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Candidate for ECFC Board of Directors, Coaches Rep. U11 – U14
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I have been involved with ECFC for three years and have enjoyed it tremendously. I think the club has evolved well during this time and would like to contribute to further improvement.

I was raised playing youth soccer in Norway and thereafter played college soccer for the University of Glasgow in Scotland. I started coaching while still a U19 player and helped run a residential youth soccer camp. I arrived in Seattle in 1986 to attend the UW, met my wife to be and have called it home since. Professionally, I manage the North American sales distribution for an outdoor gear company. I still enjoy playing the game and participate on an O-40 team. My wife and I are raising three boys who all play soccer, two of them for ECFC.

Initially, I participated in ECFC as a parent, was elected to the board and served as president in 2006. Last year I joined the staff as the M96 White coach (now BU-12) and have had a great experience. During my tenure I have had the opportunity to help ECFC influence a positive change in the select soccer environment within SYSA, work with others on a strategic plan and corresponding projects and implement administrative systems. I have the last two years coordinated club purchases of team equipment and recently helped negotiate the sponsorship agreement from adidas.

Having had a variety of experiences at ECFC I believe I am qualified to be a spokesperson for coaches and to be a conduit for information between the coaching staff and the BOD. I think genuine contribution from all stakeholders in ECFC, focused on further developing ECFC as the premier youth soccer club in Seattle, will be to the greatest benefit for all.