

To My Fellow NHFOA members:

My name is Jeff Kleiner. I have decided to run for an opportunity to serve you as a member of the Council, and I hope I can earn your support to secure that opportunity.

Many of you know me from my time on the NHFOA in the past or from various other sports, I have officiated. Many of you know me as "Larry's son" and many of you I have met for the first time as I return to the field to officiate High School Football here in NH. I have enjoyed reuniting with old friends and meeting new.

Although I am "new" to many of you and you are probably wondering how the "new guy" deserves a spot on the council. Well, I have many years of officiating starting at age 10 (baseball) and being part of the NHFOA, travelling with my dad (back in the 70's and 80's) and then becoming a member myself in 1990. I took time off, as I was lucky enough to become a professional baseball umpire and worked through the minor leagues, which was actually a full time job and I focused on that solely. After retiring from baseball, I did not officiate anything for several years, but got the "bug" last season and, well, here I am, now in my second year back on the NH Grid Irons and enjoying every minute. I only wish I came back 15 years ago.

I hold this organization near and dear as it is by far the most professional of all the amateur officials' boards in our state and that is important to me. I wish to serve as I have a strong knowledge of the NHFOA's commitment to tradition, but also to have vision for the future. We have many challenges with this organization to keep it going strong and that is where I believe I am a good fit. We need numbers of qualified people to officiate our games at all levels, we need consistency in all aspects of our game management, training and recruitment. I have experience as a negotiator, disciplinary director, legal writing, by-laws interpretation and decision making at various times in my life. Like my dad, I am professional and fair with all challenges and decisions that come my way. The leadership he taught me in the short time I had with him has carried me through all aspects of my personal and professional life

I currently serve on the mechanics/uniform committee for the NHFOA and wish to further my involvement with this organization.

Away from football, I work as Director of Operations for Group1 Automotive in the Northeast Market (NH/Mass). My company has a strong commitment to the following core values that I will carry onto the council should I be chosen to serve you. **INTERGRITY – TRANSPARENCY – PROFESSIONALISM – TEAMWORK – RESPECT.** I hold these near and dear to not only my company, but also my life in general.

I live in Nashua (my hometown) and married to my lovely wife Kim. I have a two daughters, a stepdaughter and stepson. This past year, my first grandson came into my life and this coming February I will be meeting my second grandchild, a girl this time and named after my beloved daughter Justine

I thank you for taking the time to read and I truly appreciate all the support and welcoming you have all been as I returned to this great organization. I hope to have your support for NHFOA Council this year.

Sincerely

Jeff Kleiner