

TOURNAMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Larry Rose, Chairman

RESPONSIBILITIES

TAC Responsibilities

- Publish national and regional sanctioning procedures
- Advise the Board/CEO on bidding and selection procedures for USA events
- Cooperate with the HPAC on High Performance Tournaments in the USA
- Review and update all tournament related materials on the website
- Increase the number of USATT sanctioned tournaments and USATT sanctioned leagues
- Develop standards and training programs for Certified Tournament Directors and League Administrators
- Provide Guidance on Improving Public Presentation and conduct of Tournaments and Leagues
- Review and evaluate the rating system and make recommendations to the Board
- Other assignments as may be given by the Board or CEO

A sub-committee of the TAC, the Sanctioning Coordinators Sub-Committee, Chaired by the National Sanctioning Coordinator, will report to the TAC. The Sanctioning Coordinators Sub-Committee will consist of the National Sanctioning Coordinator and the Regional Sanctioning Coordinators. The Sanctioning Coordinators Sub-Committee will have responsibility over the following areas:

- Grant sanctioning to events that meet TAC guidelines through application
- Mediate and mitigate national and regional disputes over sanctioning and reporting
- Appoint, train and monitor regional tournament directors
- Review and update sanctioning related materials (e.g., RSC/NSC contact info and Sanctioned Event Calendars) on the website
- Recommend sanctioning guidelines for leagues
- Other assignments as directed by the TAC

TAC MEMBERSHIP

Larry Rose
* (Chairman)

Michael
Boot

Wendell
Dillon

Mel Eisner

Larry Thoman
(NSC)
Non-voting

Alan Williams
(Staff Liaison)
Non-voting

Andre Scott
(Athlete Rep)

Presentation Based on Pending Board Recommendation to rename NTC and RTCs to NSC and RSC

* New Member

SANCTIONING COORDINATORS

Ben Bednarz *
(Northwest)

Larry Thoman
(NSC)

Seemant Teotia
(North)

Edmund Suen *
(East)

Joyce McCready *
(Mountain)

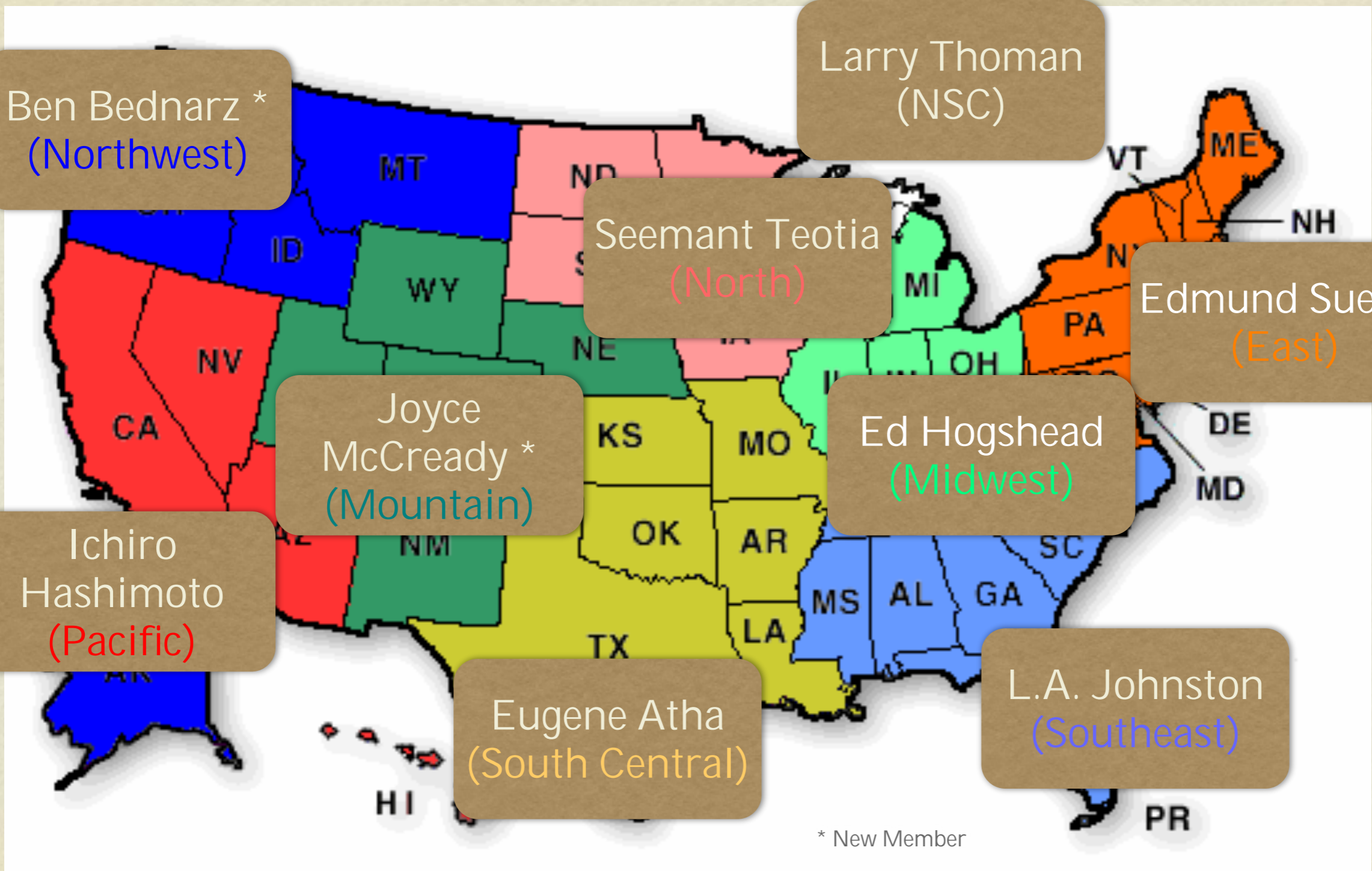
Ed Hogshead
(Midwest)

Ichiro Hashimoto
(Pacific)

Eugene Atha
(South Central)

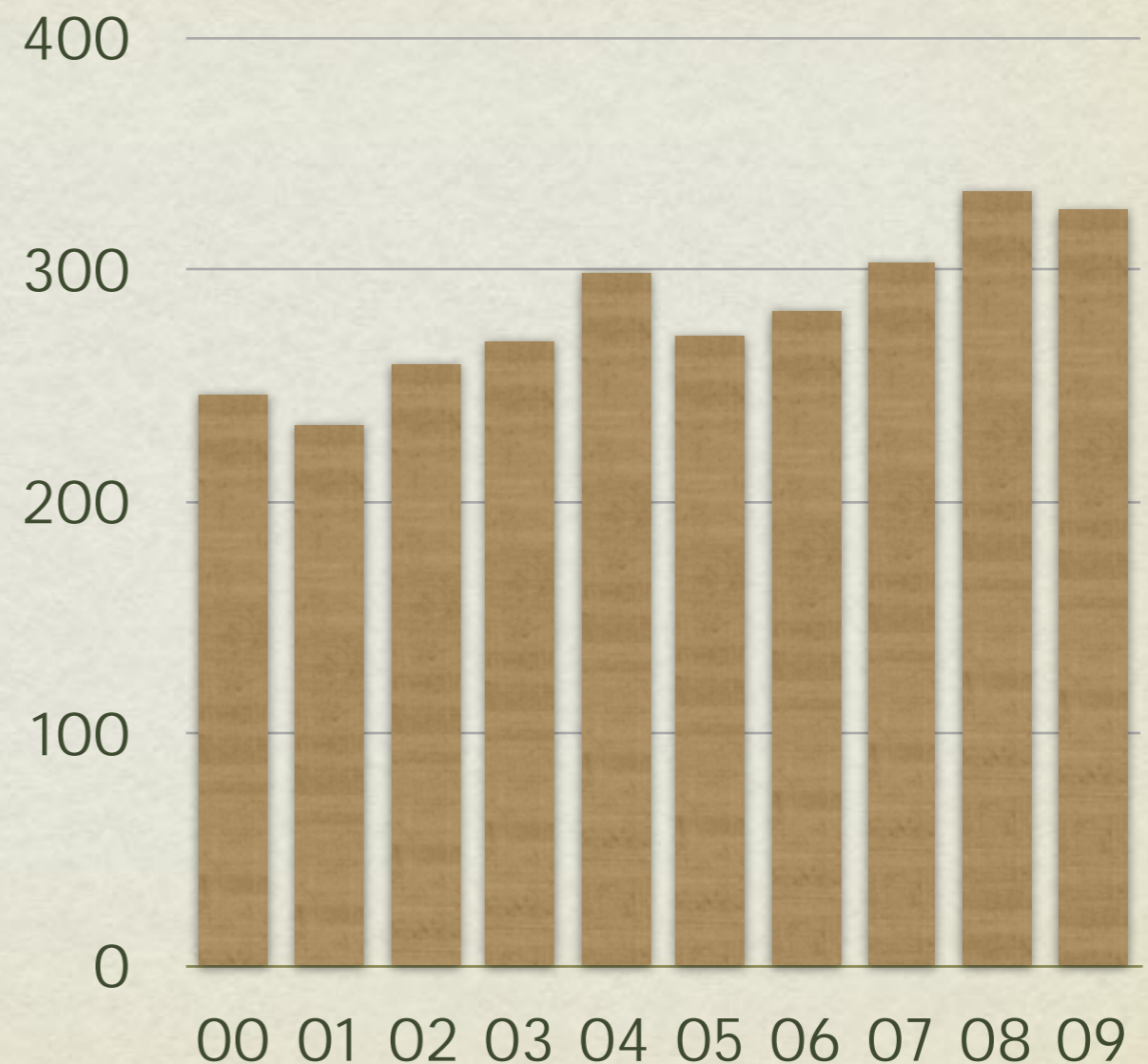
L.A. Johnston
(Southeast)

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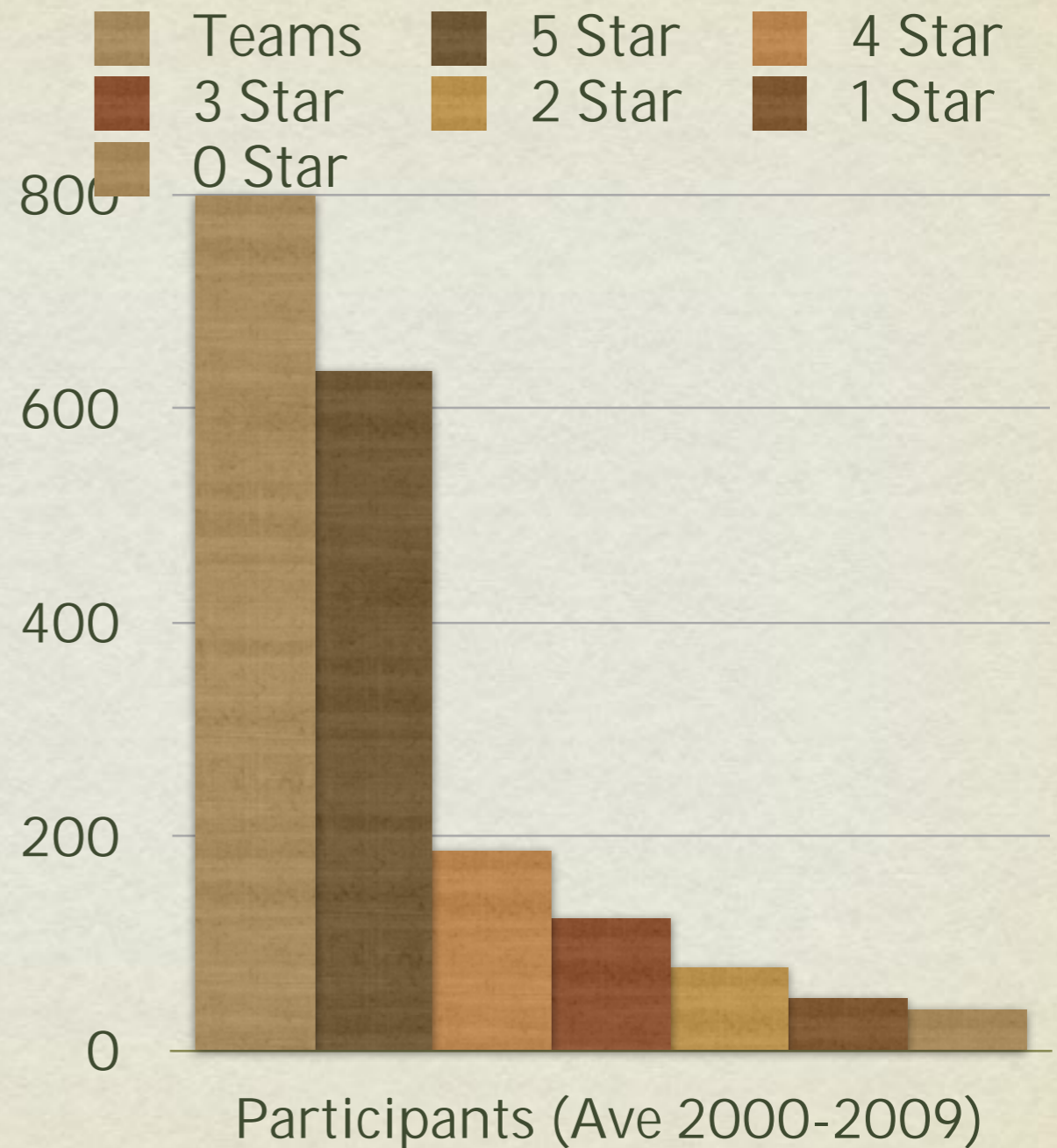
HISTORICAL TOURNAMENT DATA

- 300 Tournaments Per Year
- 4500 Active Tournament Players
- Slow growth in number of Tournaments over the past decade
- Key question: what type of growth do we need?



HISTORICAL TOURNAMENT DATA

- NA Teams, US Open and US Nationals average 700 players
- All other events average less than 200 players
- Star Ratings are only measures of Prize Money, not quality at this time
- Sanction Fees increased in early 2010



HISTORICAL TOURNAMENT DATA

- Ideally, more data should be captured and analyzed:
 - How many new memberships were sold at the tournament?
 - What types of memberships were they?
 - Who was the Tournament Director, and the Tournament Referee?
 - How much Prize Money was Awarded?
 - How Many Events Were Held?
- Capturing data for analysis should be a goal of any system designed to replace sanction request forms and post-tournament reporting

SANCTIONING AND INSURANCE

- Regional Sanctioning Coordinators will readdress procedures for Traditional Tournaments
- 2008 Sanction Fee Revenue: \$19.4K, did not offset cost of insurance coverage \$21.3K. Sanction fees increased in early 2010.
- Non-USATT members are not covered by our existing policy, but the organization and club are covered.
- Suggests need for a modified waiver for non-Members.
- How can USATT benefit from non-sanctioned tournaments?

EDUCATION

- Wendell Dillon has initiated development of materials for training tournament directors - handed to Michael Boot for further development
- Considering processes for certifying tournament directors and league organizers

CONSEQUENCES FOR PLAYER DEFAULT

- Outstanding issue
- Rule 3.5.3: Good Presentation
 - 3.5.3.1 Players, coaches and officials shall uphold the object of good presentation of the sport; in particular players have to do their utmost to win a match and shall not withdraw except for reasons of illness or injury.
 - 3.5.3.2 Any player who deliberately fails to comply with these principles may be disciplined by total or partial loss of prize money in prize events and/or by a possible fine or suspension from USATT events.

RATINGS ISSUES

- Recent issue highlights the need to review Ratings Adjustment Process description on the USATT page

MAJOR EVENTS

- USATT needs a plan for analyzing bids for major events
 - US Open, US Closed, others
- Events Task Force investigating ways to differentiate US Open, US Closed