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MTB Advocacy Webinar

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Presenter Biographies



Katie Hawkins – Outdoor Alliance California



Katie Hawkins spearheads the advocacy and policy efforts for Outdoor Alliance in California. Katie is an avid backcountry skier, mountain biker, and trail runner. Her passions and love for the Range of Light led her and her family to the heart of the Sierra–Lake Tahoe. From there, she advocates on behalf of the entire state and was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to the California Boating and Waterways Commission in July 2020. She lives in Truckee, California with her husband, adventurous son, and mischievous dog.



Mike Anzalone – California MTB Coalition



Michael is the latest addition to the CAMTB leadership team. He moved to the Bay Area in 2008, after spending eight years in Colorado's San Juan Mountains. Michael is an avid mountain biker and skier, and is particularly excited about activating CAMTB for the trail-riding community in California. As Executive Director, Michael brings 15+ years of experience developing and running cause-based member organizations and coalitions. His work is built on a foundation of progress through partnership, shared resource development, and collective leverage.



Connor Culhane – Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers



Connor Culhane serves as the President of the Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers (CCCMB). CCCMB is based in San Luis Obispo County and builds and maintains trails and protects trail access throughout the California central coast region. Connor grew up in San Luis Obispo, CA before attending UC Santa Barbara and has long enjoyed mountain biking, backpacking, trail running and off-road motorcycling in the coastal mountains. He lives in Atascadero, CA with his wife and daughter.

Tom Phillips – Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association



Tom Phillips is a Monterey Bay native and Humboldt County transplant since moving there for school in 1994. He's built his life around all forms of cycling, touring, backpacking, hunting, fishing and trail advocacy, the order of which may change with mood or season. He was spurred into advocacy

by the lack of sanctioned mountain bike trails in Humboldt County, and has been working hard to address that for the last 15 years or so. He has served as co-chair of Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association since 2014.



Steve Messer – Concerned Off Road Bicyclists Association

Steve began riding trails in the 1970s as a teen in Australia. He moved to Los Angeles in 1984 and began mountain biking around Southern California in 1986. Steve began doing volunteer work with CORBA's trail crew in the early 2000s, and before long was leading crews himself. He joined the CORBA

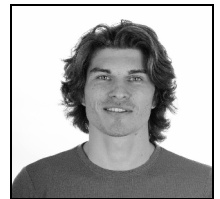
board in 2009, and has served as board president since 2014. He also serves on the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative, an advisory group formed to guide Forest Service implementation of the new San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. More recently, Steve helped found the CAMTB, serving first on its steering committee, and now on their board.



Dillon Osleger – Sage Trail Alliance

Dillon Osleger acts as the executive director of Sage Trail Alliance addressing environmental and trail projects across the Transverse Range of California as well as advocacy issues throughout the state. Dillon's experience as

a scientist, professional athlete, and trail builder have led to a career bridging the gap between outdoor recreation and environmental and climate issues. Dillon acts as a global ambassador for Specialized Bicycles Soil Searching, Protect Our Winters, and a host of brands concerned with the environment, public access and equality.



Team IMBA

Dave Wiens – IMBA Executive Director

Dave has been mountain biking since the mid-1980s and has ridden and raced his bike on trails all over the world. He has been involved in trail advocacy from the beginning and was the founder and executive director of Gunnison Trails, and race director for the Gunnison Growler. A member of the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame, he joined the IMBA board of directors in 2016 as its chairman, and was named IMBA's executive director in spring 2017.



Todd Keller – Director of Government Affairs

Todd is a twenty-plus year veteran of public policy, legislative affairs, and issue campaigns, having worked with conservation non-profits, the renewable energy industry, and outdoor recreation organizations among others. Throughout his career he has worked to promote a healthy lifestyle by ensuring access to public lands, funding for outdoor recreation, and promoting cycling in all forms. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife, two daughters, and two dogs.



Eleanor Blick – Senior Communications & Advocacy Manager

Eleanor was raised a two-wheeled advocate in the rolling hills of Wisconsin. From racing to riding to work and every trail in between, pedaling is her natural state of motion. Prior to joining the IMBA team she worked in journalism and nonprofit communications in Chicago while leading volunteer efforts with Big Marsh Bike Park, co-founding the Chicago Women's CX Fund and working with city youth programs to get more kids on bikes.



Aaron Clark – Policy Manager - Government Affairs

Aaron discovered a lifelong love for all things bikes back in Detroit in the early 90's racing his bike all over the Michigan woods. This eventually led Aaron to Colorado and later to IMBA in 2012 where he geeks out on backcountry mountain bike trail access, policy and legislation as part of the Government Relations team. In his little spare time, Aaron coaches cyclocross at a local high school. He lives in Louisville, CO with his wife and two boys.

