

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet GLHF's new board president

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Maripat Monahan, Director of Resource Development



Michael Kohler joined the Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation Board in 2006. "Volunteering has always been important to me and when the opportunity to serve on GLHF's board presented itself, I thought it was an ideal way to use my skill sets to make a difference in our community," Michael reminisces of his initial decision to serve on the board.

In his role at The Marcus Corporation, Michael is Senior Counsel, representing the company's hotels and theatres before federal and state administrative agencies throughout the country in all areas of employment law. Michael also counsels and trains the Corporation's managers and human resource directors on all subjects concerning employee relations and human resources. In addition to his work at The Marcus Corporation, Michael teaches as an adjunct professor at Marquette University's College of Business and frequently provides lectures on employment and labor law topics to classes and professional groups.

As a board member, Michael has served on several committees, including Board Development, Resource Development, and the Human Resource Committee. He has always been willing to roll up his sleeves, and has served as the Chair of the Resource Development Committee, encouraging his fellow board members to join in the fun of fundraising for GLHF. In 2007 Michael shared his professional expertise with members of the bleeding disorders community by leading a presentation about employee rights.

In 2010, Michael accepted the role as GLHF's Board President. He will serve as Board President for a minimum term of three years, at which point he will stand for re-election to another three-year term.

"I am honored to serve Wisconsin's bleeding disorder community and have enjoyed meeting GLHF's clients at our programs, galas and walks. I look forward to working with the talented members of our board and staff to ensure that we continue to meet the ever-changing needs of the bleeding disorder community," Michael says of his nomination to Board President for GLHF. In this new role with GLHF, Michael immediately rose to the challenge to replace vacant board seats and conduct a search for GLHF's new Executive Director.

Michael originally hails from Chicago which explains his allegiance to the Chicago Bears and the friendly ribbing he received after this year's Super Bowl. If you come to the Milwaukee Hemophilia Walk on September 24, there's a good chance you will have the opportunity to meet our new Board President as he has been known to bring his wife Laurie and young daughters, Abby and Maddie, to our annual Walk event.

Please join GLHF in welcoming our new Board President, and if you have any comments or recommendations to share with him, please send them along to info@glhf.org.