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### At-Large Director USATT Board Position - Dr. Mike Babuin

My name is Mike Babuin and I am interested in serving USA Table Tennis as an At-Large Director in 2019.

Previously, I served on the USATT Board as an At-Large Director and as Chairman of the Board for two years. I also have served on the NCTTA Board of Advisors previously and on the ITTF Board of Directors. I have witnessed many things in our sport, met some amazing members who are passionate and dedicated to table tennis, but believe that much work still remains to be done. Having taken a well needed 'break' from organized table tennis for the past two years, I am now rejuvenated and ready to continue serving the sport which I love.

**Why** am I interested in this? Because I care about the membership and our sport and truly believe that USATT while doing many great things, has also grown apart from our membership as a result of pursuing other (*worthwhile*) goals. The balance between this needs to be equalized better. Our organization and USATT need each other and I feel based on my experience and past experience on the Board, I can help facilitate an improved bond between USATT and all of us. I have always believed that the membership is the only reason for the existence of the organization.

Over the next coming days and weeks, I will post my thoughts on what USATT does well, what needs improvement, and what the average member of the organization should expect from its leaders – both on the Board as well as at our National Office. These thoughts will be posted on my facebook table tennis page entitled '[Mike Babuin's Table Tennis](#)'. I hope each of you seek this out and take a look. I will post a powerpoint presentation, video chats, and other media to help explain my thoughts and position.

In a nutshell, I believe these things (*below*) are crucial to USATT and must be addressed.

- 1) Member Services (much work needs done on this);
- 2) Tapping into the 18 Million recreational table tennis market that exists in the USA;
- 3) Developing an operational budget that doesn't deplete our net assets;
- 4) Embracing new initiatives which help us market USATT in the USA and globally;
- 5) Developing a professional league in the USA to nurture a career for our Elite Athletes;
- 6) Lay the groundwork for building a sustainable National Training Center in the USA;
- 7) Embracing the membership as a unique asset that can help all of the above.

These are not just problems I am sharing – *I have solutions and concrete thoughts for each of these*. That information will be shared on my [Mike Babuin's Table Tennis' Facebook Page](#). Please sign up for posts and information to come.

Previous Board experience is a valuable resource to consider when electing At-Large Director positions. There is less of a learning curve and more ability of a person to function seamlessly and efficiently in carrying-out their duties when they have relevant knowledge behind their belt. Many of you know me personally, many others do not – but I will guarantee you one thing – which is I **always** look out for the rights of our members, and try always to employ common sense into decision making – especially when difficult actions are required. For those interested, my table tennis credentials will also be posted on my [Mike Babuin's Table Tennis' Facebook Page](#).

But more importantly, please know that I am an honest person who cares about the people in this sport, and when I say that I will do something or give my word on something - it is not forgotten. I appreciate and enjoy working with like-minded individuals who are equally passionate about our sport. A vote for me is a vote for the interests of the membership – which is **YOU**.

Thank you for your vote – I need your support and am asking each of you to talk to other USATT members and ask them to also give me their support as well. I hope to have the great honor of serving **YOU** through USA Table Tennis in 2019. *Mike*