

## **2010 USRowing Board and Committee Call for Nominations**

*Please note: A clerical error was made in the original posting for nominations as it relates to the athlete positions on the high performance committee, junior hpc and adaptive hpc. These positions should have been posted for nomination and were left out in error.*

*To remedy the situation, we are rescheduling the deadlines for those elections only (HPC, Junior HPC and Adaptive HPC Athlete Representatives). Elections will still take place in December of 2009, and the period of time for both nomination and election will remain unchanged. Only the due dates will be changed.*

*The nominating period will remain three weeks, but will commence November 19 and end December 10.*

*The election duration will also remain three weeks, but the new start date will be December 11 and end date will be December 31.*

### **USRowing is taking nominations for the following positions on its Board of Directors and Committees.**

Due to a clerical error in the posting of the call for nominations, nominations for the following positions are due December 10, 2009.

1. The **Athlete Representatives** on the **High Performance Committee, Junior High Performance Committee** and **Adaptive Committee** are up for election by the **Athlete Members** as defined by the By-laws (see below). These positions are for a four-year term of office.

Nominations for the following positions are due November 21, 2009.

2. The **Midwest** and **Mid-Atlantic Regional Positions** on the **Board of Directors, Masters Committee** and **Youth Committee** are up for election by organizational members in the respective regions. These positions are for a three-year term of office.
3. The **Male** and **Female Vice Chairs** on the **Board of Directors** are up for election by the individual members of the association. These positions are for a three-year term of office.
4. The **Male** and **Female Board Athlete Representatives** on the **Board of Directors** are up for election by the **Athlete Members** as defined by the By-laws (see below). These positions are for a four-year term of office.
5. The **Masters, Youth** and **Referee Standing Committee Athlete Representatives** are up for appointment by the Chief Executive Officer. These positions are for a four-year term of office.

6. One **At-Large Referee Committee Member** is up for election by a vote of the Board of Directors in office at the time. This position is for a three-year term of office.
7. The **Midwest and Mid-Atlantic Regional Referee Coordinator Positions** are up for election by referees in their given region. These positions are for a three-year term of office.

### **Nominations**

Prospective candidates must submit the attached form with all required materials no later than the date indicated above to USRowing and acknowledge acceptance of the responsibilities and duties of the position that they seek by signature on the self-nomination form. All prospective candidates must be individual members of USRowing as of July 1, 2009.

### **Voting Process**

Ballots for the **Male and Female Athlete Representatives** on the **Board of Directors** will be distributed on **December 1, 2009, and must be received by the Association no later than December 21** in order to be counted. The term shall commence on January 1, 2010. In order to vote, athlete members must meet the following definition of “athlete”: an individual who has represented the United States in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, or World Championships within the preceding ten (10) years.

Due to a clerical error in the posting of the call for nominations, ballots for the **Athlete Representatives** on the **High Performance, Junior High Performance, and Adaptive Committees** will be distributed on **December 11, 2009, and must be received by the Association no later than December 31** in order to be counted. The term shall commence on January 1, 2010. In order to vote, athlete members must meet the following definition of “athlete”: an individual who has represented the United States in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, or World Championships within the preceding ten (10) years.

Ballots for member-elected positions including the **Midwest and Mid-Atlantic Regional Positions on the Board of Directors, Masters Committee and Youth Advisory Committee, as well as the Male and Female Vice Chairs**, will be distributed after the Date of Record (December 18, 2009) and before January 2, 2010. Completed ballots must be submitted for receipt no later than February 1, 2010. The term shall commence on March 1, 2010. In order to vote, members must be in good standing by December 1, 2009.

Ballots for the **Midwest and Mid-Atlantic Regional Referee Coordinator Positions** will be distributed to referees in those respective regions after the Date of Record (December 18, 2009) and before January 2, 2010. Ballots must be received no later than February 1. The term shall commence on March 1. In order to vote, members must be in good standing by December 1, 2009.

## **I. Introduction**

The USRowing By-laws dictate that our organization be governed by individuals who serve on the USRowing Board of Directors or committees. Opportunities for elected service and leadership exist in the areas defined below.

Members of USRowing are encouraged to participate in this electoral process, both as voters and as potential candidates. Here are important details to help you cast your vote, or be on the ballot yourself.

#### Regional Boundaries for USRowing

*Mid-Atlantic* – DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV

*Midwest* – IN, IL, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, and WI

*Northeast* – CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT

*Northwest* – AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY

*Southeast* – AL, AR, GA, FL, KY, LA, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, TX and the Virgin Islands

*Southwest* – AZ, CA, CO, HI, NV, NM, UT

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The attached materials outline the positions on the USRowing Board and elected committees, as well as the responsibilities of each group under the By-laws.

## **II. USRowing Board of Directors**

**The By-laws require that members of the Board must:**

- **have competed in, coached or directly served rowing;**
- **be a member of one or more member organizations, and**
- **be an individual member of the association as of July 1, 2009.**

The Board established non-binding criteria for individuals that it believes would best contribute to the overall direction of USRowing through board service. The criteria are as follows:

- Ten or more years experience in business, governance (such as volunteer service on public or private boards) or public policy is preferred.
- Volunteer participation in a local rowing organization or other volunteer boards sufficient to familiarize the candidate with the processes and duties of board participation.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

- Set the policies of the Association.
- Establish the annual budget of the Association and monitor the financial operations of the Association.
- Hire, evaluate and dismiss the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.
- Appoint delegates to represent the Association at FISA Congresses or other organizations of which the Association is a member and nominate United States

- nationals to hold office within FISA or other international sports bodies of which the Association is a member.
- Elect stewards of the Casitas Fund as specified in that organization's Articles of Incorporation and the Directors(s) of the United States Olympic Committee ("USOC") to which the Association is entitled.
  - Exercise such other powers as may be vested by law.

#### Time Commitment

Three to four regular meetings are held annually to conduct the business of the Association. These meetings are generally held from Friday night through Sunday afternoon. Two unexcused absences from board meetings results in automatic removal of a board member under the By-laws. Excused absences are granted by the full board for a limited number of reasons. Thus, it is critical that any candidate make a serious commitment to board participation. Board members typically serve on one or more committees in addition to board service. Partial travel funding provided.

#### Who Votes for the Board

**Regional Representatives:** Valid organizational members as of **December 1, 2009**, (e.g. clubs, colleges, high schools) vote for the representative in their region. Under the new By-laws, each organization has one vote, which is not weighted. The following regional positions are up for re-election:

- \* Midwest
- \* Mid-Atlantic

**Male and Female Vice Chairs:** The two Vice Chairs are elected by the individual members of the organization as of December 1, 2009.

**Male and Female Athlete Representatives:** The male and female athlete representatives are elected by the Athlete Members as defined by the By-laws. Athlete members shall consist of those individuals who meet the following definition of "athlete": an individual who has represented the United States in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, or World Championships within the preceding ten (10) years.

#### Deadline

Your self-nomination must be received at USRowing headquarters in Princeton, New Jersey, by **Saturday, November 21, 2009**. The self-nomination form is available at [www.usrowing.org](http://www.usrowing.org). You also may call 1-800-314-4769 to request a self-nomination form be mailed or faxed to you.

### **III. Youth Advisory Committee**

In order to be considered for the Youth Committee, you must be a current USRowing member as of July 1, 2009.

#### Composition

Six regional representatives, two athlete members and one at-large representative compose the nine-member commission. The term begins March 1, 2010. The following positions are up for re-election:

- \* Midwest
- \* Mid-Atlantic
- \* Two Athlete Representatives

#### Responsibilities

The purpose of the Youth Committee shall be to assist the Chief Executive Officer in the promotion of recreational and competitive opportunities for young people.

#### Time Commitment

Two meetings (usually held at the Youth Nationals and the Convention). Completely self-funded position.

#### Who Votes

Regional Representatives: Valid organizational members as of **December 1, 2009**, (e.g. clubs, colleges, high schools) vote for the representative in their region. Under the new By-laws, each organization has one vote, which is not weighted.

Athlete Representatives: The Chief Executive Officer appoints the athlete representatives from the pool of Athlete Members as defined in the By-laws.

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### **IV. Masters Committee**

In order to be considered for the Masters Committee, you must be a current USRowing member as of July 1, 2009.

#### Composition

Six regional representatives, two athlete members and one at-large representative compose the nine-member commission. The term begins March 1, 2010. The following positions are up for re-election:

- \* Midwest
- \* Mid-Atlantic
- \* Two Athlete Representatives

#### Responsibilities

The purpose of the Masters Committee shall be to assist the Chief Executive Officer in the promotion of recreational and competitive opportunities for people over the age of 21.

#### Time Commitment

Up to four meetings held via conference calls. Self-funded calls and travel, if necessary.

#### Who Votes

Regional Representatives: Valid organizational members as of **December 1, 2009**, (e.g. clubs, colleges, high schools) vote for the representative in their region. Under the new By-laws, each organization has one vote, which is not weighted.

Athlete Representatives: The Chief Executive Officer appoints the athlete representatives from the pool of Athlete Members as defined in the By-laws.

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### **V. Referee Committee**

In order to be considered for the Referee Committee, you must be a current USRowing member as of July 1, 2009. Members of the Referee Committee shall hold an USRowing Referee's license, with the exception of the one (1) athlete representative.

#### Composition

The Referee Committee shall be composed of five members including three At-Large Members, one representative of the Regional Referee Coordinators and one Athlete Member. The term begins January 1, 2010. The following positions are up for re-election:

\*At-Large Representative

\*Athlete Member

#### Responsibilities

The purpose of the Referee Committee is to support, with the assistance of the Regional Referee Coordinators, the Chief Executive Officer in administering and supervising USRowing referees and recommending changes to the Rules of Rowing. Members of the Referee Committee shall hold an USRowing Judge-Referee's license, with the exception of the one (1) athlete representative.

#### Time Commitment

Three in-person meetings, usually held in March, September and at the USRowing Annual Convention in December. Occasional conference calls.

#### Who Votes

At-Large Representative: At-Large Referee Committee Members are elected by a vote of the Board of Directors in office at the time.

Athlete Representative: The Chief Executive Officer appoints the athlete representatives from the pool of Athlete Members as defined in the By-laws.

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## **VI. Regional Referee Coordinators**

In order to be considered as a Regional Referee Coordinator, you must be a current USRowing member as of July 1, 2009. Regional Referee Coordinators shall hold an USRowing Referee's license.

### Composition

The Regional Referee Coordinators shall be composed of six members, one from each of the six USRowing regions. The coordinators elect one representative to the Referee Committee. The following positions are up for re-election:

- \*Midwest
- \*Mid-Atlantic

### Responsibilities

The Regional Referee Coordinators elect one representative to the Referee Committee. They represent the general interests of referees in their region and promote recruitment of new officials.

### Time Commitment

Annual meeting and conference calls as needed.

### Who Votes

Referees in their respective regions vote for their Regional Referee Coordinators.

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## **VII. High Performance Committee**

### Composition

The High Performance Committee shall be composed of seven members including two athlete members and five at-large members. The term begins January 1, 2010. The following positions are up for re-election:

- \* Two Athlete Representatives

### Responsibilities

The purpose of the High Performance Committee (HPC) shall be to define, in consultation with the national team's director and coaches, the plans and programs for the training and selection of teams to represent the United States in international competition at all levels other than Juniors, Masters and Adaptive.

### Time Commitment

On average, one monthly conference call and one to two in-person meetings each year.

### Who Votes

**Athlete Representatives:** The male and female athlete representatives are elected by the Athlete Members as defined by the By-laws. Athlete members shall consist of those individuals who meet the following definition of “athlete”: an individual who has represented the United States in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, or World Championships within the preceding ten (10) years.

#### Deadline

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### **VIII. Junior High Performance Committee**

#### Composition

The Junior High Performance Committee shall be composed of seven members including two athlete members and five at-large members. The term begins January 1, 2010. The following positions are up for election or appointment:

\* Two Athlete Representatives

#### Responsibilities

The purpose of the Junior High Performance Committee (JHPC) shall be to define, in consultation with the national team’s director and coaches, the plans and programs for the training and selection of teams to represent the United States in international competition at the Junior level only.

#### Time Commitment

On average, one monthly conference call and one to two in-person meetings.

#### Who Votes

**Athlete Representatives:** The male and female athlete representatives are elected by the Athlete Members as defined by the By-laws. Athlete members shall consist of those individuals who meet the following definition of “athlete”: an individual who has represented the United States in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, or World Championships within the preceding ten (10) years.

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### **IX. Adaptive Committee**

#### Composition

The Adaptive Committee shall be composed of seven members including two athlete members and five at-large members. The term begins January 1, 2010. The following positions are up for election or appointment:

\* Two Athlete Representatives

### Responsibilities

The purpose of the Adaptive Committee (AC) shall be to promote recreational and competitive opportunities for adaptive rowers, and to define the plans and programs for the training and selection of teams to represent the United States in international competition at the Adaptive level only.

### Time Commitment

On average, one monthly conference call and one to two in-person meetings.

### Who Votes

**Athlete Representatives:** The male and female athlete representatives are elected by the Athlete Members as defined by the By-laws. Athlete members shall consist of those individuals who meet the following definition of “athlete”: an individual who has represented the United States in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American, or World Championships within the preceding ten (10) years.

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