of Membership for Skal USA in 2021. I promise to serve Skal with the highest level of professionalism and respect towards others in our amazing industry and to uphold the values and ideals of Skal throughout the USA and the world as we work together to ensure Skal is revered by all in the industry and remains a symbol of Integrity/Respect/Friendship to all around us.

Regards and Skål,

*Mark Irgang*

President Skål Long Island  
Skål International Long Island