

Patrick Bégin, Quebec City, Canada

The nominee is Patrick Bégin and he consent to being nominated. He is employed in a top 5 Canadian financial and insurance company as an IT enterprise architect. He is 42 years old and is from Quebec City, the capital of the province of Quebec. He is one of the original creators of QuÉLUG (Official creation date in January 2006). He was treasurer of QuÉLUG in 2006 and 2007 and currently is president of the club for 2008. His wife and son of 9 years old also participate in Lego constructing.

QuÉLUG is the only francophone user group from Canada, specifically the province of Quebec. It has 22 official members plus over 45 on-line members for its web site (www.quelug.org). Those members are from all corners of the province.

Here are some of his latest creations:

<http://www.brickshelf.com/gallery/pbegin/MOC/Motel-Cabin/minigolf.jpg>

<http://www.brickshelf.com/gallery/pbegin/MOC/Restaurant/bussnackbar1.jpg>

Patrick came to this hobby in 2003; he never had Lego when he was young. His favorite styles are Technics/RCX/NXT, City/train and original Lego kit. He loves to keep inventory of all the Lego blocs he has with the help of lugnet.com, peeron.com and partcatalog.exe. Out of the 909 official Lego kits he has, 316 of them are unique.

Patrick uses MLCAD/POVray, Digital designer, Trackdraw and Trackdesigner. His small Bricklink store (<http://www.bricklink.com/store.asp?p=pbegin>) is used to sell overstock.

Patrick participated/attended in those following community events:

BrickFest 2004/2005/2006

NMRA 2007

Brickfair 2008*

NMRA 2009*

In addition, he participated/attended those QuÉLUG events:

Exporail 2006/2007/2008* (city/train theme)

Invasion de robot 2006/2007/2008* (technic/rcx/nxt theme)

Jeunesse au soleil 2007 (city/train theme)

*future events

He also visited Legoland California in March 2005.

In addition of being a member of QuÉLUG, Patrick is a member of FreeLUG, the French Lego group, iltco.org and lugnet.com. He has financially contributed to the success of peeron.com, lugnet.com and brickshelf.com.

He would be a good representative to the QuÉLUG community because:

You can see the original testimonials right here:

http://www.quelug.org/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=442&forum=3&viewmode=flat&order=DESC&start=0

Re-transcription of the testimonials on next page.

« Patrick Bégin est un passionné. Depuis son adhésion au club QuéLug, il dévore des briques!
(Patrick Bégin is passionate. Since the beginning at QuéLUG, he craves bricks!)

Ses créations technics sont plutôt impressionnantes. Ses modules GBC ont faits fureurs lors des rencontres de QuéLug.
(His technics creations are impressives. His GBC modules earned great reviews at the meetings.)

Il fait aussi de superbes modèles de ville et de trains.
(He has made great city and train MOCs.)

Il s'implique à fond dans les sujets chauds du Club. C'est un grand voyageur. Il participe à toutes les expositions.
(He is 100% implicated in all aspect regarding the LUG, he travels often to remote shows.)

Toujours à l'avant-garde, c'est un homme visionnaire à l'écoute de son milieu.
(Always up-to-date, he looks ahead and always listens.)

Voilà pourquoi j'appuis sa candidature comme Ambassadeur Lego.
(Those are the reasons why I approve his candidacy as a Lego ambassador.)

-Patrick LeBrun »

(My translation is between parentheses)

"I've known Patrick since about a year ago. Since I've met him, he's shown some of the most genuine love for the brick that I've seen from anyone.

A stroll through his house and you will see tons of bricks, sets, layouts, lying everywhere. Once, at his home, he offered me a soda - obviously, in a glass with Lego-brick-shaped ice cubes. (Just to show his love of the brick goes way beyond simple building.)

Most of the models he's put together have been really impressive, and he shows a lot of skillful and especially tasteful choices in his construction.

But most of all, I think Patrick has been one of the guys who was most eager to accept me into our LUG. He's made me feel at home, part of the team, and has repeatedly taken time out to explain the most basic stuff, even when it must have felt obvious, or when he had repeated himself 4 times. He's been at the forefront of most of the organizations we've put together over the last year, and has been a relentless motivator for us to find more exposure for our LUG, and has had a certain measure of success.

He's an all-around great guy, and a definitely a "people person" - the term is clichéd, but his passion has definitely shined through, and his permanent smile can attest to the simple fact that he's in paradise when building with friends.

I'm sure he reads these words and is surprised at what I'm saying, but I mean everything I say!

Vote Patrick Bégin for Ambassador!

Couzin2000"

Sébastien Ferland

"Patrick is a passionate LEGO collector who keeps himself well informed of the latest news related to his hobby. Opinionated and articulate, Patrick is a respected member of his local LEGO community for his enthusiastic and positive attitude, but also for his organizational skills, his capacity to generate a consensus among his peers and his respect for everyone's opinion. Although he's not a prolific builder, his design and building skills are undeniable. In my humble opinion, all of those qualities would certainly make him an asset in LEGO's Ambassador program.

David St-Cyr
AKA Daz Hoo
Member of QuéLUG
Member of FBTB.net"

