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**2017 – 2018**  
**American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation**  
**Board Candidate Profile Information**

**Dear ABSF Board Candidate,**

This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the members of the ABSF. Your contact information and answer to the following question will be included in the Board Election Packet sent to all eligible voting members prior to the election on August 5, 2017. Please submit your profile electronically to [board@birkie.com](mailto:board@birkie.com) by **June 20, 2017**.

**Candidate Name:** Dennis V. Kruse

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**Years of Membership in the ABSF:** 30+

**Occupation:** Retired Law Professor

**Please respond to the following question (feel free to use additional space).**

Why are you interested in being a member of the ABSF Board of Directors and what knowledge and skills do you possess that can benefit the organization?

Since skiing my first Birkie in 1978 and buying a cabin in Cable the following year, my life has been dramatically impacted and all for the best. I feel privileged to give back to an event and lifestyle that has meant so much to me. I feel that I can bring valuable perspectives to the Board. I have organized numerous events, including the Black Bear Biathlon, The Seeley Roller Classic, Telemark Super Tours, and 25 years of the Seeley Hills Classic ski race. I have worked as an official at FIS World Cups and the 2002 Winter Olympics. I became a Worldloppet Master in 1985 and worked for almost 10 years guiding skiers to Worldloppet Races. I was formerly co-owner of Seeley Hills Ski and Bike. I am a past President of CXC and the Birikie and am currently Vice President of the the ABSF Board. For the past seven years I have served on the Executive Board of the Worldloppet representing the overseas nations of the US, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and Argentina. I have embraced these experiences because of my love for the community and culture of cross country skiing.

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Serving on the Board the last couple of years has been particularly rewarding. I would like to continue to work with Ben and the outstanding staff to keep improving the Birkie and the trail infrastructure. I think it is of utmost importance to develop a plan for snowmaking. The philosophy that the Birkie is a year round lifestyle of outdoor exercise for adults and especially children is the foundation of the ABSF.paul  
Please consider voting for me.

**All nomination forms must be received in the ABSF office by no later than June 20, 2017.**

Again, thank you for your interest, and we look forward to receiving your candidate profile and question responses.