

Chris Rathje- Candidate for 2nd Vice President

Hello Voting Members

I was asked to do a resume and this seemed most appropriate for the person I am.

Bullet points do not capture who I am. I am too thoughtful and I LOVE rugby too much for that.

I was asked by Ed Hooper to put my name in for consideration for this position because of my marketing expertise and enthusiasm. I could not say no because of all rugby has done for me. I have far better independence skills and confidence thanks to rugby.

I have always strived to be the best at everything I do. My undergrad degree is from the University of Illinois in Business Administration-Marketing and my masters degree is from Northwestern University's Medill IMC program. It is the number one ranked marketing communications program in the world.

I worked at the US marketing headquarters for Kraft Foods before going after my dream of the Paralympics in Birmingham. I have attempted and failed three small business startups from my apartment. My fourth attempt <http://chrisrathje.com> is really starting to take off. I am not afraid to fall because I always get back up.

I love rugby with all my heart because for the first time in my life I feel like people are consistently laughing with me instead of the alternative. The rush of competition drives me to be the very best that I can in all facets of my life. I'm trying to give something back.

I also feel I bring an interesting perspective to the table since I was hurt when I was a baby. I already have 18 years of wheelchair sports under my belt at 27.

I also already know some of the inner workings of the league after being on both the marketing and web committees the past two seasons.

I just want to be of service.

Thank you for your time
Chris Rathje