



**NORTHEAST BALLOT**

**Instructions for Organizational Member Ballots**

Indicate the vote of your club or organization by writing the name of the preferred candidate in the space provided. The name of your club or organization, the name of the officer submitting the ballot, the signature of the officer, and the date all must be clearly written at the bottom of the ballot in order for the ballot to be valid. The club officer completing this ballot must sign the ballot for it to be valid.

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

**Board of Directors Representative (Northeast)**

Candidates:  
Dan Gorriaran  
Laura Kunkemueller

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

**Referee Coordinator (Northeast)**

Candidate:  
Amanda Watlington

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

**Masters Committee (At-Large Representative)**

Candidate:  
John Jablonic (Midwest)  
Sunny McLean (Southeast)  
John Nunn (Southwest)  
S.A. "Sally" O'Connor (Mid-Atlantic)  
Amy Shonstrom (Southwest)

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

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

Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Fourth Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Fifth Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Men's Committee (At-Large Representative)**

Candidate:  
Will King (Southwest)  
Ed Maxwell (Northwest)

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

Name of Organizational Member: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organizational Officer Submitting Ballot: \_\_\_\_\_

USRowing Individual Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby certify that I am authorized under the rules and bylaws of the above named club/organization to execute this ballot on its behalf, and that this vote is cast in accordance with its 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:

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

## **USRowing Northeast 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 Northeast Representative**

#### **Dan Gorriaran**

1. When I started rowing 20 years ago, I was surprised by the lack of diversity in the rowing community. Since then, our sport has expanded dramatically in female athletics but we are still in our infancy in promoting the sport to the all America. My primary goal is to expand our sport across our entire population starting at the junior level. If elected to the Board I could be better positioned to achieve this goal.

2. With 20 years of experience as the President and CEO of Hook-Fast Specialties, 12 years of board service for the Narragansett Boat Club, including 5 years as president, service on 5 other community and corporate boards over the past 15 years as well as being a competitive rower for the past 15 years, I think I bring a strong and broad based set of skills to help USRowing achieve its mission.

#### **Laura Kunkemueller**

1. My goal as a member of the USRowing Board is to guide the organization towards accepted best practices for non-profits. Increased professionalism will improve the relevance and responsiveness of USRowing for all its members. As the current Northeast Representative and Governance Task Force Chairman, I have worked hard to bring consistency and clarity to our governing documents. Another term would allow me to see the project to completion and to facilitate its implementation.

2. Since starting to row in 1983, I have competed, coached, organized regattas, refereed, and served on both my local club's and USRowing's Boards. The insights I would bring to the position were developed through:

- Professional experience consulting to non-profits on governance and management issues;
- One term on the USRowing Board including two years as the Chairman of the Governance Task Force; and
- Refereeing over 110 regattas, spanning all levels of competition.

### **Referee Coordinator- Northeast Region**

#### **Amanda Watlington**

1. Rowing and the need for referees have grown. The referee corps is aging, and it is essential that we identify, train, and develop a larger, more diverse and sustaining corps while improving the overall competency and consistency of all officials. The need is urgent in the NE. Rowing continues to grow in the NE, and it is my desire to continue with the efforts begun during my first term as regional representative so as not to...

2. My qualifications include: one term on the Referee Committee, familiarity with the new committee structure gained from being part of the process of changing the structure, 10+ years as plenary official, attendance at Referee, Chief, and Clinician's colleges (faculty in 2004). I am an active referee and clinician. I have lived and refereed in the NE and MW and know the breadth of the challenges. As former basketball and volleyball official, I bring a multi-sport...

## **Masters Committee- At-Large Representative**

### **John Jablonic**

1. I would like continue to be part of the Masters Committee that has made significant progress in the last few years. The committee has been instrumental in many areas of promoting and presenting new ideas and opportunities for masters rowers at all levels of participation.
2. I have been involved in the sport for 30 years and have raced competitively every year. My membership in various clubs over the years along with some coaching and club administration are valuable to understanding the sport and what we need to do to promote and enhance the rowing experience for all.

### **Sunny McLean**

1. I have been active as an at-large delegate for 4 years, waiting for the SE position to open up. Rowing in an integral part of my life and this is one of the many ways I can give back.
2. Competitive rower for 20 years; 4 years as an at-large delegate; previous board member at Miami Rowing Club; current member of MRC Rowing Committee; director of the master women's rowing program; owner of my own consulting business. I have practical experience and business organizational skills.

### **John Nunn**

1. As a current member of the Masters Committee, we have instituted several positive changes to help improve and grow masters rowing, a more efficient Nationals schedule, static referees, and club liaisons. I would like to continue to improve the masters rowing programs and events.
2. Cornell University- Varsity IRA Champion 8+, 1962 and 1963; Pan Am Games- 1x, Silver Medal, 1967; Mexico Olympics- 2x, Bronze Medal, 1968; Pan Am Games- 2x, Bronze Medal, 1971; Coach at USC, 1972-1975; Olympic Sculling Coach, Montreal, 1976; 1984 Olympics, Public Relations; USRowing Nationals competitor 1991- present; FISA Masters competitor, 1982- present; former executing director- USRowing Masters Nationals; Long Beach Rowing Association- President, 1999-2003 and Vice President, 2004- present

### **S.A. "Sally" O'Connor**

1. I am an active masters coach and competitor in USRowing. I would like to volunteer my time to the organization, and make sure the needs of the members are represented.
2. I am a good communicator and, as the organizer of a rowing club with members from Florida to Alaska, I am in touch with the needs and the opinions of members of the masters rowing community.

### **Amy Shonstrom**

1. I am an active masters competitor at the national and international level. I am a past president of the Rocky Mountain Rowing Club during which I was responsible for establishing a coaching program and the expansion of the boathouse. My negotiating skills proved productive in dealing with state and local agencies for the boathouse expansion approval. I am a founder and current president of the Denver Boat Club.
2. The focus of the Masters Committee is to better serve the masters rowing community. I would like to continue to work on several big issues that we as a committee have been working on; static refereeing, improving national and regional regattas, and age handicaps. Moreover, I enjoy giving back to a sport that has offered me success and fulfillment and I would like to assure that environment is available for others.

## **Junior Men's Committee- At-Large Representative**

**Will King**

1. I would like to continue contributing to the effective committee that chair Craig Hoffman has developed. Due to our sound financial practices, we attract top athletes without regard to their ability to pay. I enjoy ensuring that our hiring, budgeting, fundraising, and communication practices are performed at commercial quality by bringing twenty-five years of business and non-profit experience to the committee.

2. a. In touch with junior rowing stakeholders in multiple regions
- b. Raised over \$60, 000 for USRowing Junior Men's teams
- c. Bring financial discipline, both as former CFO and as treasurer of Jack London Aquatic Center, Inc.
- d. Designed coach selection process that resulted in six highly-qualified applicants competing for position in 2005
- e. Author of "Head of the Class: A Guide to College Recruiting for Junior Rowers and Their Parents", distributed by USRowing

**Ed Maxwell\***

1. I would like to continue to serve the region as their representative to the Junior Men's Committee. I believe that I have done a good job representing the region and will continue to do so.

2. I have been coaching junior men for 23 years in the Northwest, and I have served as a members of the junior men's committee since 1987 (or so).

\*Running for the at-large position and running un-opposed for the NW regional position to the Jr. Men's Committee