Dear U.S. Olympians and Paralympians,

2020 - the year of the pandemic.

We are a rural and recreational community with a population of 23,000 and it was the end of ski season with many visitors from Seattle and cities across the country. Within two weeks we were hit with 50 to 80 cases per day, which was the highest infection rate per capita in the United States. We took immediate action, made an emergency declaration, and mandated essential travel only. At the same time, important USOPA meetings were cancelled or postponed in Colorado Springs to include our governance working group on USOPC bylaw amendments, as well as the opening of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum.

Professional, collegiate, and high school seasons were cancelled, and training centers were closed. The announcement was made that the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 would be postponed until 2021.

But Olympians and Paralympians are nothing if not determined. How has this virus made us adapt?

I speak with many athletes and follow others on social media. Here is what some of them are doing:

Former USOPA Vice President Caryn Davies (rowing, 2004, 2008, 2012) resigned her position on the USOPA board to train and compete again in Tokyo 2020. When the Games were postponed, she was stunned. She continues to train indoors on her personal rowing machine and outside running on mountain trails.

USOPA Vice President Iris Zimmermann (fencing, 2000) is retired and raising two girls. With school cancelled, she writes about the mental and emotional challenges on LinkedIn. She shares how to manage expectations and stay rested, set clear boundaries with specific communications, and how to connect with others.

Masters athletes Carol Brown (rowing, 1976, 1980, 1984) and Willie Banks (track and field,
1980, 1984, 1988) have been training for new events to set new goals. Willie has been posting on Facebook; he is performing 5,000 pushups to raise funds for Leukemia and Lymphoma research. Carol is now biking for triathlon races – such a great cross-training tactic!

In Olympic and Paralympic Spirit,

Richard Fosbury
A Letter From Sarah Hirshland

Chief Executive Officer

July 17, 2020

To the athletes of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team,

As we approach the 40th anniversary of the 1980 Moscow Games, I want to take this moment to honor, update and connect with you.

It’s abundantly clear in hindsight that the decision to not send a team to Moscow had no impact on the global politics of the era and instead only harmed you – American athletes who had dedicated themselves to excellence and the chance to represent the United States.

We can clearly state you deserved better. You deserved the support of an inspired nation, to be celebrated for representing our country with pride and excellence.

This weekend, we will be honoring the 1980 team on our Team USA social platforms – and we will carry your legacy forward through a newly launched online archive at TeamUSA.org/1980USOlympicTeam, and permanent tribute as part of the new U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum.

Additionally, and importantly, we will honor you and the role of sport as mechanisms of peace and cooperation by working to ensure that history informs both the present and the future.

I’ve heard from so many of you personally, and also read the words you have shared about your experience. I know how hurtful the loss of opportunity was in 1980 and that the disappointment has remained over the 40 years since.

It would have been easy to retreat from sport, but this group – this team and the special bond it possesses – is celebrated for doing the exact opposite.

The 1980 U.S. Olympic Team represents leadership in our Olympic and Paralympic movements in the form of coaches, mentors, administrators, historians and activists – and your contributions continue to make our great community stronger.

I wish you all the best on this anniversary, and thank you for your commitment to a world made better by sport.

Sincerely,

SARAH HIRSHLAND
Chief Executive Officer
By Mike Moran

April 12, 1980, was a day 40 years ago in Colorado Springs that changed the course of history for American Olympic athletes and ruined the careers of more than two hundred of them who would never get to compete in the Games again.

By a vote of 1,704 to 697 at the Antlers Hotel, the U.S. Olympic Committee's House of Delegates voted to accede to President Jimmy Carter's demand for a USA boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. It almost put the USOC out of business and our city would never have earned the tag "Olympic City USA."

Ahead of the fateful vote that morning at the Antlers Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs, speeches by Vice President Walter Mondale and USOC Treasurer and former Secretary of the Treasury William E. Simon kept a packed, closed ballroom in suspense and silence, though a vote to stay home from Moscow seemed to be a foregone conclusion after what the USOC had endured since Carter announced the boycott option on January 20.

Carter proposed on that day that the Moscow Olympics be moved to another country or postponed or canceled if the Soviet Union failed to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan within a month. Declaring that “it is very important for the world to realize how serious a threat the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is,” the President said that if the troops were not withdrawn in a month he would ask the United States Olympic Committee to urge the International Olympic Committee to transfer or cancel the Moscow Games. Failing that, the President said he would suggest to the USOC that it formally withdraw American athletes from the Games.

The Soviet incursion, though debated widely, wasn’t as well-reported in that era, long before international news became the nonstop, cable-driven, 24-hour machine of today. Americans knew the Soviets were in Afghanistan, but it was too far away to command daily headlines, constant major-media coverage or global outrage. That is, until Carter decided to use the Olympics as a political tool.

Mondale had flown into Colorado Springs to address the group, pulling out some powerful rhetoric that sounds ironic four decades later: “History holds its breath for what is at stake is no less than the future security of the civilized world. If one nation can be subjugated by Soviet aggression, is any sovereign nation truly safe from that fate? ... If the Soviet lunge toward the most strategic oil-rich spot on earth fails to unite us, what will?"

Simon told the group before the vote, “It is somewhat incredulous that a group of mature persons whom I consider to be among the most patriotic of Americans can seriously discuss defying the President of the United States on a national security issue.”

After those remarks, the USOC’s House of Delegates bitterly accepted the president’s order, voting to withdraw from the Moscow Games. But the vote was far from unanimous, and some feared for the USOC’s future. All who were part of that weekend knew, beyond doubt, they would never forget or feel any better about what they had done. And they despised the fact that the White House had forced them, as the USOC, to stab American athletes in the heart.

Carter, desperate for a supportive vote from the USOC, was informed that the International Olympic Charter states that “national Olympic committees must be autonomous and must resist all pressures of any kind whatsoever, whether of a political, religious, or economic nature . . .” and that the USOC constitution itself maintains “no member of the USOC may deny of threaten to deny any amateur athlete the opportunity to compete in the Olympic Games,” Mr. Carter decided to use national security as his rationale to force the committee to violate these rules.”

The deplorable decision by the USOC came after intense pressure from the Carter administration that embraced calls to USOC sponsors urging them not to make critical payments to the organization unless it supported the boycott.

The Carter State Department team threatened President Robert J. Kane and Executive Director Col. F. Don Miller in other ways.

Miller was privately threatened with...
the loss of his U.S. Army retirement benefits (he was a decorated World War II combat officer), and the loss of some of the Olympic Training Center property in Colorado Springs that still belonged to the Defense Department related to the site’s former designation as ENT Air Force Base. Members of Congress hinted at elimination of the USOC’s charitable deductions for contributions.

Reflecting on the boycott years later, I wrote that “466 American athletes sat out the Olympics while 81 nations competed in Moscow: “219 of them never got another chance to make a future Olympic team, their dreams dying in the embers of a fire that proved to be one of the biggest mistakes ever in using sport and athletes as political pawns.”

On July 26, 1980, we came to Washington, the U.S. Olympic Team that wasn’t. American athletes and our USOC staff and delegation had nowhere else to go while 5,512 athletes from 81 nations competed in Moscow, in the hollow Olympic Games boycotted by the U.S. and 65 other nations.

During a week of events staged and funded by the strapped USOC to celebrate the team, there was little talk of the Games going on in Moscow, no live television in the United States, and little in the newspapers of the day.

On a hot July 30 morning on the steps of the Capitol, we heard President Jimmy Carter thank the athletes for their sacrifice, telling them it would be significant in the effort to force the Soviets out of Afghanistan. To have gone to Moscow, he said, would have validated the USSR’s incursion into Afghanistan in 1979.

When Carter departed, the American athletes, one by one, mounted the steps to receive special medals commissioned and paid for by the USOC, from its officers and sport leaders, medals eventually recognized in 2007 by the Congress of the United States as Congressional Gold Medals, the highest and most distinguished civilian award of our nation.

The boycott had nearly destroyed the USOC. Miller went to Washington and got a commitment of $10,000,000 based on a matching fund-raising campaign with Congress. He told me and four other USOC executives that he was going to have to furlough us until he got the commitment. I almost took a job at Princeton University, but then Miller asked me to stay. The money came only after Ronald Reagan was elected President in 1981 with the help of future USOC President Bill Hybl of Colorado Springs.

It fell on the shoulders of the USOC and Los Angeles Games leader Peter Ueberroth and the success of the 1984 Games to produce stability for the USOC and its bright renaissance that continued today. The Soviets boycotted the LA Games in revenge.

Years later in 1984, the late Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling gold medalist Jeff Blatnick, who was on that ’80 team, told a story that startles me even now. He was on an airplane, flying from Bismarck, N.D., to Minneapolis and came upon former President Carter, seated in the first-class cabin.

“As soon as the plane gets up in the air and levels off, he gets up and
starts saying hi to everybody,” recalls Blatnick. “I say to the person next to me, ‘I wonder how this is going to be.’ He gets to me, I go, ‘President Carter, I have met you before, I am an Olympian.’ He looks at me and says, ‘Were you on the 1980 hockey team?’ I say, ‘No sir, I’m a wrestler, on the summer team.’ He says, ‘Oh, that was a bad decision, I’m sorry.’

In the spring of 1996, when it was announced that Carter, a Georgia icon, would run a leg of the official Atlanta Olympic torch run across the state, a cadre of 1980 U.S. Olympians who were denied their place in history went to Carter representatives and threatened a major retaliatory response if the former President were to touch an Olympic torch, wear official clothing, and join in the run.

Carter soon notified the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games that he would not participate because of a schedule conflict. He was scheduled by ACOG to carry the torch on July 12, in his hometown of Plains, Ga.

“He was honored to be chosen and he wanted to run, but he can’t because of a scheduling conflict that will take him out of the country,” said a Carter representative.

In June 2005, I was the Senior Communications Counselor for NYC2012, the bid group for New York City for the 2012 Olympic Games.

In the early morning hours of July 5, 2005 at Rockefeller Center, we had the feed of the final vote among Paris, London, New York, Madrid and Moscow displayed on a big screen for scores of people at a site erected to celebrate if NYC won.

After the first round of voting by the IOC in Singapore, a terse announcement appeared on the big screen.

“Moscow will not advance,” said the IOC spokesman.

We send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mike Moran who passed away on July 7. Moran served as chief spokesman for the United States Olympic Committee for nearly 25 years, from 1979-2003. He was the Senior Media Consultant for the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation for the past 15 years.
1980 BOYCOTT

Washington, D.C. U.S. Olympic Team Recognition Visit and receipt of Congressional Gold Medal
Photos top to bottom:
Members of the 1980 U.S. women’s field hockey team after receiving Congressional Gold Medals

Members of the 1980 U.S. men’s judo team receive Congressional Gold Medals (left)
Members of the 1980 U.S. women’s rowing team receive Congressional Gold Medals (right)

Members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team pictured at the Congressional medal award ceremony at the steps of the Capitol Building. An unidentified men’s team is pictured on the award platform at center, facing spectators
THE OFFICIAL ROSTER OF THE 1980 UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM
As of: July 8, 2020
Total: 470

ARCHERY (4)
Judie C. Adams
Lynette Rae Johnson
Scott Michael Kertson
Darrell Owen Pace
Also member of 1996 U.S. Olympic Team

Coach:
Dwight Nyquist

Manager:
Harold Kremer

Also member of 1976, 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team

ATHLETICS (105)
Colin C. Anderson
Jodi Anderson
Lynne Anderson
Duncan Fuller M. Atwood
Wm. Augustus Banks
Roberta J. Belle
Andy Francis Bessette
Jeanette Bolden
Alice Regina Brown
Douglas Charles Brown
Julie Ann Brown
Richard Thomas Buerkle
James Butler
Gregory Donnell Caldwell
Anthony E. Campbell
Robin Theresa Campbell
Matthew Centrowitz
Chandra D. Cheeseborough
Robert Edward Coffman
Dedy Cooper
Sharon Ann Dabney
Mary T. Decker-Slaney
Fred Dixon
Boris D. Djerassi
Benji Ray Durden
Michael Kevin Durkin
Marco Ray Evoniuk
Rod J. Ewaliko
Allan Dean Feuerbach
Benjamin F. Fields III
Benita P. Fitzgerald
Stanley Floyd
Herman R. Frazier
Gregory L. Fredericks
Gwen Gardner
Willie Gault
Paula Darcel Girven
Harvey Edwards Glance
William Earnest Green
Pamela D. Greene
John Stanley Gregorek
Lorna Joann Griffin
Marlene Harmon
Karen Hawkins
Kyle Daniels Heffner
James Anthony Heiring
Stephanie Hightower
Denean E. Hill/Howard
Tomas Hintnaus
James Allen Howard Jr.
Sherri Francis Howard
Paul Jordan
Also member of 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team

Also member of 1976, 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team

Also member of 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team

Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Bruce Graham Kennedy
Steven M. Lacy
Francia Larrieu Smith
Melvin Lattany
David Kenneth Lee
Carol LeGrand Lewis
Fred Carlton (Carl) Lewis
Henry Binwoodey Marsh
John E. McArdle
William Ed. McChesney
Walter Lee McCoy
Kathy Laverne McMillan
Madeline Manning J. Mims
Brenda Louise Morehead
Edwin Corley Moses
Larry Elwynne Myricks
Renaldo Nehemiah
Daniel O’Connor
Mary Therese Osborne
Nathaniel Page
Donald James Paige
Lee Nicholas Palles*
Ben (Walter) Plucknett
John Gates Powell
Dan Ripley***
Louise Dorothy Ritter
James J. Robinson Jr.
William Rodgers
Alberto Bauduy Salazar
Anthony Sandoval
Kathryn Joan Schmidt
Carl Francis Schueler
Steven Michael Scott
Clark Todd Scully Jr.
Maren Elizabeth Seidler
Peter Carlton Shmock
Karim Kiefer Smith
Willie Smith
Karen Sokolitz
Pamela Ann Spencer
Frederick G. Taylor
Kim Sandy Thomas
Michael Scott Tully
Ann Mary Turbye
Craig Steven Virgin
James Andre Walker
Larry A. Walker
Linda C. Waltman
Clifford A. Wiley
Mac Maurice Wilkins
Barton Williams
Diane Williams
Randy Lavelle Williams
Randy Byron Wilson
M. Lynne Winbigler Anderson
Canzetta (Candy) Young

Head Coach:
Jimmy Carnes

Assistants:
Stan Huntsman
Jim Santos
Tom Tellez
Willie Williams

Head Manager:
Robert Newland

Assistant Managers:
Ernie Cuniliffe
Roy Griak
Steve Simmons

Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1972, 1976, 1988, 1992 U.S. Olympic Team

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**BASKETBALL (24)**
Mark Anthony Aguirre
Rolando Blackman
Carol Blazejowski
Sam Bowie
Michael Anthony Brooks
Denise Marie Curry
Anne Theresa Donovan
William Henry Hanzlik
Tara Grey Heiss
Kristin (Kris) Joyce Kirchner
Alton Lister
Rodney McCray
Debra Miller
Cindy Jo Noble
Lataunya Pollard
Jill Anne Rankin
Isiah Lord Thomas III
Darnell Terrell Valentine
Daniel Ladrew Vranes
Rosie Marie Walker
Frances Hollingsworth (Holly) Warlick
Charles Linwood Williams
Martin Alphonzo Wood
Lynette Woodard
Men's **Head Coach**: David Gavitt
Men's **Assistant Coaches**: Larry Brown
Dee Rowe
Men's **Manager**: Joe Vancisin

**Women's Head Coach**: Sue Gunter
Women's **Assistant Coaches**: Pat Head
Lea Plarski

**BOXING (11)**
Jackie Beard
Willie James Broad
Johnny Bumphus
Charles (Willie) Carter
Don Curry
Joseph Manley
Lee Roy Murphy
Richard Sandoval
Robert Edward Shannon
James Shuler
Bernard Taylor
Head Coach: Pat Nappi
Assistant Coach: Dick Pelligrew
Manager: Ed Silverglade

**CANOE & KAYAK (17)**
Bruce Michael Barton
Gregory Mark Barton
Theresa Di Martino/Haught
Linda James Murray Dragan
David Robert Gillman
Jay T. Kearney
Stephen Paul Kelly
Leslie Gail Klein
Charles Clinton Lyda
Angus Gault Morrison
Roland Muhlen
John (Robert) Plankenhorn

Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1984, 1988, 1992 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1972, 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1976, 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1972, 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
†Terry Mathew Streib
Clare Ann Turner
Jonathan E. Van Cleave
Andreas John Weigand
Carl H. (Terry) White

Coach:
Andy Toro
Assistant Coach:
Sperry Rademaker
Manager:
Howard Turner

Cycling (15)
Les Barczewski
Robert Cook
Bruce Donaghy
Thomas Doughty
Brent Emery
Mark Gorski
David Grylls
Greg LeMond
Leonard Nitz
Thomas Schuler
Douglas Shapiro
Dale Stetina
Wayne Stetina
Danny Van Haute
Andrew Weaver

Track Coach:
Edward Borysewicz
Road Coach:
Timothy Kelly
Assistant Coach:
Carl Leusenkamp
Manager:
Ed Burke

DIVING (11)
Randolph Phillip W. Ableman
Brian Bungum
David Earl Burgering
Jennifer Chandler
Gregory E. Louganis
Kevin Scott Machermer
Amy McGrath
Megan Neyer
Cynthia Ann Potter
Christina Anne Seufert
Barbara Weinstein

Coaches:
Dick Kimball
Ron O’Brien
Manager:
Bryan Robbins

EQUESTRIAN (14)
Washington D. Bishop II
Norman Adrian Dello Joio
Lendon Fentress Gray
Conrad E. Homfeld
Katherine M. Monahan
John Michael Plumb
Teresa Lee Rudd
Melanie Ainsworth Smith
Karen Elizabeth Stives
Gwen Elaine Stockebrand
Torrance Watkins
John Winfield Winnett
James Cunningham Wofford
Linda Louise Zang

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Also member of 1972, 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1968, 1972, 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Manager: Gen. Jack Burton
Jumping Coach: Bert de Nemethy
Dressage Coach: Melle van Bruggen
3-Day Coach: Jack LeGoff

FENCING (18)
Jana Marie Angelakis Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Gay Kristine D'Asaro Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Nikki Valerie Franke Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Timothy Carrigan Glass Also member of 1988, 1996 U.S. Olympic Team
Elaine Gayle Ingram Cheries
Stacey Rita Johnson
Wayne Johnson
Stanley V. Lekach
Thomas John Losonczy Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Gregory David Demetrius Massialas Also member of 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team
Robert Lee Nieman* Also member of 1976, 1988 Olympic Team
John Michael Nonna Also member of 1972 U.S. Olympic Team
Alexander Orban Also member of 1968, 1972, 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Paul Karoly Pesthy Also member of 1964, 1968, 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Philip Vincent Reilly Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Mark Jeffrey Troy Smith Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
*also member of modern pentathlon team

Captain: Anthony Joseph “Jack” Keane Jr. Also member of 1968 U.S. Olympic Team

Coaches:
Yves Auriol
Csaba Elthes
Manager:
Marius Vaisimis
Armorer:
Joseph Byrnes

FIELD HOCKEY (16)
Elizabeth Rambo Anders Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Elizabeth Anne Beglin Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Gwen Wentz Cheeseman Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Denise Desautels
Jill Evans Grant
Christin Larson-Mason Also member of 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team
Susan Marcellus
Anita Carli Miller Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Leslie Woods Milne Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Charlene Frances Morett Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Diane Marie Moyer Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Karen Christina Shelton Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Julia Ann Staver Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Judith Ann Strong Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Nancy Pitkin White

Head Coach: Vonnie Gros
Assistant Coach: Will van Beaumont
Manager: Margery Watson

GYMNASTICS (14)
Philip Michael Cahoy Also member of 1976, 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Luci Andrea Collins
Bart Conner
Marcia Jean Frederick
Ron Galimore
Larry D. Gerard
James N. Hartung

Manager: Marius Vaisimis
Armorer: Joseph Byrnes
Kathy Ann Johnson  Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Beth Kline-Rybacki  Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Amy Richelle Koopman  Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Julianne Lyn McNamara  Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Tracee Ann Talavera  Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Peter Glen Vidmar
Michael Gower Wilson

**Men’s Head Coach:**
Francis Allen

**Men’s Assistant Coach:**
William Meade

**Women’s Head Coach:**
Ernestine Weaver

**Women’s Assistant Coach:**
Paul Ziert

**Pianist:**
Carol Stabisevski

**Judo (8)**
Jesse H. Goldstein  Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Tommy Gerard Martin  Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Keith Nakasone
Mitch James Santa Maria
Steven E. Seck
Michael Lee Swain
Miguel Angel Tudela
Nicholas K. Yonezuka

**Head Coach:**
Maj. Paul Maruyama

**Manager:**
Frank Fullerton

**Modern Pentathlon (4)**
Michael Edward Burley  Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
John David Fitzgerald  Also member of 1972, 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Dean William Glenesk  Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Robert Leef Nieman*  Also member of 1976, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team

*also member of fencing team

**Rowing (66)**
Christopher P. Allsopp  Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Charles E. B. Altekruse  Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Valerie Ann Barber
Hope Barnes
William Thomas Belden
Earl Frederick Borchelt
Mark Raymond Borchelt
Carol Ann Bower
Carol Page Brown
John P. Carababas
Richard M. Cashin Jr.
John Chatzky Jr.
Steven Erik Christensen
Sean Padraic Colgan
Christina Ann Cruz
Thomas Ward Darling
Anita L. DeFrantz
James William Dietz
Karla Hull Drewsen
Bruce Edward Epke
† Robert D. Espeseth Jr.
John Gardner Everett
Jeanne Ann Flanagan
Charlott Mosher Geer
Julia Hand Geer
Virginia Anne Gilder
Carie Brand Graves
Janet Christine Harville
Hollis Straley Hatton
† Thomas Hazeltine
Elizabeth D. Hills

Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Thomas Andrew Howes
Thomas W. Hull
Bruce Bernard Ibbetson
Robert C. Jaugstetter
Kathryn Elliott Keeler
David Michael Kehoe
Elizabeth Cryer Kent
† Stephen H. Kiesling
Bradley Alan Lewis
Joan Louise Lind
† Walter H. (Chip) Lubsen Jr.
Anne R. Marden
Peggy Ann McCarthy
Valerie McClain
Kristine Lee Norelius
Mark Edwin O’Brien
Mary Irene O’Connor Jan
Louise Palchikoff
Paul Edward Prieleau
† William David Purdy
Kelly Anne Rickon
Daniel Kevin Sayner
Kurt Somerville
Patricia Maria Spratlen
Philip William Stekl
Nancy Hitchcock Storrs
John Richard Terwilliger
Catheen Thaxton-Tippet
Susan E. Tuttle
John Van Blom
Nancy P. Vespoli
Anne Elizabeth T. Warner
Christopher Wells
Christopher R. (Tiff) Wood
Thomas H. Woodman

**Men’s Head Coach:**
Harry Parker

**Men’s Coach:**
Peter Gardner

**Men’s Sculling Coach:**
Mike Vespoli

**Men’s Manager:**
Peter Zandbergen

**Boatman:**
Richard Drelselgacker

**Men’s Assistant Coach:**
Findley Melslahn

**Women’s Head Manager:**
Peter Lippett

**Women’s Coaches:**
Nathaniel Case
Robert Ernst
Kris Korzenioswky
Thomas McKibbon

**SHOOTING (14)**
Terence M. Anderson
Dean Owen Clark
Steven Keith Collins
Matthew A. Dryke
Martin D. Edmondson
Roderick Fitz-Randolph Jr.
Boyd D. Goldsby
Donald Leslie Hamilton
Terry M. Howard
David W. Kimes
Ernest W. Neel
Steve Frank Reiter
Randolph W. Stewart
Lones W. Wigger Jr.

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Team Manager:  
Bill Pullum  
Assistant Manager:  
Joseph Berry  
Gunsmith:  
James Sizemore

SOCCER (17)  
Peter Arnautoff  
Tony Bellingar  
Timothy Clark  
Paul Coffee  
Angel Di Bernardo  
Donald Ebert  
Darryl Lester Gee  
John Patrick Hayes  
William Tyrone Keough  
Adolphus Lawson  
William McKeon  
Joseph Morrone  
Louis Nanchoff  
Njego Pesa  
Daniel Michael Salvemini  
Perry J. Van Der Beck  
Greg Villa  
Head Coach:  
Walt Chyzowych  
Assistant Coach:  
Robert Gansler  
Manager:  
Kurt Lemm

SWIMMING (45)  
Stephen D. Barnicoat  
William M. Barrett  
Terri Lynn Baxter  
Craig R. Beardsley  
Michael L. Bottom  
Michael L. Bruner  
Elisabeth Anne Buese  
Richard J. Carey  
Kimberly J. Carlisle  
Tracy A. Caulkins  
Chris Cavanaugh  
Stephanie W. Elkins  
Jeff Float  
William R. Forrester Jr.  
Ambrose (Rowdy) Gaines IV  
Brian S. Goodell  
Matthew O. Gribble  
John F. Hencken  
Nancy L. Hogshead  
Robert S. Jackson  
Linda Jezek  
Elizabeth Kinkead  
Kris Kirchner  
Karin Anne LaBerg  
David E. Larson  
Kimberly A. Linehan  
Marybeth Linzmeier  
Stephen K. Lundquist  
Mary T. Meagher  
Glenn D. Mills  
John C. Moffet  
Ronald K. Neugent  
William G. Paulus  
Mary (Joan) Pennington  
Susan Rapp  
Peter D. Rocca  
Brian K. Roney  
John N. Simons Jr.

Also member of 1968 U.S. Olympic Team  
Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team  
Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team  
Also member of 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team
David E. Sims
Jill Ann Sterkel
Susie S. Thayer
Richard W. Thornton
Jesus D. (Jesse) Vassallo
Susan E. Walsh
Cynthia L. Woodhead
Head Coach:
George Haines
Assistant Coaches:
Paul Bergen
Don Gambril
Dennis Pursley
Randy Reese
Mark Schubert
Managers:
George Breen
Linda Burton
Pokey Richardson

**VOLLEYBALL (12)**
Janet Mary Baier
Carolyn Marie Becker
Laurel K. Brasey
Rita Louise Crockett
Patricia T. Dowdell
Laurie Jean Flachmeier
Debbie Bebe Green
Flo Hyman
Debra Lynn Landreth
Diane E. McCormick
Terry Ann Place
Susan Jean Woodstra
Head Coach:
Dr. Arie Sellinger
Assistant Coach:
Toshiaki Yoshida
Manager:
Ruth Becker

**WATER POLO (11)**
Christopher T. Dorst
Gary Lee Figueroa
Stephen W. Hamann
Eric Emil Lindroth
Andrew John McDonald
Kevin George Robertson
Peter Hayden Schnugg
Terry Alan Schroeder
John O’Connell Siman
Jon Howard Svendsen
Joseph Michael Vargas
Coach:
Monte Nitzkowski
Assistant Coach:
Kenneth Lindgren
Manager:
Terry Sayring

**WEIGHTLIFTING (13)**
Mark Cameron
Guy Albert Carlton
Michael M. Cohen
James Curry Jr.
Brian P. Derwin
Robert J. Giordano
Jerome Hannan
Michael Karchut
† Luke David Klaja
Joseph Robert Puleo
† Callen N. Schake

Also member of 1976, 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team
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Also member of 1976 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1972 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1984, 1988 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1984, 1988, 1992 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1972 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1968 U.S. Olympic Team
WRESTLING (20)
John Azevedo
Jeffrey C. Blatnick
Christopher L. Campbell
Daniel C. Chandler
Mark A. Fuller
Brian B. Gust
Russell O. Hellickson
Mark A. Johnson
Leroy P. Kemp Jr.
Randall S. Lewis
John K. Matthews
Daniel A. Mello
Gene Mills
Thomas A. Minkel
Benjamin L. Peterson
Brad B. Rheingans
Bruce J. Thompson
Robert B. F. Weaver
Gregory M. Wojciechowski
Charles Yagla
Coach/Manager: Stan Dziedzic
Coach: Lee Allen
Assistant Coaches: Maj. Wayne Baughman
Dan Gable

Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1992 U.S. Olympic Team
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Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team

YACHTING (12)
Ron Anderson
Stephen D. Benjamin
John (Joseph) Bertrand
Henry Peter Bossett
William E. Buchan
Roderick Hopkins Davis
John Marshall Duane III
Neal Lawrence Fowler
Robert Bentley Haines Jr.
Jeff Kent
Michael Leshine Loeb
Edward N. Trevelyan
Manager: Sam Merrick
Assistant Manager: Chuck Kober
Boatwright: Carl Eichenstein
Meteorologist: Robert Mairs
Coach: Dr. Homer Arnold

Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
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Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team;
Also member of 1992, 1996, 2000 New Zealand Olympic Team
Also member of 1976†, 1984 U.S. Olympic Team
Also member of 1984 U.S. Olympic Team

† Alternate

* Compiled by the United States Olympians & Paralympians Association; revised July 2020 by the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee Archives
INCREASED ATHLETE VOICES IN EXCITING USOPC BYLAW CHANGES

Members of USOPA’s leadership have been active participants in working groups over the past year that have recommended broad USOPC bylaw change to elevate the athlete voice in our governance structures:

**PHASE 1: Adopted by USOPC board in November 2019**
- Two new at-large athlete positions to be added to USOPC board (implemented in 2021), taking athlete representation up to 33.3% (up from 20%)
- Addition of International Paralympic Committee Governing Board members as ex officio (implemented in 2021)
- USOPA, AAC and NGBC may approve amendments to their own bylaws (changes in election process for USOPC board representatives requires review/approval by USOPC board)

**PHASE 2: Adopted by USOPC board in June 2020**
- Outlined process for filling two new at-large athlete positions on USOPC board
  - Retired elite athlete and can be outside 10-year rule (10+ year athlete)
  - Slate of candidates selected by joint committee of AAC and USOPA representatives
  - Voting by entire USOPA membership (all U.S. Olympians and all U.S. Paralympians)
- Increased athlete representation on USOPC committees (and other task groups) to 33.3% (up from 20%)
  - 20% must meet 10-year rule (last elite international competition within 10 years)
  - 13.3% can be from larger 10+ year athlete pool
- Athlete representation at NGB level (implemented 2021)
  - NGBs required to have internal Athletes' Advisory Councils
  - NGB boards and committees must have 33.3% athletes (up from 20%); includes 10+ year athletes and broader pool/definition
- Approved amendments to USOPA, AAC and NGBC bylaws to confirm direct election and re-election of constituent members to the USOPC board
- Hearing panel appointment responsibility changed from USOPC CEO to USOPC board chair
- Expanded NGB certification requirements that include anti-retaliation policies

**PHASE 3: Reviewed by USOPC board in June 2020 and out for 60-day public comment; Final action anticipated at October USOPC board meeting**
- Membership clarified to include only NGBs; new “Affiliated Organizations” group and representative council created for other sport entities
- NGB Oversight & Compliance Committee created as new committee of USOPC board
  - USOPA to select its member from retired 10+ year athlete pool
- Legal Aid Program expansion
  - Financial support for athletes for legal aid as well as pro bono legal services
  - Extends to dispute resolution involving NGBs, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, anti-doping agencies, or the USOPC
THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OLYMPIANS AND PARALYMPIANS ASSOCIATION (NCOPA), a chapter of the USOPC Alumni Organization, announced the recipients of the NCOPA Travel and Training Grant Program.

A total of $4,950 was distributed to the following Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls:

**Robyn Stevens** – Track and Field - 20km & 50km Race Walk

**Sabrina Massialas** – Fencing Women’s Foil

**Alexander Massialas** – Fencing Men’s Foil

**Shannon Solares – Rowbury** – Track and Field 1500m/5000m

**Russel Gernaat** – Paralympic - Rowing

**Meghan O’Leary** – Rowing, Women’s Double Sculls

**Liam Rivington Corrigan** – Rowing, Men’s Heavyweight 8+ and 4-

**Nikhil Kumer** – Table Tennis- Men’s Singles/Doubles/Teams

**Katie Holloway** – Paralympic - Sitting Volleyball

NCOPA Travel and Training grants provide direct financial assistance to athletes with successful competitive records who have the potential to qualify for future Olympic or Paralympic teams. Funds are to be used for coaching, specialized training, equipment and travel.

Jim Schmitz, chair of the NCOPA Grant Program and Olympian (weightlifting), explains, “This is the ninth time, since 1988, the NCOPA has awarded Travel & Training Grants. The total number, including 2019 grantees is now 94 – and it is always exciting to help provide funding for Olympians and Paralympians from Northern Californiato be able to help future Olympians and Paralympians from our hometowns.”

Barbra Higgins, NCOPA Treasurer, (fencing) in distributing the checks, wrote to the grantees, “On behalf of the NCOPA board, we hope this contribution to your efforts, during these uncertain times, gives you comfort knowing we are behind you and cheering you on. Stay strong and well! And know we believe in you.”

Julie Nichols, current NCOPA Chair and Olympian (rowing) added, “We are so proud to award these grants this year, especially in this difficult time for athletes in training. We hope these grants will provide a bit of help as you continue to train for Tokyo 2021.”

Funds for the NCOPA Travel and Training Grant Program come from the proceeds of the NCOPA Welcome Home Olympians and Paralympians Dinner, held every four years, just after the Olympic and Paralympic Games and from contributions from Olympians and Paralympians from past teams and community members.

For more information on the grant program and a list of the previous award winners, www.ncolympiansparalympians.org.

The Northern California Olympians and Paralympians (NCOPA) is an organization of Olympians and Paralympians from past and present teams who live and work in Northern California. The NCOPA offers fellowship to retired and current Olympic and Paralympic team members and coaches, coordinates appearances at youth, community and corporate events; and supports an active, visible, nationwide and worldwide Olympian & Paralympian organization. The NCOPA is a chapter of the U.S. Olympians and Paralympians Association. Membership in the Northern California Olympians and Paralympians is open to all Olympians and Paralympians from any country. For more information, please visit www.NCOlympiansparalympians.org.
1980 would have been my fourth Olympiad to participate on a U.S. Olympic Team. It wasn’t COVID-19 threatening the world then, but it was war between Russia and Afghanistan overshadowing the Olympics. The U.S. was threatening to boycott the Games because the host country, Russia, was not to be in war while hosting the Olympic Games – a time where worldwide peace was to be upheld among the nations. Competition was to take place on a fair field of play.

I remember the daily limbo I found myself in. Should I train, or should I wait and see what is going to happen next? The question haunting me was, “What if we don’t go and I’ve sacrificed all this hard work for nothing? But what if at the last minute, the doors open for me to compete, and I’m not ready physically to be at my best?” I decided to keep on training, after all, that’s all I knew to do. To be honest, I recall days when I was on the track asking myself, “Why are you doing this and for what reason?” I felt so much mental stress and anxiety.

The Olympic trials were fast approaching. I remember thinking, “Okay, get ready for the trials because this might be your last hurrah!” Besides that, you can’t boycott the Games unless you have a team qualified to represent your country. I began to remind myself that I was born with God-given athleticism, and I had vowed to worship God through my sport by giving my all and being who He created me to be in this world. AN ATHLETE, and a darn good one at that!

My decision to press forward no matter what, paid great dividends. At the Olympic trials, I made my fourth U.S. Olympic Team, broke my Olympic trials record in the 800-meter run with a first-place win, was named the Most Outstanding Female Athlete of the Meet, and was chosen by the athletes to be women’s team captain. Later, at the White House, I was chosen by the Olympic team captains to give a response on behalf of the U.S. Olympic Team to the Presidential address to the American people on the steps of the Capitol. The track and field team flew over to Russia after the Games to compete against the Russian team. (In 1984, the Russian team repaid us the favor by boycotting the LA Games, then coming over to compete afterward). We then travelled and competed on a world tour. Just as life looked its bleakest and I felt the death of a dream, I was reminded of my purpose in life. God had not brought me this far to leave me in this dark hour.

A Scripture in the Bible that I live by is, “I will praise Him because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, and my soul knows it right well.” (Psalm 139:14).

I want to speak to you, my dear Olympic and Paralympic peers. Never forget – you were born with a God-given purpose that can never be taken from you. Move forward in life and be what you were created to be. NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE IN, AND NEVER RUN AWAY from life’s challenges. You’re an overcomer and the best is yet to come. If you need to talk, here are a few names of Olympic Chaplains to contact:

Dr. Madeline Manning Mims OLY madeline.mims@sbcglobal.net
Stephanie Brown Trafton OLY (track and field, 2004, 2008, 2012) kbrown44@gmail.com
Kristina “Koz” Landa OLY (ski and snowboard, 1998, 2002, 2006) kristinalanda@gmail.com
Dr. John Ashley Null Chaplain ashley.null@cantab.net
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HOW DECORATED OLYMPIAN LAURYN WILLIAMS USED ACE RESOURCES TO GIVE BACK THROUGH HER FINANCIAL PLANNING BUSINESS

BY DEVIN LOWE

As three-time Olympic medalist Lauryn Williams tells it, she’s always had an entrepreneurial streak. It’s no wonder, then, that when she couldn’t find the type of financial advice she was seeking as she contemplated transitioning into life after sport, she created it herself.

“I was wanting to make good decisions with my money, but I was not feeling very confident that my education was enough to help me make those decisions,” Williams said. “Where are the resources for young adults who are looking to make good financial decisions in all aspects of their lives, who don’t have a lot of financial literacy, who don’t have a good understanding of the nuts and bolts of everyday finances?”

Williams has always loved math (and money, she jokes), so she studied finance while on the track team at the University of Miami. As a student-athlete, she sought financial help from multiple advisors, wondering whether she could get an apartment of her own or if she should buy a house.

But she wasn’t getting the kind of information she wanted, so she eventually decided to take her interest in finance to the next level, becoming a Certified Financial Planner and offering other athletes the help she could never find. The answers to the questions she was asking herself were what drove her to start her own business with a unique selling point: when it comes to personal finance, start with the basics and build from there.

“As an Olympic athlete, I understand that [sport] is something they want to do, this is something they’re passionate about, and we have to figure out how to use money as a tool to help them reach their goals,” Williams said.

After graduating in 2004, she continued her track talents with Team USA, winning a silver medal in the 100-meter at the Olympic Games Athens 2004. She competed again in Beijing—finishing fourth in the 100—and then won gold in London in the 4x100. From there, she began thinking about retirement, and that’s where the United States Olympic
Williams tentatively began her transition to life after sport in 2013, but the pull of competing at an Olympic Winter Games drew her back in, and she won a silver medal in bobsled in Sochi in 2014, becoming the first and, so far, only U.S. woman to medal at both the summer and winter editions of the Games. She officially announced her retirement in 2015, and her next step was to attend ACE’s Pivot program, which helps facilitate athletes’ transitions out of sport by giving them a peer group with whom they can be vulnerable, share hardships and brainstorm ideas for career next steps.

“The Pivot program was great because it gave me the opportunity to be in community with other athletes who were transitioning, to realize that I’m not alone and that there are many of us who are going through this,” Williams said.

At Pivot, she had the opportunity to share her ideas for Worth Winning, her financial planning business, with other athletes in “a room of people who also saw me as opposed to just seeing an athlete.” Athletes looking to learn more about the ACE program and how they can take advantage of resources like tuition grants, career coaching and more should visit TeamUSA.org/ACE.

“My business was in its infancy when I went to the Pivot program. I had started my transition and I was a little bit ahead of some of the others, but it was not full-blown, up-and-running—more of a slow walk, maybe even a crawl at that point,” Williams said. “To be able to stand up and say, ‘Hey, this is what I’m thinking of doing and here’s why it matters to me; it’s my way of giving back,’ it was a really cool thing for me to be able to experience.”

Fast forward to 2020, and Williams’ business has reached more than 500 athletes. She has started offering her services to recipients of the Simon Grant, which awards stipends to Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls for training expenses. In early April, she helped a young athlete set up a 529 investment plan “so she can be training and saving for her son’s future.”

In a way, she sees her business as her vehicle to give back to the athlete community and provide a resource she wishes she had when she was competing.

During the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on athletes’ training and earnings, she is collaborating with ACE to host free webinars this spring on personal finance, taxes and other hot topics so that her peers and the next generation of Team USA athletes can safeguard their financial futures.

View the ACE Finance Series presented by Worth Winning. All recordings and upcoming events can be found on the ACE Resource Hub at TeamUSA.org/ACE. Recorded sessions include:
• Creating Various Income Streams
• Taxes Dos and Don’ts
• Reducing Expenses and Increasing Rewards

Williams also shared her advice for the field of play when it comes to pivoting to compete at the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 a full year later than intended.

“As athletes, we’re very good at living in the moment. So the same way that you only were thinking about this year and being prepared for this year, it’s just a matter of resetting the clock and refocusing on the new time period. It’s not convenient to have to pivot mentally, but it’s the same thing that happens on the field of play. At a moment’s notice, you need to be able to make corrections, make changes, and that’s how games are won or lost—to draw on what we already have inside of us and use that mentality to be able to pivot for the 2021 Games now.”

ACE Launches Resource Hub TeamUSA.org/ACE
During the COVID-19 pandemic, ACE launched its Resource Hub in an effort to provide online and accessible content to support Team USA athletes in all areas of their life during these unprecedented times. In addition, it serves to assist all Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls through an additional year of training and preparation. Topics include:
• COVID Relief support and hiring companies
• ACE Wellness conversations
• ACE Finance Series presented by Worth Winning
• Jobs and career planning guides and resources

About ACE
With the support of donors and organizations like the Adecco Group and DeVry University, ACE serves and empowers active and retired Team USA athletes in their pursuit of personal, educational and professional success. ACE connects Team USA to a trusted community of athletes, employers, mentors, career coaches and resources to inspire confidence, self-discovery, personal and professional growth and well-being.

Training, too!
ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESIRED ATTRIBUTES OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIANS & PARALYMPIANS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2020 USOPA Elections/Term of Service 2021 - 2024

- Candidates should have a keen interest in the United States Olympians & Paralympians Association (USOPA) and show a strong commitment to work, collaborate and advocate for and represent all USOPA members.

- USOPA Executive Committee (EC) members are expected to demonstrate initiative and leadership in setting and achieving the goals and objectives of the USOPA.

- The USOPA EC is responsible for developing the goals, objectives and strategies for the organization. Thinking strategically is a key attribute for EC members.

- The USOPA EC guides the governance standards for the EC, the Board and the Chapters. Recognizing the importance of governance and applying it within the organization is a desired trait in EC members.

- USOPA EC members possess a number of skills such as, leadership, prior board experience, management, design, production, finance, human resources, ethics, and compliance. As appropriate, it is expected that EC members will share their skills with the EC, Board and Chapters.

- The majority of the USOPA EC work is conducted over email and teleconference calls, so it is therefore highly recommended that candidates have access to this communication medium. USOPA EC members are expected to return calls and reply to emails promptly.

- Candidates should be available to attend all scheduled USOPA meetings. The USOPA EC meets monthly via conference call, and face-to-face the first quarter of each year. The full USOPA Board, which includes all chapter presidents and EC members, meet face-to-face once a year, usually in conjunction with the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Assembly.

- USOPA EC members are requested to actively serve on assigned committees and stay involved throughout their term of office. EC members are subject to loss of position (by a vote of the EC) if they miss any two consecutive meetings, without a justifiable excuse.

- USOPA EC members are requested to provide input to the meeting agenda and feedback to meeting minutes.

- In an effort to avoid the appearance of any potential conflicts of interest, all USOPA EC members are required to sign a Conflict of Interest disclosure form.

- Additional time commitment may arise in an effort to keep the USOPA active in USOPC events and activities.

- USOPA EC members may be asked to attend a chapter meeting or function.

- USOPA EC members are responsible for reporting regularly on the activities of the committee on which they may chair.

- USOPA EC members are expected to be an active member of the USOPA Chapter where they reside (if one exists).
2020 ELECTION PROCEDURES

2020 ELECTION BY POSTAL MAIL/ELECTRONIC BALLOT

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CAMPAIGN REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

The 2020 election will be done by postal mail and possibly by electronic mail.

Each candidate must have been selected onto a United States Olympic or Paralympic Team as defined below.

As stated in the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association Constitution ARTICLE V, Membership.

Section 1. Membership shall be limited to individuals as hereinafter designated:

A. Regular: Everyone who has been an athlete member of the official U.S. delegation at any Olympic or Paralympic Games. Regular membership in the USOPA shall begin and automatically occur at the completion of each Olympic or Paralympic Games for which the official U.S. delegation was named.

In order to be placed on the official ballot, all candidates’ candidacy application forms/statements must be postmarked by July 6, 2020. All candidacy application forms postmarked on or before that date will be accepted. The Nominating Committee will review all candidates for eligibility, legitimacy and compliance. Candidates who have properly submitted their candidacy forms and are eligible and in compliance will have their names and statements appear on the official ballot. Candidates who submitted candidacy forms incorrectly or were nominated after the July 6, 2020 postmark date may still run for a United States Olympians and Paralympians Association officer position, however, their name will not appear on the official ballot and their platform statement will not be distributed through The Olympian & Paralympian newsletter or any United States Olympians and Paralympians Association office mass mailing.

The following dates are the chronological order in which the election process will take place.

June 1, 2020 – Campaign Requirements and Procedures mailed out to all members of the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association.

July 6, 2020 – All candidacy application forms/statements must be postmarked on or before July 6, 2020 to have candidate name appear on the official ballot. A candidate may be nominated after July 6, 2020 but the name will not appear on the official ballot. USOPA members may choose to “write-in” a candidate.

July 20, 2020 – Nominating Committee completes verification on all candidates’ eligibility and compliance for official ballot.

August 17, 2020 – The United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee/United States Olympians and Paralympians Association office mails out official ballot to all members of the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association.

September 14, 2020 – In order for their vote to count, the Alumni must have their mail-in ballot postmarked no later than September 14, 2020.

October 5, 2020 – Ballots will be tallied by Waugh & Goodwin, LLP Certified Public Accountants in the presence of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and a United States Olympians and Paralympians Association office staff. Ballots will be tallied several times to ensure accuracy.

October 9, 2020 – (Date subject to change) Announcement and notification of new Executive Committee.

November/December 2020 – Officers-elect and departing officers meet at a time and place TBD to allow for installation.

Procedure for Candidates

1) Obtain candidacy form from the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association office, beginning June 1, 2020
2) All candidacy application forms, and candidate statements must be completed and returned postmarked by July 6, 2020 in order to be included on ballot
3) Platform statements must not exceed 250 words which may be submitted with candidacy application form
4) A headshot photo may be included and is encouraged
5) Official ballot to be mailed August 17, 2020 to all United States Olympians and Paralympians Association members
6) All ballots must be received with an “on or before postmark” of September 14, 2020 to be counted
7) Ballots will be counted on October 5, 2020
8) Results of election will be announced at an appropriate time to allow for installation of newly elected officers.

Election Procedures

1) Election Day is Monday, October 5, 2020.
2) All ballots must be signed by the voting individual.
3) Space will be available for write-in votes (candidate must be eligible).
4) Waugh & Goodwin, LLP, Certified Public Accountants will assist the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and United States Olympians and Paralympians Association staffer in tabulating the ballots (multiple counts to ensure accuracy).
5) In compliance with USOPA Constitution Section 1.3, Olympians may only vote for Olympians, and Paralympians may only vote for Paralympians.
6) The candidate with the most votes for the office of President will be named to that office.
7) The top seven candidates receiving votes from higher to lower in subsequent order will be named as Vice Presidents and are considered Executive Committee members of the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association. There must be at least one Olympian and one Paralympian selected.
8) In the event of a tie, the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association Board of Directors and newly elected Executive Committee members not involved with the tie, will vote to break the tie. If a tie occurs after this procedure the new President of the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association will break the tie.
9) The newly elected Executive Committee will be invited and expected to join the United States Olympians and Paralympians Association President and Vice Presidents at a time and place to be determined to allow installation.

CANDIDACY FORMS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:
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United States Olympians and Paralympians Association
United States Olympic Committee
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5760
OLYMPIAN & PARALYMPIAN HOTLINE
1-800-717-7555
UNITED STATES OLYMPIANS AND PARALYMPIANS ASSOCIATION
ELECTION 2020
CANDIDACY APPLICATION FORM

UNITED STATES OLYMPIANS AND PARALYMPIANS ASSOCIATION (USOPA)-MISSION STATEMENT

USOPA aims to build a comprehensive national association of Olympians and Paralympians. In furtherance of this goal, the Organization shall facilitate the formation of local chapters; help members promote Olympic and Paralympic values in their communities; and encourage members to stay engaged in the Olympic and Paralympic movements.

A candidate can run for either or both of the offices. Please declare for which of the two offices you are seeking, President (1) and/or Vice President (7). The person named below is hereby designated as an official candidate for the following office(s). Write in an X where applicable.

☐ President (1) ☐ Vice-President (7)

Date: _____________________________________________________________

First Name: _______________________________________________________

M.I. _____________________________________________________________

Last Name: _______________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: __________________ Zip: __________

Birth date: _______________________________________________________

Preferred phone #: _______________________________________________

Preferred e-mail: _________________________________________________

Olympic/Paralympic Year(s) __________________________ Sport(s) __________________________

(Optional) Photograph enclosed: yes / no

(Optional) Platform Statement: (not to exceed 250 words) yes / no

All Candidacy Application Forms will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee for compliance and legitimacy. The Nominating Committee will be receiving Candidacy Application Forms until July 6, 2020 in order to have your name appear on the official ballot. All write-in candidates not previously identified must meet the same criteria before assuming any office.

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Robert Lee “Bob” Beck
(modern pentathlon, 1960, 1968)

Robert “Bob” Beck died on April 2, 2020 at the age of 83.

Bob was a graduate of Harvard medical school receiving both his D.D.S. and MD degrees. He served as an officer in the United States Navy and was an avid sportsman. As an athlete, Bob was one of the all-time greatest in the sport of modern pentathlon. He represented Team USA in the Olympic Games Rome 1960, notably winning both the individual bronze medal and the team bronze medal. In 1963 Bob won the Pan American Games gold medals for individual and team in Sao Paulo, Brazil as well as winning a team gold in the 1971 Pan American Games in fencing in Cali, Colombia. In the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968, Bob competed in both pentathlon and fencing and won a national championship in epee fencing in 1961.

Betty Weir Bell
(alpine skiing, 1952)

Betty Weir Bell died on March 6, 2020 at the age of 95.

Betty was born in Columbus, Ohio to Charles and Mary Tobin Weir. Along with her siblings—Margret, John, Patricia, and JoAnn—the family soon moved to Omaha, Neb. Though her birthplace was the Midwest, she was certainly not a Midwestern girl!

She became one of the youngest pilots to solo at age 16. Betty was ready to join the Women's Army Corps after graduation from Central High School, but as the war was winding down, the program was disbanded. A deeply disappointed Betty was advised by a wise mother to give Sun Valley, Idaho, a try. Like many midwestern youth, she found her way to Sun Valley via the resort's owner, Union Pacific Railroad. As a soda fountain jerk at the Challenger Inn, she met the love of her life, Ned Bell, a bellman at the Sun Valley Lodge. Their marriage became even more noteworthy for the love and respect they had for one another even after their divorce.

Betty immediately got on the fast track (that was her trademark) shortly after arriving in Sun Valley. A few notable accomplishments were competing in the Olympic Winter Games 1952 in Oslo, Norway, competing in the original Diamond and Gold Sun races down Bald Mountain, the European Birkebeiner, the Tri-Elephant-a-thon and many others, all while raising four children. Betty, and her good friend Vicki Graves spearheaded the Shamrock Relays and the infamous hazing Instructor Days in the late ’50s through the ’70s.

Betty was a three-handicap golfer and keen tennis player. She started flying again in her 40s and much to the consternation of Ned, landing her Piper Cub on the Sun Valley golf course. Good thing it was ‘slack,’ Ned thought. She also earned her Airline Transport Pilot License and flew hundreds of roundtrip charter flights to Salt Lake and Boise before there were scheduled flights to Hailey. Betty also became a flight instructor and taught many local women and men to become pilots. Betty opened a Nordic cross-country center with a tiny retail/rental shop on the Bigwood Golf Course that had by coincidence been a dirt airstrip she used for landing.

Betty was an avid reader and frequent visitor to The Community Library. She also was an aspiring writer with her column, “Small Potatoes”, in the Idaho Mountain Express and articles in a few national magazines.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Ned, and daughter, Dusti. She is survived by her daughters, Andy Bell and Bridget Cimino; her son, Dave Bell; and granddaughter, Ebi Bell.

Betty would not pick a pedestrian, well-liked animal as her favorite totem. She chose the beautiful, intelligent magpie and had a notorious love for them. When you see a magpie, an especially precocious one—you know the one with the mischievous glint in its eye—think of Betty. Also, should you see a worm struggling to get off the drying bike path after a rain, give it a nudge to the dirt as Betty would have done. If you are inclined, a donation to The Community Library would be appreciated. We will miss you, Mom/Nana.

Nathan Eugene “Nate” Brooks
(boxing, 1952)

Nathan “Nate” Brooks died on April 14, 2020 at the age of 86.

Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame Member (GCSHF) Nathan “Nate” Eugene Brooks was one of the rare Olympic gold
medalists to ever compete. He boxed his way to gold in the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952.

Nate Brooks’ road to his gold medal began in Cleveland’s southeast corner known as Miles Heights Village, one of the few historical suburbs where African Americans lived alongside European immigrants. Born the 8th of 11 children to Frank and Mary Brooks on August 8, 1933, in Cleveland, Ohio, Nate was a bright student and fierce competitor at a young age, as his father and first trainer had a boxing ring set up in their backyard.

He competed in Cleveland’s Golden Gloves, where he was a 3-time champion. Following his Olympic Games win, Nate fought his way to become the 1954 North American bantamweight champion with an eighth-round knockout. After professional sports, the John Adams High School graduate successfully transitioned to a career as a survey engineer with the Ohio Department of Transportation, where he retired after 32 years.

Nate had a quick wit, great sense of humor, was deeply devoted to his family, loved parties & cocktails, enjoyed debating any subject anytime and avidly followed the Olympic Games and sports for the rest of his life. He took particular pride in the Cleveland Cavaliers’ historic 2016 NBA Championship win, as he was a former John Adams classmate, friend and fellow GCSHF member Nick Mileti was the Cavaliers’ original owner, with team colors of wine and gold. The colors of their alma mater.

His wife Theresa and stepson Kevin Sims preceded him in death. Left to cherish his memory are his brother Marvin Brooks (Barbara), sister Gail Brooks Tubbs, a host of nieces, nephews, friends, stepdaughters Kimberly (Roland) Silas, Kelli (Blake) Riggs and their families.

Thomas Edwin “Tom” Bruce (swimming, 1972)

Thomas “Tom” Bruce died on April 9, 2020 at the age of 67.

Tom was a native of Red Bluff, California. He attended UCLA, where he won the 1972 NCAA championship in the 100m breaststroke. Bruce parlayed that into a third-place finish at the AAU championships that year. He won silver in the 100m breaststroke and gold in the 4x100m medley relay at the Olympic Games Munich 1972. Before his retirement he was a hospital facilities director.

Tom is survived by his wife of 33 years, Marilee, son Cameron, daughter Lanie, brother Phil, a large loyal group of family, friends, and his dog Buster. He was admired and loved by all those who encountered him.

Harlan Cohen (volleyball coach, 1968)

Harlan Cohen died on March 19, 2020 at the age of 85.

Cohen, the first full-time head coach for the U.S. Women’s National Team, coached Team USA at the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968. Prior to the Games, he led Team USA to the 1967 Pan American Games gold medal in Winnipeg, Canada, and a silver medal at the 1967 FIVB World Championship in Tokyo. Cohen was an assistant coach for the U.S. men at the 1966 FIVB World Championships in Czechoslovakia. He later returned as an assistant coach for the U.S. Men during the Olympic Games Munich 1972 qualification tournament.

After finishing fifth at the Olympic Games Rome 1964, Cohen significantly improved the American squad in 1967 with silver at the world championship.

Cohen’s coaching career was influenced by Hirofumi Daimatsu, who led the Japanese women to gold at the Olympic Games Rome 1964. He was big on repetition and was a fundamental technical coach who pursued exactness.

Cohen served as head coach of the Pepperdine University men’s volleyball team in the 1970s, leading the Waves to the 1975 USVBA Collegiate Division National Championship and NCAA runners-up in 1976. He had a 23-9 overall record in his two seasons. Cohen was an assistant coach at Pepperdine under Marv Dunphy in the 1990s, during which Pepperdine won the 1992 NCAA title.

Cohen has been honored with USA Volleyball’s All-Time Great Volleyball Coach Award in 2000 and its George J. Fisher Leader in Volleyball Award in 1999.

Paul DiBello (para skiing, 1984, 1988)

Paul DiBello died on April 29, 2020 at the age of 69.

He was truly a force of nature and a man who lived life to the fullest.

Paul was born to Donald and Marilyn DiBello in Amsterdam, New York. Paul’s father was very active in the Boy Scouts, and the family lived in many New York and New Jersey
Paul, along with his younger siblings, Peter, Donna and Mark, grew up enjoying the outdoors, including camping, hiking, and skiing. That desire for freedom and adventure took him to the White Mountains of New Hampshire to work and ski at the Appalachian Mountain Club, Mount Washington Huts in Pinkham Notch, New Hampshire. It was here he expanded his skills and became an accomplished ice climber.

On Jan. 31, 1974, Paul, was part of a six-man ice climbing expedition on Mount Katahdin in northern Maine. This is when he endured both a traumatic and persevering change to his life. Paul lost a fellow climbing comrade and his lower legs to frostbite when the group was caught in a fierce winter storm that hit the mountain. Paul spent many months in the hospital healing, and it took a few years to adjust to his prosthetic legs. After returning to the Mount Washington Valley, Paul owned and operated the Saco River Garage with his dog Rufus. Here, he found himself determined to climb and ski again. After taking his first run at Attitash Mountain in Bartlett, New Hampshire, and his lower legs to frostbite when the group was caught in a fierce winter storm that hit the mountain. Paul spent many months in the hospital healing, and it took a few years to adjust to his prosthetic legs. After returning to the Mount Washington Valley, Paul owned and operated the Saco River Garage with his dog Rufus. Here, he found himself determined to climb and ski again. After taking his first run at Attitash Mountain in Bartlett, New Hampshire, and with much trial and error, he started racing again.

In 1981, with the support of friends and businesses in the Mount Washington Valley, Paul set his sights on the Handicapped National Ski Championship in Winter Park, Colorado. From there in 1982, he blew the competition away in Switzerland during his first stint as a member of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team, leading coaches and skiers with disabilities from other countries to speculate that he was not in fact disabled. In successive years, Paul won countless medals in national and international alpine skiing competitions, sweeping gold in Austria in 1984 and Sweden in 1986 in all disciplines. Paul became a legend in the world of disabled alpine ski racing, but he was also driven beyond his own success.

He was active in the New England Handicapped Sportsmen’s Association, leading individuals with disabilities on hikes, canoeing and sailing trips and was also instrumental in establishing the ski program at Mount Sunapee in New Hampshire and after moving to Colorado in 1984, Paul created and ran the competition program of the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD) at Winter Park, Colorado.

Paul was also very successful at raising money for many programs through different events like the annual Columbia Crest race for skiers with disabilities and the Rocky Mountain Wine and Food Festival. Every summer he took members of the Winter Park Disabled Ski Team to New Zealand for off-season training, and many members of these groups went on to compete internationally as members of their respective national disabled ski teams.

After his retirement from competitive skiing, one of Paul’s greatest accomplishments was in his role as one of the key organizers and the Director of the 1990 World Disabled Ski Championships at Winter Park, which hosted nearly 200 elite skiers with a wide variety of disabilities from almost 20 countries throughout the world.

One of Paul’s other passions was sailing. He owned numerous sailboats throughout his life and spent as much time as he could on the off season sailing on lakes in Colorado, Nevada, and in the Sea of Cortez with close friends. He soon became known as Captain Spongefoot. He also started a sailing program at Lake Granby in Colorado for individuals with disabilities.

Throughout his life, Paul strove to help others with disabilities enjoy the outdoors and challenged them to reach their full potential. He knew that the best way to change the outdated, stereotypical attitudes about people with disabilities was to show the public the heights these athletes could reach through recreational and competitive sports and activities.

Later in his career path Paul looked in a new direction, and with his love for cooking and good food he started bottling his popular wing sauce in 1995 out of his home in Granby, Colorado, creating Captain Spongefoot Trading Company. Again, Paul took it to the limits winning awards at local and national levels and creating a successful line of sauces sold nationwide.

Among all his life’s adventures Paul had a daughter Heidi (Pelham) Mahony born in 1983 and raised in North Conway, New Hampshire. This special bond even though distant has been Paul's shining star and legacy of love, which has continued with his treasured granddaughters, Mia and Kylie Grandchamp.

Paul was a rebel, a survivor, a warrior, and sometimes a grumpy bear. Even with many health issues over the past few years, Paul strived to be independent. He had many dear friends along the way that helped him and in the last few months friends Jack, Dana, Ron and Roanne created an amazing support network that made sure Paul was taken care of and was comfortable.

Rest in peace our brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. You are very much loved, and we will look to your universe, and remember you forever.

Gregory C. Gates died on January 09, 2020 at the age of 93.

Greg was born in Montclair, New Jersey in 1926. He grew up in New Jersey but spent his summers at the family home on the island of Vinalhaven in Maine. These summers on the island instilled in him a gentleman’s sense of personal responsibility, while also cultivating a sophisticated skill of competition, which was played out in sailboat racing along the Fox Island Thoroughfare.

Graduating from Montclair High School, Greg joined the World War II draft in July 1944. After two years in the Mediterranean Theatre in Italy he was honorably discharged in July 1946. He attended Yale University in September 1946, majoring in Industrial Administration, graduating in 1950.

During Greg’s freshman year due to his fierce competitive spirit and his highly tuned endurance skills, he earned a seat in the Yale
VARSITY CREW. In 1948 his boat competed in the National Trials at Princeton to determine which crew would represent the United States at the Olympic Games that year.

Greg was one of the crew who represented Yale College at the Olympic Games London 1948. Rowing in the “Four oars without coxswain” event, the Yale crew won the bronze medal at Henley.

The Yale Varsity Crew, of which he was a part, went on to defeat Harvard in June of 1949 at the famous Yale/Harvard Rowing Regatta on the Thames River in New London, Connecticut.

After Yale in the fall of 1950, Greg worked for his father at Drycor Felt Company, a small specialty textile mill in Stafford, Connecticut. In 1952 he attended Harvard Business School, graduating in 1954 with an advance degree in business administration. He returned to his father’s business for two years before he found his niche and worked with great success in industry procurement. At United Aircraft (now United Technologies) Greg worked in their purchasing office. Then at Pratt and Whitney Machine Tool, a Division of Colt Industries, in West Hartford, Connecticut he was the department head of purchasing.

During this time, his family expanded adding three wonderful daughters.

In 1976 at age 50, he retired from the industrial business life to his Christmas Tree farm in Maine. There he could devote half his year to the business of raising and marketing Christmas trees and half his year to sailing aboard his 50-foot ketch.

In 1988 Greg sold the farm in Maine and moved to the warmer climate of Florida. In 1990 Greg and his wife devoted the next several years sailing throughout the eastern seaboard, out to Bermuda, and down through the Caribbean to Trinidad and Venezuela. They “swallowed the anchor” (sold the ketch and retired from the sea) in 1997.

In 2002 they purchased property in the Hill Country of Texas. Building a beautiful home and barn, they settled into the Texas way of life, enjoying a gentleman’s ranch stocked with wildlife.

Throughout his life, Greg maintained his passion for rowing and the competitive mind-set it instilled in him. He set up a daily workout routine on his stationary rowing erg and stationary bicycle, which continued into his late 80’s. His mind was always stimulated by new adventures. Greg will always be remembered for his championship efforts to achieve his goals.

His parents, a younger brother, Percival “Val” Gates, and his oldest daughter, Jennifer Gates Abt, preceded Greg in death. He is survived by his wife, Sunny Gates, daughter Deborah Allen of Durango, Colorado, daughter Melinda Gates of San Antonio, Texas, six wonderful grandchildren, and two beautiful great grandchildren. Also surviving him, brother Christopher Gates, MD, Boston, Massachusetts, and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

John D. Hartigan
(rowing, 1968, 1976)

John D. Hartigan died on June 1, 2020 at the age of 80.

Though only 5-foot-1 and 115 pounds and born with a spine that did not develop properly, Hartigan had the competitive drive of an athlete. His powerful voice, sidesplitting humor, and uncanny ability to push rowers to peak performance launched him into decades of top competition.

He competed at the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968 and the Olympic Games Montreal 1976. John was awarded a gold medal at the 1974 World Rowing Championships. He won gold in 1975, bronze in 1979, and gold in 1983, all at the Pan American Games. Until five years ago, he was a familiar figure on Boathouse Row as a coxswain.

John was an advertising copywriter and promotion manager for what is now GlaxoSmithKline, working to market familiar products. While there, he won two National Wholesale Druggists’ Association Awards for ad campaigns on Contac cold capsules and Maalox. Later, he was manager of communications and corporate philanthropy for Rhône-Poulenc Rorer and then vice president of creative and editorial services at MEDICI Global Inc. He retired in 2009.

John met Donna Duryea at work, and they married in 1969. They settled in Philadelphia to start a family. After the birth of their second child in 1977 they moved to Medford Lakes.

He found his true calling as a coxswain on Boathouse Row with Penn Athletic Club Rowing Association and the Vesper Boat Club, both on the Schuykill. He coached rowing at Bishop Eustace and Monsignor Bonner High Schools and the University Barge Club.

John was inducted into the University of Pennsylvania Athletic Sports Hall of Fame in 2003. A Vesper Boat Club four with shell was named in his honor last year. And a junior varsity race, the Hartigan Cup, will be held at the annual Head of the Schuykill Regatta in perpetuity.

Apart from rowing, he was a member of the St. Mary of the Lakes Church in Medford and a volunteer lay reader for Sunday Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul in Center City.

In 2015, he and his wife retired and moved to Normandy Farms Estates, a retirement community in Blue Bell, where he took charge of a daily announcements highlighting activities.

Along with his wife Donna of 50 years, he is survived by daughters Jennifer Hartigan Johnson and Kelly Hartigan Goldstein, two grandchildren, and a sister.
John Thomas “Jack” Henn  
(volleyball, 1968)

John “Jack” Henn died on March 22, 2020 at the age of 79.

Jack was raised in Mission Hills, California and went to San Diego High School as a basketball player before turning to indoor volleyball in the early 1960s. After being an alternate at the Olympic Games Rome 1964, he was the starting setter at the Olympic Games Mexico City 1968.

He started the San Diego State men’s volleyball program in 1966 as a graduate player and won the USVBA ‘Small Schools Title’. Jack led the Aztecs to the school’s only NCAA title in 1973 beating Long Beach in finals before biggest crowd in college history after being runner-up in 1972. He was induced into the San Diego River Schools’ Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996.

In 1961 he married the love of his life Camille (Soucy) Hoover, they have been married for over 59 years. They have three sons Walter of Providence, Rhode Island, William A. and his wife Laura of Milford Massachusetts, and Michael and his former wife Claudia of Barrington, Rhode Island. He is also survived by three loving grandchildren Patrick and Sydney of Barrington, Rhode Island, and Jared of Milford, Massachusetts.

In 1985 Walter became President and CEO of New Direction Industries Inc., formed a new corporation, and purchased 80 percent of Winsor & Jerauld textiles in Providence Rhode Island. He operated it until his retirement in 2011. He became a member of the Anawan Club in Rehoboth and volunteered at TapIn, a social services organization in Barrington, Rhode Island. He was also a member of the West Barrington Men’s Club. He had a passion for life, recreational sports, and family.

Pavle Jovanovic  
(bobsled and skeleton, 2006)

Pavle Jovanovic died on May 3, 2020 at the age of 43.

He was a 1995 graduate of Toms River High School East and started bobsled in 1997. He won a world championship bronze medal in 2004 and finished seventh in both the two- and four-man events at the Olympic Winter Games Torino 2006.

Pavle earned three varsity letters in football at Toms River East and served as one of the team’s captains, along with being named to the All-Shore and All-County teams, he was inducted into the Toms River Schools’ Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.

Pavle fell in love with the bobsled watching the Winter Olympic Games in 1984 with his father, he told NBC Sports for a biography for the 2006 Olympic Games, and the stories of him practicing the sport in the backyard of his Toms River home have been repeated many times.

Bruce Duncan MacDonald  
(track and field, 1956, 1960, 1964)

Bruce MacDonald died on March 30, 2020 at the age of 92.

Bruce was raised in Douglaston, Queens and lived in Port Washington, New York for his entire adult life. He went to college at New York University, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in health education in 1951 and a master’s degree in safety education in 1957. He taught health and driver’s ed at Schreiber High School until his retirement in 1991 and continued to coach the track team until 2015. He was induced in the school’s athletic hall of fame in 1995. He told people that he never dropped out of
a race, he was a force at the national level. Bruce finished 16th in the 20K race walk at the Olympic Games Melbourne 1956, 23rd in the 50K race walk at the Olympic Games Rome 1960 and 26th in the 50K walk at the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964.

Bruce was later an assistant coach of the U.S. men’s track and field team at the Olympic Games Munich 1972 and the Olympic Games Montreal 1976. He also served as a radio operator for the race walk competition at the Olympic Games Los Angeles 1984 and was a racewalking official at the Olympic Games Atlanta 1996.

He gave everything he had to the sport of track and field. When he needed it most, those whose live he touched gave it right back. When Bruce’s Port Washington home burned down in early 2015, the track community sprinted to his side, raising enough money through fundraisers to allow him to move into the nearby Amsterdam assisted living community.

Bruce is survived by his nieces Ellen Grawe and Jennifer Loftus, both of Pennsylvania, niece Anne Johnston and nephew Matt MacDonald, both of New Jersey.

Bobby Morrow
(track and field, 1956)

Bobby Morrow died on May 30, 2020 at the age of 84.

Bobby was a humble and gracious man who lived a simple life dedicated to the people and places he cared about the most. He lived his life with quiet conviction. He was always drawn back to the Rio Grande Valley and enjoyed living his life in the area. San Benito ISD was kind enough to name their football stadium after Mr. Morrow and he was deeply honored by the recognition.

After a high school career at San Benito, Texas with his track coach Jack Watson and football coach Jim Barnes, Bobby chose to attend Abilene Christian University. Under the direction of the late Coach Oliver Jackson, Bobby and his teammates Thane Baker, Leamon King and Ira Murchison, broke or tied more than 10 world records.

During his life he received many accolades regarding his athletic abilities. He was the 1956 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year. An honor he cherished. That year he was also declared the fastest man on earth. He was most proud to receive the opportunity to represent the United States at the Olympic Games Melbourne 1956 where he competed in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay. He was the first sprinter since Jesse Owens in 1936 to win gold in those three events. Bobby did not keep any of his medals; he donated them in hopes others would be inspired to pursue their own dreams.

The family is very grateful for all of the support from his friends and fans from around the world.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Gordon and Troy Morrow.

He is survived by his longtime partner of 20 years, Judy Parker of Harlingen, Texas; daughter Vicki (Rick) Watson of Bonham, Texas; son Ron (Becky) Morrow of Arlington, Texas; daughter, Elizabeth (Kirk) Kelton of Argyle, Texas; and step-daughters Alisa (Frank) Matz and Lynn (Mike) Zanca. He is also survived by his 11 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

Peter Schotting has influenced your career.”

Peter Schotting died on March 19, 2020 at the age of 76.

“If you are or were a speedskater in America, Peter Schotting has influenced your career.” This innovative and charismatic Dutchman born in Amsterdam was a veteran of the Royal Netherlands Army 12th Infantry Battalion.

Peter coached the 1976 and 1980 U.S. Olympic Speedskating Teams. As the coach and mentor of many world-class champions, Peter’s idiosyncratic coaching style brought a level of sophistication and recognition to the world of American Speedskating.

Peter is predeceased by his mother and father Johannah and Carolina Schotting, brothers Tom and Theo.

Left to mourn his passing is his son Matthew (Jamita) Schotting, sisters Agnes, Mieke and Lies, brothers Andre (Willy), Paul, Frans, Hans and Gerard, step-mother Thea Walstra, sister-in-law Joke Schotting and special friend, Erik Henrikson.

Peter Schotting
(speedskating coach, 1976, 1980)

Harry Sindle died on April 24, 2020 at the age of 90. It was the day before his 67th wedding anniversary to his wife Janet.

He began to sail at the age of 10, learning alongside his dad on the Jersey Shore. In the 1950’s and 60’s he was a nationally known sailor, winning major titles in the Lightning, Thistle, Comet, Flying Dutchman, and others. In the Flying Dutchman class, he was the gold medal winner in the Pan American Games in 1959 and competed at the Olympic Games Rome 1960.

In 1963, wanting to move his growing family to a country setting, he left a small sailboat manufacturing company he co-owned in Tom’s River, New Jersey, he moved to Gloucester, Virginia to work as a sales rep for local sailing legend and designer of the Mobjack, Roger Moorman.

Harry Robert Sindle
(sailing, 1960)

Harry Sindle died on April 24, 2020 at the age of 90. It was the day before his 67th wedding anniversary to his wife Janet.
Bowen Dow “Bo” Stassforth
(swimming, 1952)

Bowen “Bo” Stassforth died on November 22, 2019 at the age 93.

Bowen “Bo” Dow Stassforth, a lifelong Boy Scout, a Navy Service Man, a Hawkeye, an Aviator, an Olympian, a founding member Y’s Men club and a 62 year resident of Rancho Palos Verdes passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 22, 2019.

Bo was born in Los Angeles, California, he attended Los Angeles High School and had his senior year interrupted by volunteering to go the Navy during WWII in August of 1944 as his brother did earlier. He taught water survival training skills on the North Island in San Diego and was honorably discharged in 1946 after two years of service. While he was in the Navy, one of his naval friends told him to come and swim at the University of Iowa. With that he was forever a Hawkeye.

His success as a Big 10 swimmer allowed him to travel to Japan with Team USA with a 1st place finish as well as to Argentina for the 1951 Pan American Games where he brought home a gold and bronze medal. In 1952, he qualified first overall at the U.S. Olympic trials. Later that summer at the Olympic Games Helsinki 1952, he won silver in the 200m breaststroke. He finished his swimming career later that month as the national AAU outdoor champion and the American record holder in the 220m breaststroke (a distance 3 feet 9 inches longer than the Olympic final) with the same time of 2:34.7 as the Olympic final and officially retired. Shortly thereafter Bowen started his occupational career which lasted over 50 years in the family insurance business with his dad and brother.

In 1953, while back at home and having dinner with a group of swimming friends in Los Angeles, he met the love of his life Corinne Marjorie Batsche. After a long-distance romance, they married in 1954 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The happy couple settled down in Brentwood and later moved to Rancho Palos Verdes in 1957, where they raised their five children. Bo and Marge remained married for 61 years until her death in 2016.

Bo was a focused husband and father who worked long hours to support family. Bo was known for his warm, humble personality and outgoingness to and with others, but most importantly, always a complete gentleman. His lasting impact to others was evident when an Iowa teammate named his first son after him. Bo’s pastimes included volunteering, sailing and tennis. He enjoyed a full retirement, which included a member of the Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club in San Pedro; a founding member of the Y’s Men Club for over 60 years and was a Boy Scout in Troop 121 until his passing.

All are grateful for heartfelt condolences and friendship. He is survived by his 5 children – Leslie Clarkson, Carla (Michael) Tumanjan, Eric (Lisa) Stassforth, Jo Marie (Joe) Upegui, and Jon (Linda) Stassforth with 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The family originally lived on Ware Point, in Gloucester. The company moved to the old skating rink on Rt 17 in White Marsh, was purchased by Browning Arms, and named Newport Boats. He was made manager of that company and for a while helped manage both the Gloucester and California plants. Throughout the ups and downs and company name changes in the sailing business, he continued to design and manufacture small sailboats, culminating with managing Gloucester Yachts in a plant he built in Ware Neck, (Gloucester) until it was sold in 1986.

Some of the designs he is known for are the Newport models named Holiday, Blue Crab, Flipper, Skipjack, Kite, N17, and Surprise. He also designed the Lockley/Newport (later named Gloucester) 19, 20, 23, 27. Other boats that he produced included the fiberglass version of the Hampton One Design, Albacore, Lightning, and the Chrysler (later named Gloucester), Buccaneer and Multineer. He was Virginia’s first Laser sailboat dealer.

Harry is an alumnus of Rutgers University and a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was one of the founding members of the Ware River Yacht Club and served a couple of terms as Commodore. For many years he was a guest racing expert for Steve Colgate’s Offshore sailing schools, in Florida and Puerto Rico. He also worked as a representative of New York Life.

Harry is predeceased by his parents and son Richard. He is survived by his sister Gwen Mirrielees of Tampa, Florida, his wife Janet, three children, Brad, Robert (Nancy), Susan, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

For the last 9 years, he was bedridden with Parkinson’s. His wishes to remain in their home on Wilson Creek were honored by his family and made possible by his wife as main caregiver. It is impossible to list everyone the family would like to thank, but we feel a special thank you needs to be given to Dr. Peter Zullo, Joan Hooper (deceased), and Cindy Laughinghouse.
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