

My name is Dale Smith and I'm running for the NAFA<sup>®</sup> Board of Directors. I've been involved in Flyball since 1989. I enjoy both the competition and the friendships that come from Flyball and Flyball tournaments. My dogs and I run with Omaha 4-Play based in Omaha, Nebraska.

I have served NAFA in a number of capacities in the past, including:

- Nine years on the Board of Directors (1998-2003, 2005-2007) with a break due to the 6 year term limit
- NAFA Treasurer
- Chairman and creator of the NAFA Technology committee
- Chair or member of Board committees including Rules, By Laws, Marketing, Judges and Finance
- EJS shipping coordinator
- EJS repairs and maintenance
- Creator of the original NAFA web presence at [www.flyball.org](http://www.flyball.org) for forms, documents and information
- Author of the NAFA database system that provides CRNs, tournament results, points and standings on the web. This system also allows NAFA's distributed network of workers spread across North America to work on a single integrated system.
- Worked with Signature Gear to design our current EJS from their existing Agility and Equine timing technology

My current duties for NAFA, in addition to Board member, include chair of the Technology Committee and webmaster for the NAFA database system. In addition I have a role under the Executive Director as head of Technology and Systems which includes day to day operation of our information systems as well as EJS enhancements and maintenance.

My background in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, as well as my experience working for IBM, has served well as NAFA has progressed to employ technology to provide more timely information to our officials and competitors. We are currently working on electronic sanctioning as well as improvements to the web systems to make hosting a NAFA tournament easier for first-time hosts and veterans alike. I have also designed and built my own Electronic Judging System to better understand the issues involved in this technology.

I presently route the many questions that arrive at NAFA's official email address – [flyball@flyball.org](mailto:flyball@flyball.org). I handle some of the more unusual requests and distribute the others to the staff and many volunteers that serve NAFA across the US and Canada. I also participate in many of the internet email lists that relate to Flyball and dogs in general to insure that participants new and old can find the NAFA information they need.

In addition to a competitor, I have also participated as a Tournament Director, acting Regional Director and NAFA judge. I am currently a supervising judge and have been active as a judge since 1991. As a supervising judge I enjoy working with new judges as they learn the role and progress to be outstanding officials in their own right. Working in the capacity of judge is another great way to enjoy our sport and has allowed me to travel to many different areas across the US and Canada.

I have enjoyed my past service to NAFA and Flyball. I've met a number of outstanding people and forged many new friendships across our territory. We all need to remember that we give of our time and play this game for the fun and camaraderie it offers (and our dogs would "strongly object" if we quit). It has always impressed me to see the willingness of Flyball people to help others when the need arises – be it an injured dog, someone to boxload or just some help with a training problem.

While serving NAFA, in many roles, I have tried to be accessible to allow competitors to have access to the Board and input to NAFA's operation. I believe my background in technology and my varied experiences in Flyball and business provide a great basis to understand the many diverse issues that face NAFA as it continues to grow and evolve. I would welcome the opportunity to serve you once again over the next three years as a member of the NAFA Board of Directors.

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