

Thunderhead Alliance Bicycle Coalition of Maine

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Thunderhead Alliance Names Jeffrey Miller as New President/CEO
Executive Director of Bicycle Coalition of Maine to Lead National Advocacy Coalition

Today the Thunderhead Alliance announced that it has hired Jeffrey Miller, Executive Director of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine, as its new President and Chief Executive Officer. The Thunderhead Alliance is the North American coalition of state and local bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations, with a membership of over 135 organizations from across the United States and Canada. Miller will begin work at the Thunderhead Alliance in April.

Jeffrey Miller has led the Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) since 1996, growing the organization to be the voice for cycling in Maine. The Coalition boasts a membership of over 6,000, five full-time staff and garners significant media coverage and sustainable transportation victories around the state. It recently won statewide legislation requiring drivers to pass cyclists at a safe distance.

Miller has a long history with the Thunderhead Alliance. In 1996, during his first week on the job at the BCM, Miller participated in the first gathering of what was to become the Thunderhead Alliance, meeting bicycle and pedestrian advocates from across the U.S. Since then, he has built strong relationships with state, local and national leaders in the movement, attending Thunderhead Alliance trainings and other national events and sharing his experience and expertise and learning from others. Miller will continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the nation's largest bicycle organization, the Adventure Cycling Association.

“Working with the members, volunteers, and staff of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine has been a true dream job,” reflected Miller. “While I get a lot of credit, it really is because the BCM is a true coalition with many committed and talented people who all give to the cause. Considering leaving an organization and countless friends who have been such a huge part of my life is not easy, but I look forward to working to help others across North America. I believe the health and sustainability of our country and our world depends upon us all doing everything we can now, and bicycling and walking can indeed help address many of the major issues our society is struggling to resolve.”

With global warming, public health and the built environment resonating with Americans more than ever and with bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations well established from coast to coast, the Thunderhead Alliance is in a unique position to foster growth, strengthen the movement and unite advocates around a national agenda to increase bicycling and walking.

“State and local advocates are the first line in sounding the call for better biking and walking and for national policies to promote that,” said Noah Budnick, the Chair of the Thunderhead Alliance Board of Directors and Deputy Director of Transportation Alternatives in New York City. “And, I’m thrilled that Jeff is coming to Thunderhead to lead their call and turn up the volume.”

This fall, Miller will open Thunderhead’s base of operations in Washington, DC. Along with field offices in Columbus, Ohio and San Francisco, the Alliance will work with members and national partners to be a resource and build strong coalitions that will fight for increased funding and stronger policies to grow bicycling and walking.

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