
Hello! I am Bridget Boehm (pronounced Bame) and I am your 2017 Montana Jaycee State President.



On a personal level, I am married to a wonderful man (Bradley) and we have 3 fur babies (1 dog & 2 cats). We own a Condo in Billings and are both members of the Billings Jaycees. I am a born and raised Montanan. I grew up in Raynesford, a very small town just outside of Great Falls and attended high school and college here in the state.

On a professional level, I work at the Billings Gazette, and have for about 10 years. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications and a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

On a Jaycees level, I joined the Billings Jaycees back in November 2010. I became the Management VP for the 2011 year then Chapter President in 2012. In 2013, while I was Chairwoman of the Board locally, I moved up to the State Executive team as Membership VP. In 2014 I took on the role of Executive VP and have assumed that role ever since. I have worked under 4 Montana State Presidents who taught me quite a bit about how to run a state organization. And I have 2 former Montana State Presidents, National Jaycees and current Senators as my advisors this year. A quick advanced thank you to Misty Miner and Chamene Plumb for stepping up to do that for me. I am very excited and motivated to be the Montana Jaycees 78th State President and I have a wonderful team of people on my Executive Board that are just as amped as I am to move this organization forward.

My platform this year is *Members Matter!* And I truly believe that they do. There is nothing progressive in this world that doesn't come from the ideas of people and from those people making their ideas known. We are first and foremost a membership organization and our members are the driving force behind creating positive change in our communities and ourselves.

Speaking of positive change, I have quite a few changes planned for the state. I have been listening when members are talking about challenges they have locally and state-wide. I want to address those issues head-on and as National President Heather says "Dare to Impact!"

We need to address the retention of our members. What is happening when they join the organization and choose to not renew? What can we do to make them want to? I think that we are great about recruiting new members because we are passionate about what this organization is about. We believe in what we are here to do and the change we want to make but something is getting lost in translation. Let's figure out what that is. The larger the army the more impactful we can be.

We need to address our State Conventions. We have fewer and fewer members coming to celebrate with us. Why? What can we do as a state board to make members want to be there? I have a plan in place to really shake up 2017! I will have more to come on this after the Executive Board and I make a specific plan and then we will share it with all of you.

We need better communication between the State Board, the Local Boards and the individual members. You should always know what is going on. I plan to be very transparent and I will do my best to let you know everything that I know.

I hope you are all ready to make a difference with me.
2017 is going to be amazing; I can feel it!

