Letter from Leadership

As I sat in this year’s 2021 National Tournament in Shreveport, I took some time to reflect on the almost three years that I’ve had the privilege to serve as your Board president. For the first time since I was handed the gavel back in 2019, I was able to just sit back, watch, and observe our boxers, coaches, volunteer officials, physicians, and staff.

The one thing that stood out the most to me was that what used to be viewed as remarkable within the organization is now the expectation and the standard. We have come a long way in just a few years. Besides all of the hard work by the staff, members, and volunteers, I truly believe the Covid-19 pandemic and all the challenges associated with it also contributed to making our organization stronger.

The pandemic forced us all to come up with more innovative ways to deal with just about every aspect of our every day lives, jobs, and businesses. At USA Boxing, our members, LBCs, and staff had to manage budgets that had fewer members and lower revenue due to the inability to put on competitions because of gathering and travel constraints. Our Board of Directors and staff had to go from meeting face-to-face to conducting everything via ZOOM. Our High Performance Department had to rent an abandoned department store and set up off site to train our Olympic boxers to compete in Tokyo. Our grassroots gym owners came up with all sorts of ideas to keep their gyms open. These are just a few challenges that I’ve mentioned, but there were many more.

Why am I bringing all of this up and why is it important? It’s important because we did what “boxing people” do. Our members, LBCs, staff in Colorado Springs, volunteer officials, Board of Directors, and Foundation found a way to persevere, rise to the occasion, and ultimately come out stronger than ever!

Since we got “Back to Boxing” in the post pandemic era, in March we put on the largest boxing tournament in USA Boxing history at the 2020 Nationals only to be surpassed by the recent 2021 National Tournament. Team USA boxers had their best performance in twenty years at this year’s Olympics in Tokyo. Our men recently had the best performance since 1999 at the World Championships in Serbia. Last month, we just had the number one team in the world at the Junior Pan Am Games in Columbia. Our membership is also growing at a faster rate today than it was before the pandemic.

I had the honor to address our referees and judges at the 2021 Nationals and one word came to mind then and comes to mind now……FAMILY. We are a family, and family sticks together during tough times and finds a way to come out stronger on the other end. That’s exactly what we have done. Our boxing family endured the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we are now stronger than ever!

Thanks to all of you, I am more excited than ever about the future of USA Boxing. We are ascending at all levels, and it’s a direct reflection of the efforts of our members, volunteers, and our very talented staff in Colorado Springs. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I’d like to congratulate you all on a total team effort that’s only going to improve as we continue to work together to grow our beloved sport of boxing. Thank you all so much for your hard work and dedication. God Bless!

Thanks,

Tyson J. Lee, President of the Board
Holiday greetings from the Membership Department. We have enjoyed serving you in 2021 and look forward to working with you again in 2022.

Year End Reminders:
- CLUB MEMBERSHIPS are discounted 10% through December 31st.
- Please note all club memberships expire on 12/31/2021, members will not be able to attach to a club unless it is currently registered.
- RENEWING MEMBERS can print their 2022 membership cards on January 1st.
- All 2nd memberships in the same year are now discounted at 50% (athlete or non-athlete).
- SafeSport training is valid for 1 year from the date you complete the course, please take note of your expiration date to keep your membership current.
- Background Screenings take 7-9 business days to complete so please plan accordingly for upcoming events.

Insurance Plans available to USA Boxing Member Clubs
USA Boxing is able to provide two new insurance offerings for clubs that may be in need of additional insurance coverage not provided by the General Liability policy afforded to all USA Boxing member clubs.

Commercial package insurance (highlights of coverage)
- Covers personal property, i.e., furniture, supplies, sports equipment, etc. at your club, gym or other declared place of business.
- Covers club equipment related to boxing while in transit and when away from your premises for competitions.

Directors and Officers Coverage (highlights of coverage)
- Protect the personal assets of a company’s directors and officers
- Protect the organization’s assets
- Help the club/gym monitor and provide defense costs associated with responding to lawsuits and/or investigations

The application process is very easy and the cost will be assessed according to each individual application. We will be emailing information on these two options next week.

Thank you to these OUTSTANDING MEMBERS for representing USA at the Tokyo Olympics
Angel Villarreal (International Technical Official)
Dr. Armando Sanchez (International Technical Official)
Beau Campbell (Referee & Judge)
Andy Mustacchio (Referee & Judge)

Club Focus
Congratulations to Gloves Not Guns in in Pine Bluff Arkansas. Their club was recently selected by a local organization to receive over $40,000 in funding for their gym. Plus, they were selected to host their LBC’s Silver Gloves.
The 2021 USA Boxing National Championships held in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 6-12, 2021 proved to be the largest USA Boxing tournament in history and provided a strong finish to 2021. With 1,121 boxers, 1,100 coaches, 125 officials participating in 1,013 bouts in four rings over six days, USA Boxing was able to crown 131 National Champions in the Bantam, Junior, Youth and Elite age divisions. USA Boxing is proud of all members and participants as we begin our journey to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Part of the USA Boxing tradition is that at the National Championship Finals, we acknowledge exceptional volunteers for the year, boxers of tournament, and those who have passed.

**Officials Awards:**
- Outstanding Referee: Andres Lamasanguiano
- Outstanding Judge: Matt Meyers
- Outstanding Physician: Dr. Haas
- Outstanding Administrative Staff: Bill Wells
- Pete Suazo Humanitarian Award: Shawn Reese

**Boxer of the Tournament:**
- Elite Female: Jajaira Gonzales
- Elite Male: Emilio Garcia
- Youth Female: Yoseline Perez
- Youth Male: Cornellio Phipps
- Junior Female: Laila Zakirov

**2021 USA Boxing Honorary National Champion:**
Jesselyn Silva

"Down But Not Out …
Lost But Not Forgotten"

We want to acknowledge and honor our members and associates who we lost in 2021. Each one has helped change the lives of USA Boxing’s boxers, coaches and officials by sharing their time, energy, sweat, blood, tears and passion for the greatest sport in the world, Olympic style boxing.

Albert Meggett - South Carolina Official
Gary Richards - Michigan Official
Steve Chavarria - South Texas Official
Richard Corey Simmons, II - Michigan Boxer
Clarence Senarighi - Hawaii Official
Stuart Okamura - Hawaii Official
Gene Blair - Adirondack Chief of Officials
Raymond Parsons - Wyoming Official
William Sahnow - Virginia Official
Davey Lee Armstrong - Olympian
Jaime Lopez - Gulf Coach

Bob Nicholson - Florida LBC Leader
Sammy Garza - Gulf Official
Marty Steinhilber - Adirondack Official
Bobby Bryant - Southern Coach
Bob Kerr - Michigan Coach
Gary Toney - West Virginia Official
Osvaldo Bisbal - AIBA Leader
Dr. Sherry Wulkan - USA Boxing Board Member
Marshall E. Murdaugh - USA Boxing Foundation Board Trustee
Rashed Al-Swaisat - Jordanian Boxing Federation Boxer
R.K. Sacheti - Indian Boxing Federation Executive Director
World Championships

USA Boxing had their most successful Men’s World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia this past October, winning two gold and two silver medals, their most medals since 1999.

Rahim Gonzales and Jahmal Harvey each became World Champions in their weight categories, while Roscoe Hill and Omari Jones brought home silver. Obed Bartee-El and Jamar Talley finished in the top eight in their World Championships debut, while Vershuan Lee Jonathan Mansour and Jordan Panthen rounded out the team.

The Elite Women’s World Championships, which were schedule to take place in Istanbul, Turkey this month, have now been postponed until next year. USA Boxing has already named six of the seven women who will represent Team USA in Turkey. The seventh member of the team will be announced following the USA Boxing HP Selection Camp in January 2022. The roster can be seen below:

- 52 kg: Shera Mae Patricio
- 57 kg: Amelia Moore
- 60 kg: Rashida Ellis
- 66 kg: Arika Skoog
- 70 kg: Morelle McCane
- 75 kg: Naomi Graham

Junior Pan American Games

The 2021 Junior Pan American Games in Cali, Colombia will go down in history for USA Boxing, as the team won 12 medals, five gold, three silver and four bronze, landing the team atop the medal count podium, ahead of Cuba and Colombia.

The five gold medals were won by Julius Ballo, Kayla Gomez, Jesikah Guerra, Jewry Rodriguez and Quincey Williams, while Ali Feliz, Faith Mendez and Steven Navarro took home the silver. Ali Almajdi, Santiago Franco, Joel Iriarte, and Donte Layne added bronze medals to the team’s totals, and Sativa James rounded out the team.
USA Boxing including the Referee & Judges Committee with input from LBC Presidents, Chief of Officials and the Coaches Committee have updated the National Rule Book. The revisions go into effect in January. Please check the USA Boxing website for a list of all the changes after January 1.

**Rule Book Revisions include:**
- Beards at a certain length are allowed
- Pregnancy forms are not signed at events but at registration
- Pee Wee Males can compete against Pee Wee Females at the local level

To meet USOPC Compliance, the Board of Directors with guidance from legal counsel have approved updated bylaws for USA Boxing.

The revised bylaws can be found on the website under Membership.

Thank you to the 72 Fall Sanction Holders that took advantage of the Knock Out Covid campaign and helped educate the boxing community and earned money for your event!

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*Note: USOPC Funding includes Direct Athlete Support, paid directly to athletes*

Increased funding has helped facilitate the development of strategic priorities:
- Increase in podium performances
- Enhanced athlete support -> athlete retention
- New coaching education system
- Foundation for establishing regional training centers

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**LEGENDARY**

These gyms have been USA Boxing members for over 30 years!

- Saratoga Youth Boxing Assn
- City Of Albany Boxing Program
- Ellwood City Police Boxing Club
- Butler Cubs
- South Park Boxing
- Gene Lewis Boxing Club Inc
- Hanford Boxing Club
- Southeast Fresno Boxing Club
- Hard Knocks At Rodarte
- Clearwater Boxing Club
- Ray's Boxing Club
- Progressive Amateur Boxing Assn
- Vista Boxing Club
- Indiana Golden Gloves
- Lilac City Boxing Club
- Iowa Golden Gloves
- Ohio State Former Boxers & Associates
- Starrett City Boxing Inc.
- Gleason's Athletic Club
- Suffolk County Pal
- Muskegon Recreational Center
- Harrowgate Boxing Club
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- Lou Costello Sportsmen Club Inc
- Henrys Golden Gloves Club
- Rochester St Martin Boxing Club Inc
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- San Jose Police Activities League
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- Cal's Olympic Boxing
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- Rock Hill Boxing Club
- Laredo Amateur Boxing Club
- Angel's Boxing Club
- Golden Gloves Charities Inc
- Red Bank Boxing Club
- Round 1 Boxing For Health
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- Texas Golden Gloves Athletic
- Alexandria Boxing Club Inc
- Lubbock Boys & Girls Warriors / Golden Gloves
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- United Community Center Boxing Club

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For Current Job Openings go to

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We are hoping to take the courses “on the road” and are currently looking for LBCs to host a Bronze Level Coaching Education Clinic in their area. The Bronze level clinic is a two-day long course that gives coaches the opportunity to add high performance techniques to their toolbox. The course shares innovative skills, drills, and dynamic warmups from our high performance coaches. The Bronze course uses the American Development Model to help coaches train their athletes, from the youngest to oldest.

A facility with a dedicated space for a minimum of 16 coaches to learn, and practice is required to host a course. If you’re interested in hosting, coordinate with your LBC and reach out to ltobin@usaboxing.org at least 60 days prior to the desired course date.

The USAB Foundation graciously gave $50,000 this year (up from $30,000 in recent years) for the Thomas “Sarge” Johnson Scholarship program. Students must be enrolled in a post-secondary college or trade school with a GPA of 2.0 or higher to qualify. We are proud of our boxers that succeed in and out of the ring!

Angel Barrera - Entrepreneurship
University of Illinois - Chicago

David Del Toro - Automotive Tech
College of Western Idaho

Orion Flores - Elementary Education
Washington State University - Tri-Cities

Esmeralda Gonzalez - Kinesiology
University of Texas - Arlington

Omari Jones - Business Admin/Marketing
Valencia College

Reecan Juarez - Chemistry
Vanderbilt University

John Laughlin - Engineering/Industrial Mgmt
University of Cincinnati

Alycia Link - Applied Behavior Analysis
National University

Aaron Lopez - Nursing
Pasco-Hernando State College

Noe Mendoza - Arts in Communication
University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley

Jake Nugent - Computer Engineering
Cleveland State University

Marcos Saucedo Jr. - Manufacturing/Applied Tech
Grand Rapids Community College

Amanda Sendejo - Business Admin/Marketing
University of Texas - San Antonio

Eugene Sommers - Tribal Admin & Governance
University of Minnesota - Duluth

Roman Sotelo - Barbering
Houston Community College

Alfred Vargas - Chemical Engineering
University of California - Berkeley

Jaydon Vigil - Kinesiology
University of Las Vegas

Terrance Williams - Associate of Arts
Pasco-Hernando State College

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