

## **Dene Ulmschneider**

Candidate for Board of Directors for the NSS-CDS

Although my career in Cave Diving has been short compared to others in the community, in the seven (7) years that I have been in the sport I have been able to surround myself with individuals who have been able to help me grow and learn by leaps and bounds. Thankfully, they have not been scarce in sharing their knowledge with me and that is what I would like to pay forward. I am willing to take a leadership role to promote cave diving safety and conservation. My goal as a member of the NSS-CDS Board of Directors would be to continue the work already being done to strengthen the organization, to maintain the highest standards in training, and to promote cave conservation and good stewardship of our natural resources.

### **Education and Professional Experience:**

- ! Degree in Computer Science
- ! Continuing to further my education in Safety of Cave Diving
- ! Continuing to further my education in Cave Diving Training Instructorship

### **Professional Activities and Honors:**

- ! Found a true passion in cave diving that led me to wanting to become a Cave dive instructor
- ! I plan to finish my CDS Cave Instructor training within the next calendar year.
- ! My particular interest is in Cave Diving Safety and Awareness.
- ! Volunteering my time in the making of the "Go No Farther" safety video to bring more awareness to the importance of safety in a cave diving.
- ! I was a volunteer at the 2017 NSS-CDS International Cave Conference.
- ! 2017 Winter Workshop volunteer that was run by Richard Black.
- ! Currently, I am on the committee for the 2018 NSS-CDS International Cave Conference.
- ! Reached out to the business population of the Cave diving community to collect donations for the upcoming 2018 NSS-CDS conference in Marianna, FL.

! Successfully designed an underwater WIFI communication system to allow for real time correspondence at Twin Dees with Kyle Moschell. This allows for divers to communicate regarding Deco and/or emergency situations with surface support team in place.

! I was honored to be a member of the support team for the booth at 2018 Tek-Dive Conference.

*“Let’s support safer cave diving through encouraging positive relationships in the cave diving community”*