

Jules Flynn

Candidate Statement

I believe the Bicycle Network is a remarkable organisation with a terrific mission and I would love to have the opportunity to contribute to its further growth and impact through joining the board.

I first joined the organisation as a commuting teenage cyclist because I believed strongly in the importance of its advocacy work for more bike focused investment in our cities. Over time, this interest grew into a career for me in sustainable transport where I have worked on both bike and mass transit in various cities around the world.

In New York City I managed Citi Bike, one of the biggest and most intensively used bike share systems in the world and oversaw the expansion of that system and the integration of ebikes. In that role and also through responsibility for bike share systems in other major US cities like Chicago and Boston I have experience working with Departments of Transport on the general theme of the Bicycle Network's mission of making it easier for everyone to ride a bike, every day.

I have also been a board director of the [Institute of Transportation and Development Policy](#) (ITDP) for 14 years. ITDP is a global NGO that promotes sustainable bike/ped and mass transit solutions around the world with offices in 7 countries. With some similarities in terms of mission and scale, I believe my experience serving on the board of ITDP, including being part of the finance and audit committees there would equip me well to be an effective board member of the Bicycle Network.

My current job is Chief Operating Officer of Zoomo which is an Australian based company that provides e-cargo bikes of various shapes and sizes for commercial purposes in multiple countries around the world. Through this role and also through our family's daily use of long tail cargo bikes for school drop offs, shopping and errands, I think I could also help represent the growing potential of (e)-cargo bikes as a general transport solution in our cities.

It's not all about utility and transport for me though - like many Bicycle Network members I think, I also just love riding and in that vein am also a recreational MTB trail rider and so would bring that perspective to the Board as well.

Since returning to living in Australia several years ago it has been a pleasure to re-engage with the Bicycle Network through being an event volunteer and meeting with various members of the team. It would be a real privilege to work further with this tremendous organisation by serving on the board.