

**Minutes of the August 23, 2017 USRowing Board of Directors Telephonic Meeting  
5:00 PT /8:00 pm ET**

Members Present: Marcia Hooper, Kris Thorsness, Sheila Tolle, David Banks, Bill Donoho, Charlie Haight, Jim Dietz, Meghan O'Leary, Joe Flynn, Joe Mannion, Steve Shure, Lisa Stone

Members Absent: Jamie Redman, Nick LaCava

Meeting convened at 8:06 pm ET

**Annual Awards:** Jim Dietz, chair of the Awards committee led the discussion and summarized the process of winnowing the field of nominees down to finalists in each award classification.

**USRowing Medal:** Finalists: Bob Ernst, Jim Joy and Randy Jablonic. In 2016, the decision was made by the board that Kris K. would get the award for 2016, and Bob Ernst would get it in 2017, though the committee received several nominations which it believes we should consider as well. The Board discussed the three candidates, their histories and qualifications. Jim Joy received a majority of board member votes.

**Jack Kelly Award:** Finalists: John Chatsky, Andy Anderson, Mike Vespoli. John Chatsky was the unanimous choice of the board.

**Anita DeFrantz Award:** Arshay Cooper was the sole nominee forwarded by the committee, and was unanimously approved by the board.

**Isabel Bohn Award:** Finalists: Aerial Gilbert, Jeff McInnis, Pat Tirone. The Board Chair will confer with Tom Darling regarding the candidates and the appropriate process for future selection of the winner of this award.

**John C. Carlin Award:** Finalists: Gary Rogers, Jim Joy, Jim Lyden. Gary Rogers was the unanimous selection of the Board.

**Clayton Chapman Award:** Finalists: Jim Hanna, Jim Buckalew, Brian and Cindi Dulgar. Jim Buckalew received a majority of Board member votes.

**Man of the Year:** Finalists: Randy Benderson, Tom Darling, Jim Lyden. Randy Benderson was the unanimous selection of the Board's male members.

**Ernestine Bayer Award:** Finalists: Yaz Farooq, Gail Cromwell, Linda Muri. Yaz Farooq received a majority of votes of the Board's female members.

Winners will be notified, and if they accept, the announcements will go out on Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm ET