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***Jay Billings becomes  
NCAUSBCA's  
youngest-ever  
board member***

# JAY BILLINGS

## NCAUSBCA Youth Director

*At NCAUSBCA's January Board of Directors Meeting, President Michael Tinsley's appointment of Ja'Sean "Jay" Billings as a youth director was approved by the board. At age 14, Billings, a resident of Suitland, Md., and an eighth-grader at Drew Freeman Middle School, becomes the association's youngest-ever board member. Earlier this month as well as shortly after accepting his new position, he took time to answer questions from editor Bob Cosgrove.*

idea of becoming a director. He said I could forward my ideas to the board as a director.

### **Anything that you'd like to focus on regarding the committees on the board?**

NCAUSBCA is like a big corporation, and there's not really one thing I want to focus on. It would be adult bowling, youth bowling, everything—never just one thing.

### **You've already done several things with the association—work the Senior Tournament, inspect bowling lanes, and even attend this season's Hall of Fame Induction & Dinner Celebration. Is there something that has stood out from these experiences?**

Well, I really love being at the office. I love helping out, especially the lane inspections during the summer. I love getting to learn how to do measurements, and I think that all youths should do that. We've gotten a lot of youths to come with us. We taught them how to do lane inspections, go under the pin decks. It's very fun.

### **What was your impression of the Hall of Fame?**

I really love how everything was in order, how everything was so well done. I like all of the pictures of all of the Hall of Famers

from far back; it was very amazing.

### **Would you consider going to another Hall of Fame event?**

Oh, yeah. That's something I'll be doing every year now.

### **What first brought you into a bowling center?**

My grandfather, Kevin Roy, got me at the age of 3 into bowling. He and my whole family got me started.

### **Do your parents bowl?**

My parents used to bowl, but my grandfather is the bowling guy.

### **What's been your biggest thrill on the lanes thus far?**

The biggest thrill is when I shot my first 300 game and 800 set (815) at Bowl America Manassas at the Vern Burke Scholarship Tournament.

### **When did that happen?**

It was March 25, 2018. I know the date!

### **You're currently on the "injured reserve" list. What happened?**

I have a broken bone in my hand, which has not allowed me to bend my hand. This happened on the sixth of December 2018. I was reaching inside the washing machine to get money I needed. A piece of clothing grabbed my hand and spun my arm around. I had my 300 ring on, and that's what caused the broken bone in my hand. Fortunately, the money was upstairs the whole time.



### **When did you first think about becoming a director?**

I actually thought about it around October of 2018. Me and the (association) manager, Ron McGregor, started thinking about different ideas I was talking about, and he gave me the

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So I broke my hand for no apparent reason in a washing machine!

**Is there a particular subject at school that interests you or something maybe you think about for the future?**

I really like math, art, and science but more of art. I was thinking about becoming a teacher.

**Regarding education, are you doing everything you can on the lanes to earn scholarship dollars?**

Yes, I always go to tournaments. I'm always competing for scholarship money so when I go to college, a bowling college, then I can have that money in scholarships that I need.

**Where have you gone outside of the area to bowl for scholarship funds?**

I went to Dallas, Texas. I've been to Kansas. I've been to Ohio. I've been to a lot of out-of-state, far out-of-state, places.

**Do you think it's important that there be more youth representation on the board?**

Oh, yes. I'm a youth, and we have a lot of ideas. We have a lot of different things that we would like to change, such as arranging for league secretaries to

get better training so they know what they're actually supposed to do. So I would really love more youths to come onto the board.

**Do you think your new position as a youth director could be an inspiration to other youths who may not have thought about serving before?**

Yes, because I think more youths would want to come in and share their ideas with everybody. I didn't think about becoming a director before. That's why I'm gonna go out and share with all

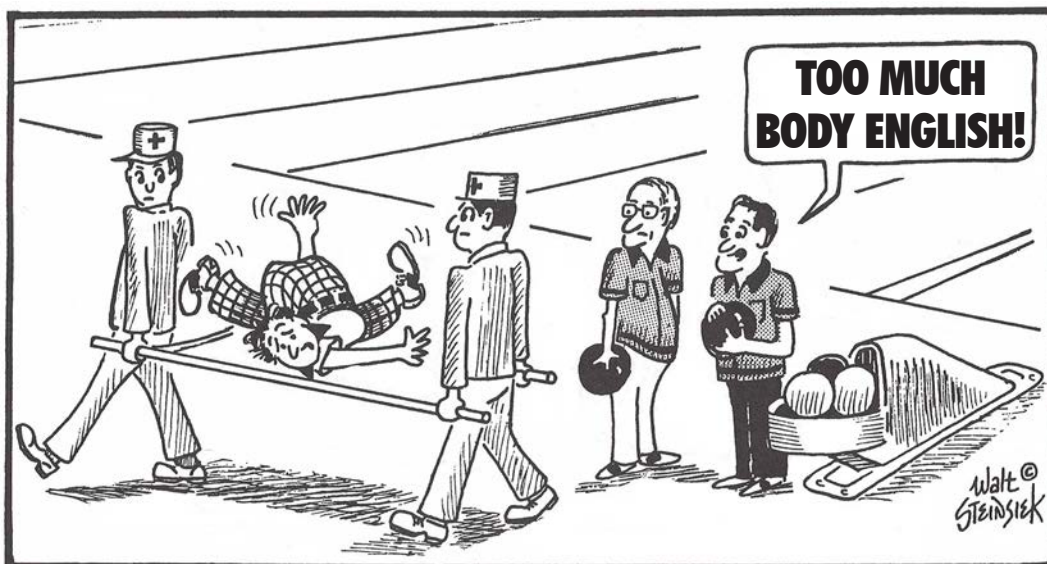
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the other youths that if you want to be a director, you can come out. When you don't think about it, you're not thinking about it. No one out there is thinking, *I want to become a youth director*. Now maybe others will.

**Do you have plans to celebrate your becoming a youth director?**

Well, I think my mom is going to take me out to eat because this is a big deal for me—a big accomplishment. ●

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