

Barry Cordero for SHPE National Vice President



My name is Barry Cordero, and I am running for SHPE National Vice President (NVP). I have been actively involved as a leader within SHPE since 2003 and I have seen tremendous growth and development of the organization in this time. But we have barely scratched the surface of our organization's true potential. I am running for NVP because I have the experience, skills and vision to put us on the path to realizing this potential and achieving our goals.

I was born and raised in the Chicago Suburbs where I lived until I was 18 and joined the Navy. In the Navy I worked as a nuclear power plant electrician for 6 years until fulfilling my contract in 2003. After several years of hard work, I received a BS in Bioengineering from the University of California San Diego. I am now a Lean Sigma Black Belt at Medtronic's Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management Group where I focus on supplier development and Lean Six Sigma initiatives. I previously worked for Medtronic Neuromodulation, Alphatec Spine Inc. and Abbott Vascular.

In SHPE, my roles have been: San Diego City College (SDCC) Student Chapter Vice President, Region II Vice Regional Student Representative (VRSR), Region II Regional Student Representative (RSR), National Affairs Committee Co-Chair, SHPE 2008 Conference Hosting Committee Chair, SHPE 2009 Professional Development Committee Chair and Region 6 Vice President (RVP). Throughout my experience in SHPE, I've learned the organization as a committee chair, a volunteer and a board member. I have a history of completing projects and coordinating multiple teams and multiple tasks which I know will be extremely valuable to my future role as NVP.

During my most recent year in SHPE, I've served as the Region 6 Vice President with Jose Luis Guerrero as Regional Student Representative (RSR). During our first year, we've added 3 professional chapters, 4 student chapters and 2 Jr. SHPE chapters. I've led the 2010 RLDC professional program in Minneapolis MN and am now working with the UIC, IIT and Chicago Professional Chapters to put together the 2011 RLDC program in Chicago IL in April 2011. Region 6 has performed better than any other year thanks to the strong leadership and vision of all our chapter leaders.

The role of the President and NVP are complimentary to each other, and when functioning well, enable the organization to maintain it's focus on strategy and policy instead of logistics and micromanaging. **My first goal is to keep the focus of the National Board of Directors (NBOD) on setting strategy and adjusting policy so that we may become the leading Hispanic technical organization in industry, government, education and our communities.** To establish SHPE In these areas we must continue to develop the relationship between the NBOD and the CEO and staff so that our directors can rely on their expertise to produce standardized high quality events and programs in alignment with our vision. The CEO/NBOD has already engaged a consultant to help transform our board to become more strategic, but one of the roles of the NVP is to help the NBOD maintain that focus. I intend to do just that.

My second goal as NVP is to transform the role of the directors to become *Ambassadors of the organization in industry, government, education and our communities.* As logistical burdens begin to be handled consistently and repeatably by our staff, our directors must professionally represent SHPE In the areas we seek to grow in. This is a drastically different role and will require investment in training for both staff and directors, but it is absolutely necessary if we are to be seriously considered in these important arenas.

We have a long road ahead of us, but we must face our challenges together with the spirit of innovation that our organization is known for. This is a challenge that I look forward to.

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