



NORTHWEST 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- Northwest Representative

Candidates:

Tom Fuller

Greg Ruckman

First Choice: _____

Referee Coordinator- Northwest Region

Candidates:

Robert Cummins

Andrew Everett

Win Rumsey

Robert Willenbring

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Fourth 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- Northwest Representative

Candidate:
Ed Maxwell

First 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:
ACFV, LLC
Attn: David Carmignani
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Mercerville, NJ 08619
Fax: (609) 890-4644

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

USRowing Northwest 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- Northwest Representative

Tom Fuller

1. I realize how much progress our Board has made over the last few years, but I recognize that we still have a ways to go. I would like to help finalize several unfulfilled reasons I ran for the Board in the first place, such as furthering USRowing's financial well-being, improving transparency between USRowing and our diverse membership, and strengthening USRowing's relationship with youth/scholastic, junior and collegiate rowing programs, coaches, and athletes.

2. I have served as the USRowing NW Regional Board Member since 2002 and as Treasurer of USRowing since 2004. I am a former collegiate and masters rower, a former coach, and currently serve as a licensed USRowing official. I bring to the position a strong background in business and finance, and deep personal commitment to our sport. I have served or currently serve on numerous non-profit and several for-profit Boards of Directors.

Greg Ruckman

1. The pool of rowers and coaches in the US is truly remarkable. From Novices to Olympians, Juniors through Masters, our sport draws awesome people as participants. We all deserve a better run USRowing Association. USRowing must be held accountable to the interests of our sport and our sport's participants, rather than the personal interests of the professional staff. I believe this accountability can be accomplished through real-time transparency and active, representational oversight by our Directors.

2. To make transparency and accountability possible, I have arranged for an independent accountant to review the Association's finances and prepare detailed summaries for www.usrowingaccountability.com. I will post an information request form, which members can use at anytime under Pennsylvania law. I am creating an ongoing questionnaire for individuals and clubs to raise issues and give real-time feedback to help the Board make the staff accountable to the membership's interests. Most importantly, (continued online.)

Referee Coordinator- Northwest Region

Robert Cummins

1. Put into place a sustainable referee recruiting, development program resulting in quality long term referee activity in the NW. This includes a broader base of willing chief referees to step up and accept such assignments. Organize to better utilize referees as a registered regatta resource in light of changing regatta registration patterns. Liaison with national decision makers regarding "Rules of Rowing" then bring information back to the NW in a timely basis.

2. USRowing member- 20 years; Licensed referee- 15 years and clinician- 10 years; Past President Northwest Region and NW Rowing Council; President- Everett Rowing Association- 5 years; Founder and President- Lake Stevens Rowing Club- 9 years; Contributor of the Year- NW Region 2003; Julian Wolf Award 2004; Washington State Health Care Regulatory Commission (gubernatorial appointment) - 8

years, Chairman- 3 years, Leadership team in unification of three disparate state professional associations

Andrew Everett

1. I'm interested in working with the regional referees, the LOCs, and the Northwest Rowing Council to improve fairness and safety at regattas; to assist LOCs with the rowing schedules so that regattas can be adequately staffed by referees; to continue to recruit and promote referees through the ranks.

2. I have been an USRowing Referee in the Northwest for 7 years. I was a member of the Oregon State University Crew in the mid eighties as the varsity team manager (2 year letter winner) and junior varsity coxswain. During my time at OSU, I was involved in hosting three Corvallis Regattas. From my professional life, I bring management and leadership skills.

Win Rumsey

1. I have a very strong commitment to USRowing at all levels and feel I can contribute to positive growth.

2. I have been the SW Regional Representative, but recently relocated to the NW. My experience in that capacity should allow a seamless transition.

Robert Willenbring

1. I have an extensive background in rowing, including recreational and competitive crew as well as work on LOCs in a variety of roles. I have a strong interest in referee development and training as well as prior experience as the NW representative to the Referee Committee.

2. Recreational and competitive rower; over 20 years as a USRowing umpire and FISA umpire; development of referee training programs; experience as a clinician; former representative to Referee Committee; work an average of 30 regatta days per year, mostly in the Northwest region

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- Northwest Representative

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).

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