



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS- MALE ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE BALLOT**

**Instructions for Athlete Ballots**

Indicate your vote by writing the name of the preferred candidate in the space provided. Your name, signature and birthday must be submitted below for the ballot to be valid. Ballots will only be accepted from National Team athletes who have represented the United States in the past 10 years on the Senior National Team, Pan American Team or the Olympic Team and who were USRowing members in good standing as of December 31, 2007.

NOTE: You must vote for one of the nominated candidates. **Write-in votes are not allowed.**

**Board of Directors- Male Athlete Representative**

Candidates:  
Chris Liwski  
Tom Paradiso

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by the athlete: **(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)**

Name of Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby certify that I meet the definition of active athlete as stated in the rules and bylaws governing USRowing elections, and that this vote is cast in accordance with these rules and bylaws.**

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Ballots must be received or postmarked no later than **February 10, 2008**, in order to be valid.

Mail or fax ballots to:  
ACFV, LLC  
Attn: David Carmignani  
3560 Quakerbridge Road  
Mercerville, NJ 08619  
Fax: (609) 890-4644

**Do not send ballots to the USRowing office. ACFV is the official teller for USRowing elections.**

## **USRowing Board of Directors Candidate Biographies**

*The Candidates answered the following questions:*

1. *What is your reason for running for this committee?*
2. *What particular qualifications and experience do you bring to the position that you seek?*

*Answers were limited to 75 words; therefore some responses may be cut short.*

### **Board of Directors- Male Athlete Representative**

#### **Chris Liwski**

1. The voice of athletes is fundamental in decision making processes that affect their careers; therefore representatives with a particular sense of awareness and concern are necessary. As current representatives vacate their positions, maintaining a level of consistency for athletes in regards to their accessibility to, and familiarity with, those representing them is essential. Having been a member of the training center and athlete community since 2002, I would honestly represent the needs of USRowing athletes.

2. "As a longtime teammate of Chris' I believe his experience on the National Team as well as his training as an attorney will allow him to accurately represent the needs of our athletes while simultaneously contributing to the administrative processes of the Board of Directors. His honesty and forthrightness will be an effective addition to USRowing." - Bryan Volpenhein, 2004-08 USRowing Athlete Representative

#### **Tom Paradiso**

1. After a number of years on the National Team I feel that I have a good grasp of the different perspectives and needs of athletes in our sport. In the past four years I have been active in voicing my thoughts to the current Board and HPC representatives. I have no agenda in running for this position except to represent the opinions, ideas, and rights of the athletes involved.

2. I have competed at the elite level in our sport for seven years, making seven National Teams. My experience ranges from small trials boats to big camp boats. I am very familiar with all aspects of our sport in both our and other countries. Aware of the numerous litigations in our sport, I would like to work with the athletes and the Board to resolve those differences as efficiently as possible without wasting resources.