Letter from Leadership

USA Boxing Membership:

It is my pleasure to have been selected to permanently serve as your Executive Director. With the assistance of a great staff, LBC leaders and volunteer coaches, officials and physicians, USA Boxing is moving towards providing great service to our 44,000+ members.

One area that we are trying to improve on is communication, thus our quarterly Neutral Corner newsletter is making a comeback. Be sure to check us out on our website www.usaboxing.org and be sure to follow us on social media for up to date information on USA Boxing's happenings.

We are pleased that our LBC Leadership Workshop was a success. In August, 53 LBC board members attended and another 69 will be coming in September (see page 2 for more information.) I want to personally thank all the LBC leaders for their dedication at the grassroots level. Without their organization, there would not be the opportunities for our boxers.

I look forward to a great Fall of boxing including the Eastern Elite Qualifier in Chattanooga in October, the Elite and Youth National Championships in Salt Lake City in December and all the local boxing events around the nation.

Good luck to all our boxers!

In Your Corner,

Mike McAtee
Executive Director, USA Boxing

USA Boxing Celebrates Olympic Day

During the month of July, numerous USA Boxing members took part in this year's Olympic Day! The day's events are used to engage youth and promote the ideals of the Olympic Movement!

USA Boxing kicked off the 2017 Junior Olympics, Prep Nationals and Youth Open Championships with an Olympic Day press conference, featuring speakers Fernando Vargas, Pernell Whitaker, Marc Castro, Sharahaya Moreu, Colby Wheeler and the Assistant Mayor of West Virginia! Other locations hosted Olympic Day tournaments, showed movies of Olympic athletes like "T-Rex", a documentary about two-time Olympic Champion Claressa Shields, and highlight videos of past Olympics.

USA Boxing would like to thank everyone that took part in honoring Olympic Day including the Arthur Johnson Foundation, Central Minnesota Boxing, Community Youth Athletic Center (San Diego, CA), Community Boxing & Fitness Center (Kansas City, KS), El Paso Golden Gloves, Faith Boxing, Gold Medal Boxing Club, Last Round Boxing Club, National Latino Amateur Boxing Association, Team Norfolk, World Class Sports Fitness Academy and Zanesville PAL!

We hope more members celebrate Olympic Day next year!

REGISTER NOW for the Eastern Qualifier in Chattanooga, TN October 15 - 21

Register online at http://go.teamusa.org/2wOwdzp by October 9
(by Oct. 2 to have your name on the t-shirt)
LBC Leadership Workshop

USA Boxing hosted the first LBC Leadership Workshop, August 4-6 in Colorado Springs. Over 50 LBC leaders from 20 different LBC’s went through numerous discussions, toured the national office and Olympic Training Center, as well as watched a USA Boxing training session with our 2017 World Championship team!

During the two days, numerous topics were discussed with the LBC leaders, which included:

- LBC Leadership Survey
- What USA Boxing expects of the LBC
- Policies and Procedures Manual
- How to conduct a board meeting
- Filling vacant LBC Board positions
- Changes within the last year
- Financial Reports, Internal Controls, Budget and 990s
- Officials certifications/Coaches certifications
- Insurance for Clubs and Sanctions
- Sanctions
- 501(c)(3)
- High Performance
- Webpoint

A second workshop will be held late September, and a full list of LBC Workshop participants can be found on usaboxing.org.

Athlete Spotlight

Youth super heavyweight Richard Torrez (Tulare, Calif.) returned to the international stage earlier this month looking for gold at the 2017 Brandenburg Cup in Frankfurt Oder, Germany. Richard walked away leaving a strong impression on the rest of the world that he is a force to reckon with!

Torrez began his tournament in dominating fashion, taking a first round TKO against Pavel Jan of Czech Republic. Richard clinched his spot in the championship bout with an unanimous decision victory over Germany’s own Nelvie Tisfack. He closed out the tournament with another TKO, this time over Poland’s Oskar Safayan to take the gold.

Congrats Richard on a great tournament!
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD?

Following the qualification of six members of Team USA's Elite Men High Performance Squad to this year's World Championships, the team is currently in Germany fighting to bring back gold to the United States. This year's World Championships takes place in Hamburg, Germany beginning August 25! Full coverage can be found at usaboxing.org.

Team USA Roster:
- 56 kg: Duke Ragan, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 60 kg: Delante Johnson, Cleveland, Ohio
- 64 kg: Freudis Rojas Jr., Las Vegas, Nev.
- 69 kg: Quinton Randall, Katy, Texas
- 75 kg: Troy Isley, Alexandria, Va.
- 91+ kg: Nkosi Solomon, Brooklyn, N.Y.

After World Championships, Team USA will send members of the Elite Women's High Performance Squad to Bulgaria in October for the Balcan Cup, and the Youth Women's High Performance Squad to India in November for the Youth Women's World Championships.

Where Does Your Money Go?

USA Boxing spends $4.3 million per year. Of the expenses, 55% goes back to the membership including: USAB hosted events - Junior Olympics, National Championships, & Qualifiers; marketing; club & membership insurance; and membership staff.
National Staff Update

Last month, USA Boxing said farewell to Edith Smith in Member Services after 10 years of service to the boxing community. We thank her for her hard work and dedication.

We welcome two new staff: Mike Campbell and Nicole Anderson. Mike comes from the Gulf LBC and will be our new Manager of Boxing Operations and Events. In addition to being LBC president, he has coordinated local, regional and national boxing events. Nicole is USA Boxing’s new Alumni Association Coordinator. She previously worked for two other National Governing Bodies (Figure Skating and Cycling) and she is coordinating the efforts of the new Alumni Association. Welcome to the Team!

Did You Know?

- Boxing is also called pugilism, which means: "The skill, practice, and sport of fighting with the fists."
- Claressa Shields was the youngest woman competitor and medalist at 17 when she won her first Olympic Gold medal.
- There were a total of 45,705 members in 2016, with 34,610 being athletes and 11,095 being non-athlete members.
- So far in 2017, there have been 1024 USA Boxing sanctions.

For more information on what is happening this quarter, contact:

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