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ANNUAL MEETING PLATFORMS

Every year, we receive a new batch of nominees for the executive board of KGB. The organization must be very diligent in its selection process, as without this careful consideration, the brand new executive team can bring terror and tyranny upon us all. Please now read the carefully written, and thoroughly drafted platforms for what may constitute our next leaders.

NATHAN GAYNOR

As the only person willing to make a platform as of 12:00 AM on election day, I believe I should win every position by default. Despite this obvious misguidance from the other nominees, I will nonetheless expel my arguments below:

ONEVEEP

As 1VP, I promise to REVIVE THE INSTAGRAM FROM THE GRAVE! Of course I mean no offence to our previous 1VP, but I believe our outreach could be stronger. Currently, there are many that discover us due to the wonderful publication README. This is excellent of course, however I believe KGB should stand as its own organization capable of being a larger part of the campus community.

TWOVEEP

As 2VP, I promise to make our wonderful events even more wonderful than their wonderful past has wonderfully set out! For this wonderful future, I envision the greatest snack selection beyond what dreams could wonder. As someone who will be living right next to Geagle next year (I think?), I will be in the greatest position possible to deliver only the finest culinary specimens.

CORSEC

As the current CorSec, I have been a loyal and reliable contributor. I have written many excellent editions of Pravda? that have been hailed as “literary masterpieces” by some. Who has said this? Well, they will be revealed in the next edition of Pravda?. However I will need to write it. As CorSec, I have launched an official investigation into Bigfoot, watched, reviewed, and ranked every single Sharknado film, implemented a magic system within GBM’s, and did other things.

S@A[illegible]

[illegible]

SAVI BHAT!!!

(sbhat on discord, savithrb to this hellhole of a university)

RecSec:

Qualifications

- I can type fast-ish!
- I understand most of what happens in GBM
- Great at lurking in the corner heeheehee
- Can tie one good knot
- Your favorite 5' measuring stick
- "Spokane's unfunniest engineer" aka I do readme- edited, wrote, arted, etc (section editor yay!) (really would've been nice to have access to Kloset for readme...but no matter)
- I draw snails on whiteboards, and also Sierpinski's triangle
- Daniel (president) said my minutes were "good" that one day Julia was gone, what more can you ask for?
- I got y'all so much guns and drugs with my monopoly money, you better elect me (kidding)
- Have had the Thing!
- I row! This makes me really good at carrying wood for booth, a big ol box of readmes, or a heap of guns and drugs for events. Rowing also gives me blisters, a hatred of geese, and great amounts of sleep debt!
- I also cox! This makes me really good at ordering people around, maneuvering large items, and hanging out for hours in the cold (think rainy booth days, fence holding, tabling!)
- I'm in CMU Dems! We do lots of cool stuff and it's given me experience helping run a campus org!
- Multiple people in this cursed organization have threatened to kill me. I have survived, therefore I am superior and deserve your vote.
- I've showed up to almost all GBMs and events since joining
- I paint fence!
- I did booth!

Ambitions

- I'd update the wiki cause I love that we have a wiki (I'd track down defectors who seem to have been super involved but have no details on there, add booth pictures we don't have, as many group photos as possible, with captions, things like that)
- I'd update the website a bunch! We can have photos and descriptions from more events, not just CtFWS and booth
- I'm already keeping track of some things...

- RecSec would be kinda like historian but for the current time period- I'd keep records of things we do updated in the wiki (as outlined in recsec duties)
- No hate to Julia but I'd put the minutes in the wiki weekly or monthly
- I'd also update the members, current members, defectors, etc lists and descriptions, and get details from everyone I know
- Make sure all dues-paying or frequently around members at least are on the wiki
- Figure out how to add accessible photos and google drive links to the wiki
- I would take lots of photos of everyone for Record Keeping Purposes
- Minutes will be soooooooooo funny!!
- I can spell, unlike some people

(non recsec-specific)

- I have cool event ideas
- I like painting the fence, we should do that more often
- I have recruiting ideas (too many to list here)! I want KGB to be gigantic again!!!!
- I want to do more pranking! We have an alum who can give us the proper places on various buildings to attach banners...
- Conveniently "take care" of the most annoying JFC advisors
- Find Impossible Hamburg Hall

Misc.

- I really want access to the Kage and the Kloset please give me this
- Would not use it for nefarious purposes like some people we know
- Want to sit in the front of the GBM like a cool person
- Want to see the weird emails exec gets
- Unironically KGB is my favorite thing about CMU and I really want to be a part of its leadership
- You should really elect me for recsec, otherwise it messes with the rest of the positions

Treasurer (probably won't be on the slate for this)

Qualifications

- Can count
- Can name the currency of most nations (especially the cool ones like the baht (thailand, sounds like my name), or ouguiya (mauritania, fun to say), or hryvnia (ukraine, even more fun to say)) -this doesn't really matter but it's fun anyway
- Would be able to remember the words to close the umbrella
- I have a little mini umbrella, wouldn't that be fun?
- I'm an EPP major, of course I love spreadsheets

Ambitions

- Move box of money into Kloset
- More fundraising and possibly tabling with stickers, t-shirts, baked goods/other food
- I'm not sure what the situation is now but I would make everything super organized!

- Get us moved up a tier in the incredibly stupid new JFC system

Misc.

- Would not embezzle money
- Honestly rtosh is doing a good job, vote for him!

Sergeant At Arms (again, probably won't be on the slate for this)

Qualifications

- I like doing stuff for you guys, y'all are cool!!
- I have already done plenty of stuff
- Happy to do more stuff
- Super good at the PRT, can do lots of errands to get things like, say, paint, perhaps for the fence (also will hopefully have a bike!!)
- Spokane is only a 3 hr drive from Big **Arm**, MT! I could visit! (there is in fact Arm, MS, but that's lame compared to BIG Arm)
- I'd be happy to pepper spray anyone who threatens a KGB member!
- I'll pepper spray *you* if you step outta line

Ambitions

- Mostly recruitment (we must keep biggering!!!)

Ryan Tosh (rtosh)

My name is rtosh, and I'm currently the guy you throw coins at. I'm also currently Fence Czar of the CMU Democrats and Assistant Editor-in-Chief of README. In both of those positions, I've worked hard to guide growing organizations, and I believe the KGB is in a period of growth during which that experience would be particularly important. But mostly I just really like KGB, its traditions and culture, and the people within it (that's you!!), and want to do whatever I can to see it thrive. I appear to have accidentally nominated myself for every single position, but my stretch goals are President or 1VP, I expect to stay Treasurer, and I would gladly take on the responsibilities of 2VP, CorSec, RecSec, or S@A.

President

I have ambitions for the CMU KGB. Most of what makes CMU different from every other college is reflected in the KGB in my eyes, and I believe strongly both in preserving its nearly 40 years of history, and in preventing it from stagnating.

As President, I would work to grow the size and financial situation of the KGB, by improving recruiting and name recognition, and by fighting for increased support and funding from Student Government and the University. I would put these resources into the areas where we are currently able to grow the most: readme, booth, and the sort of pranks and harmless mischief which will bring the campus some enjoyment, without incurring the wrath of the university.

I believe KGB is currently a little bit stagnant, and as president, I would prioritize growing and adapting KGB to fit our strengths and the current campus climate, while maintaining a respect and passion for KGB's tradition and history which I believe no other candidate could match.

1VP

While I aspire to someday hold the office of President of KGB, I think the role that most suits my skills and passions is 1VP. The primary responsibility of the First Vice President is recruiting, something which I believe is currently one of our weaknesses.

The Underground Tour, for example, draws something like a hundred students. CtFwS brings in 40 players for several hours straight on a bad day. README is growing rapidly. There is clear interest from the campus community in KGB, but we struggle to bring

those interested people into GBMs and to weekly events. I would prioritize making the connections that get that done, starting day 1 of O-week.

2VP

I'm running for 2VP just in case. But if I won, I would buy guns and drugs you've never even heard of. You wouldn't even know what hit you. The sippy sips would be peak and the nummy nums would be god tier.

CorSec

As Assistant Editor-in-Chief of README and a prolific staffwriter, I have a lot of confidence in my ability to write something funny and KGB-related in a short amount of time, which is the optimal set of skills for writing a Pravda? (well, that and a US phone number). I would love to be CorSec, and I'd write a Pravda? every week.

I can also confidently handle the other responsibilities of CorSec, like managing the newsletter and room reservations.

RecSec

I'm going to be perfectly honest, I don't remember being nominated for this. I'd happily take on the role, and believe I could carry out the responsibilities dutifully, but you should vote for Savi.

Treasurer

I'm KGB's current treasurer, and I like to think I do a pretty good job of it. Some things I've done which I'm proud of are getting reimbursements filled out quickly (I aim for within a few hours, though sometimes it takes me a day or two), purchasing coins which can be bought at GBM, and writing a horrific Google Sheets formula to track committee debts.

S@A

I don't expect I'll end up in the running for S@A, but I've consistently been able to attend GBMs, weekly events, and exec meetings. I would be proud to serve the KGB exec in any capacity, and will defend Daniel [or whoever defeats him in this election] with my life and the lives of anyone within my reach.

Reasons why you should or shouldn't vote for Kevin, sorted by role, adapted from 2022 and 2023

President: Has been on exec for 1 2 3 years. It's tyrantin' time, electric boogaloo².

1VP:



.got damn!!!!

2VP: If voted as 2VP, my event-based-machinations will lay undetected for years. But the snacks* and drinks** will be on time! And Summit Cola? Never ever.***

*mummy mums (guns)

**slippy slips (drugs)

***due to recent events i would like to add that i will promise not to bring pilk to most events

Corsec: Once upon a time, I was a corresponding secretary, just like you might be. I published Pravda? so revolutionary, so beautiful, so enlightening, that they had to prevent me from making any more. But with your help (vote), you can bring back Kevin's Pravda? for Volume 27 of Pravda?. Your Pravda? submissions will be in good (lawful neutral (i don't actually play DnD)) hands.

~~Recsec: get fucked you needs.~~ I would love to be recording secretary! I love typing and writing things down and being recording secreatroy. !!

Treasurer: mc(E)conomy auditorium 💰💰💰💰

S@A: Me, you, Morewood parking lot, Thursday night, be there or be square.

thanks

- kevinson

djyin

Hey guys, djyin here and welcome back to yet another exec election platform
- what am I nominated for

UhhH

President: it would be so funny if this was determined by random chance.

2vp: i dont remember accepting this nomination but i'll do it. Someone's gotta

I didnt get nommed 🗳️ for corsec?

Recsec: I will do recsec better than anyone else. This is probably the strongest claim i am willing to make

Treasurer: i would perhaps be the treasurest. even. If you will. You know what they say: they can't c—

s@a: gleef lives

Yeah so i'm going to be honest kgb has consumed like all of my waking hours and i dont really expect that to change next semester, whether i am elected president or not. when I was elected president this became terminal i think.

Woe be unto those who do not vote for Benner Rogers!!!!!! The end is nigh, and only the strong and not-at-all tyrannical hand of our fearless President/1VP/2VP/Corsec/RecSec/Treasurer/Sergeant at Arms/~~Dietator~~ Can save us!!!! A thousand plagues be cast upon the traitors who do not vote for Benner Rogers!!!!!! Down with the tyrant!!!!!!

Yes, I am(mostly) reusing that from my platform from last year. No, I do not care. I am tired from booth. God save us all.

I am so,,,so sleeby,,, waaaarghhhhh,,,

Dictator-in-Chief: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

1VP: am doing now. will do again. did good(?). yaaaaaaaaaaaaay. pls pls pls pls pls pls pl

2VP: I will get food. good food! maybe even great food!! skyline chili every gbms forever!!!!

3VP: (°□°) ! (to be read as Osaka's initial reaction to Chiyo-chichi in episode 25 of *Azumanga Daioh* at timestamp 14:00)

CorSec: i can send emails real good. Sending Emails is my middle name! They call me Benner "Sending Emails" Rogers! I am also a world-renowned journalist who has been featured in every publication of Readme, so i can easily extend my writing talents to make *Pravda*? The weekly publication it was always meant to be

RecSec: Technology is the devil and I will faithfully hand-write all minutes for gbms. this will make update the wiki harder but i do not care. i will destroy the internet.

Treasurer: im broke and need money to embezzle.

Sergeant at Arms: Товарищ, я не знаю русский. Пока!

This candidate is

GEORGE
MICHAEL



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