

HMGS Director Candidates' Biographies

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“If You Don't Roll the Dice, You Are Not in the Game”

“I have never lost a man in battle”

It has been an honor to serve on the HMGS Board of Directors for the past four years. During this time we have moved to make our organization a business. While following the founding fathers ideas of having historical miniature conventions, we have streamlined our expenses, built a marketing and communications department, established online voting, and incorporated more teaching of history with miniatures through our education programs.

Financially, the organization has increased its assets by an additional \$100,000 during my term. As the Director of Convention Operations, I have gone to Salute in London and Adepticon in Chicago (paying out of my own pocket), to observe how other conventions run and asking more vendors to come to our shows. I firmly believe that our convention model is far superior to what they offer (The biggest Historical Wargame Store in the world).

One question that haunts our hobby is the graying of our members. How do we expand our hobby and refill our ranks? Simple! We continue our education programs and enhance them with internet videos (for example: partnering with Little Wars TV), teacher workshops and expand our grants to teachers to buy miniatures so the kids can visualize history and understand the ramifications of when nations went to war.

It seems like ages ago when I was staying at Wally's house and we were attending a local convention. I was part of that first group to raise the flag announcing the birth of HMGS. I am one of the original founders of our organization. This would be my last two years before I must retire. My goal during these two years is to get our registration up 150%. And the focus will be with a younger audience. Going forward, with your help, I hope to inspire a new legion of history lovers who enjoy miniature wargaming. Thank you.