Biographical Sketch

Rob Bowsher's 25-year writing career has covered a wide range of projects including memoirs, tributes, travelogues, study guides, examinations, and procedure manuals. He is also the accounting manager for a company that administers radio dispatching and other services to San Diego's largest taxicab fleet. Rob is an avid golfer and swimmer who has competed throughout the world. His athletic accomplishments include the Team Golf gold medal at the Gay Games in Sydney and a Top Ten finish at the IGLA swim meet in Paris.

Rob has been a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association for over 20 years. He is also a life member of the Penn State Alumni Club of Los Angeles and the Big Ten Club of Southern California. He is currently a member of the Penn State Alumni Club of San Diego.

In 1986, Rob graduated from the College of Business with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. During his undergraduate years, he served as Tour Chairman for the Lion Ambassadors. He also held multiple offices in the Kappa Sigma fraternity. His academic achievements earned him memberships in the Beta Gamma Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies.

Position Statement

For years, people have been advising me to stay classy. I wish someone had delivered the same message to the Board of Trustees before its closed-door meeting in November. When they had the opportunity to show the world that Penn State's leadership makes thoughtful decisions in challenging circumstances, the Trustees chose instead to take the "swift and decisive" action of terminating our legendary coach over the telephone.

Thank heavens for the students, faculty, employees, alumni, and other community members who gathered for the candlelight vigil honoring people devastated by child abuse. At this critical juncture, what Penn State needs now is more leadership like the kind shown that night on the Old Main lawn.

Through my work experiences as an accounting manager and as a writer, I have learned the importance of gaining appropriate perspectives, making decisions based on solid data, taking the necessary time to make wise decisions independent of external pressures, and implementing decisions in ways that maintain the dignity of everyone involved. Atlanta, Los Angeles and San Diego have been my home cities since graduation. I have no insider ties to Penn State or Pennsylvania that would influence my ability to view issues objectively.

As alumni of this great university, we have every right to demand civility and transparency from the Board of Trustees. Let's stay committed to this cause, let's stay on the path that makes us all feel Penn State proud, and every moment we possibly can...

Let's stay classy, Penn State.