

Name: Glenn Wolfgang

Occupation: Employee

Employer: Census 2010, May-August, Previous Employers: Buck's F&S, Blackjack Pizza, Sabino Canyon Tours, Griffin Co.

Membership in Professional Organizations:

Involvement with Community Organizations:

- Sabino Canyon Volunteer Hiking (Circa 2005)

Why do you wish to serve as a Director of Access Tucson?

1. Because I believe in community media. Without supporting free speech I find it difficult to believe myself worthy of citizenship in The United States. Access Tucson is one of the most interesting examples of free speech I have ever experienced. Even though the computer has made it possible for the disenfranchised to be heard, Access Tucson is still an amazing outlet that provides unique synergies with the New Media being created by internet social networking. Why should television be completely controlled by corporations? Isn't it important for television itself to evolve? Television news is almost obsolete because it no longer represents a clearinghouse for information. Companies have turned it into an, "advertising delivery system", that is little better than propaganda promoting various talking heads & the products that sponsor their programs. Did Egypt happen because of anything CNN or FOX did? How television includes the new media will determine its fate. Access Tucson should be on the cusp of this evolution. I want to be there with you.

2. Tucson needs to develop a broader employment base for our future needs. Media companies once played an important role here; but, they do not currently provide the jobs that they once did. I want to change that by creating an environment where locals can develop skills and start companies that will develop into a reborn local media industry capable of attracting outside capital into the community. Access Tucson has always been enthusiastic about providing local youth with media tools/training & I believe that we can be an organizational force towards this goal.

What expertise or special qualifications do you possess which you feel would be important to Access Tucson?

My exposure to filmmakers and film promotion began before I started school. My father was a documentary filmmaker. Many of his friends were filmmakers & I grew up with an appreciation for TV & film. I can organize, negotiate, promote and communicate well which I have demonstrated in many ways working here in Tucson-- directly interacting with my employers' customers.

I am a graduate of Pima College where I studied Property Management & Liberal Arts. My films for Access Tucson have mostly been educational including a film produced for an Art Teacher and a 30 minute documentary about the Sabino Canyon Flood after the Aspen Fire. I was particularly successful as a tourguide in Sabino Canyon where I drove the Canyon Shuttle. I speak well in front of groups. I work hard to accomplish my assigned tasks. I am capable of adapting to something new without bemoaning *the way it was*.

We need new industry here. High-tech jobs are nice, but not everyone can achieve the education necessary for those jobs. Tucson needs blue collar jobs that aren't dependent on State Government & Military budgets. It is rather apparent that if Tucson is going to get those types of jobs we are going to create them ourselves. We need to promote rural economic development in the form of tourism. We need to sell our community to the world to survive. We need to capitalize on our iconic Western stereotype: Package it, market it, SELL it using media-- or as a community we will perish. Access Tucson and the existing media outlets here in Tucson MUST come together to create this future. My desire to bring this about qualifies me to sit on the board.

The most important qualification I would bring to the Board however is the knowledge that failure isn't just the loss of an outlet for free-speech; It is the loss of economic diversity in our community. I want to see a brighter future for Tucson where we are not dependent on construction, service industries and tourism for middle class success. I believe Access Tucson should be a leader in the pursuit of Tucson's economic future. Our children deserve our commitment to the success of this community.