

Table Talk

USA Diving Board of Directors

The Quarterly Board of Directors' Newsletter to the USA Diving Membership

Board and Committee Updates

Changes are opportunities for refreshment! After an exhausting 6-month hiring process, we have a new CEO! As we say goodbye and thank you to Linda Paul, we now welcome our new CEO, Lee Johnson. Lee comes to us from USA Gymnastics where he was the Vice President of Marketing. He has some exciting ideas and broad NGB experience and the Board of Directors will do all they can to help him acclimate to our culture, meet our members and move our sport forward.

One of his first orders of business will be to hire the new High Performance Director. Once that is complete, we believe a new dawn will be upon all of us and the transition phase will be behind us. In the meantime, many of the ad hoc committees created are now in the recommendation stage and the Board of Directors will take a hard look at those during its June meeting. It is from the Planning Summit that the committees were formed and from the committee recommendations that the BOD will create policy.

USA Diving Board Members

Chair: Michele Mitchell, Ph.D.
Vice Chair Admin: Kathy Dacey, J.D.
Treasurer: Jack Perkins, MBA
Vice Chair Competitive Excellence: Megan Neyer, Ph.D.
Coach Rep: John Proctor
Independent Rep: Hank Dasinger, Ph.D.
YMCA Rep: Gary Cox
NFHS Rep: Sandy Searcy
NCAA Rep: Liz Homrig
AAC Rep: Ariel Rittenhouse
Athlete Rep: Chris Colwill
Athlete Rep: Bryce Klein

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Board Member Updates

- Royce "Hank" Dasinger Ph.D. was appointed as the Independent member
- Chris Sholtis resigned from her position as Previous Past Chair

Current Projects

- Hiring process for CEO complete (Kathy Dacey, Chair)

- Interim High Performance Director position was created and Sean McCarthy was hired to serve until a new HPD is hired

- Alumni Committee created and beginning work

Chair: De Cutshaw

Brian Earley

Tim O'Brien

Jeff Stabile

Mandy Hixon

Rob Siracusano

Bonnie Pankopf-Kulp

Amanda Burke

Ashley Rubinstein Gangloff

- Judges Commission being created

- By-Laws Committee created and work is almost complete

Chair: Bill Farrar

Anneliese Tuymer

Jared Book

Chris Sholtis

Sandy Searcy

Bryce Klein

- High Performance Director Search Committee completed the job description and has posted the position on TeamWork Online and the [USA Diving website](#)

- Membership/Insurance Analysis Committee created and work is almost complete

Chair: Jack Perkins

Ron Hobbs

Kreg Brown

Lucas Richmond

Ariel Rittenhouse

Bill Walker (advisory)

- Club Startup Handbook almost ready to send to national office (Chris Heaton/Anneliese Tuymer)

- LDA project complete (Kathy Dacey and Lia Fusaro)

Message from the Chair

Dear USAD Membership:

I want to thank all of those members who have volunteered their time on various committees, at summits and in a multitude of other ways. Our organization is fueled by volunteerism and everyone has met the call with professionalism and enthusiasm.

I also want to thank Kathy Dacey, Vice Chair Administration, for leading the charge with the new CEO hire, as well as those members who served on the hiring committee. Change is never easy and it takes lots of time.

Finally, I want to tell you the Board is ready for the future and is supportive of Lee Johnson. It will take all of us - the Board, the staff and the membership, to move this organization forward. I ask you to get involved and be supportive.

It is time to look forward!

