Biographical Sketch

Rob Bowsher's 26-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.

Through his work experiences as an accounting manager and as a writer, Rob has 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 his home cities since graduation. Rob has no insider ties to Penn State or Pennsylvania that would influence his ability to view issues objectively.

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.

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 as well as Top Ten finishes at the International Gay & Lesbian Aquatics swim meets in Paris and Reykjavik.

Position Statement

Keep the faith, fellow alumni. Penn State will be a better place when all is said and done.

To reach that place, we must usher the Board of Trustees into a new era of genuine openness and transparency. As someone who came out of the closet to lead an openly gay life, I know how to face the challenges that a commitment to openness and transparency requires.

We also need the Board of Trustees to spend money more wisely. Instead of paying millions for public relations firms and consultants, the Trustees need to invest those funds in programs that directly benefit the Penn State community. With those millions, the university could retain and attract more top-notch faculty and staff. That money could also help make a college education more affordable for students.

In addition, academics and athletics need to coexist harmoniously at our alma mater as they have for so many years. Some people believe athletics undermine a school's academic reputation. If that's the case, then why are Stanford University degrees just as valuable today as they were when the Stanford football team was posting losing records? Like Stanford, Penn State has always been a welcoming environment for student-athletes and should remain so for years to come.

Fellow alumni, let's keep the faith and join together to make Penn State a better place.