

I would like to provide you with a status report on the on-going efforts of the Nominating and Governance Committee's (NGC) efforts to seat a new Board of Directors for USATT.

As you may recall from a previous posting, you were informed that the simple interview process for all Independent and At Large candidates became problematic from a scheduling standpoint. That process is now nearing an end.

For the At-Large positions, the nomination timeline was extended with the hope of attracting more interested members to the candidate pool. At the end of the extended nomination period there were only two candidates eligible to fill the positions. As a result of their being only two (2) eligible candidates for the At Large Board seats, a general election is not needed at this time. Therefore, the NGC announces that Michael L. Babuin and Christian Lillieros are At Large members of USATT's Board of Directors. It is the hope of the NGC that in future years more individuals from within USATT will become candidates for the At Large Board seats.

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association applied for recognition as a National Sports Organization and received that honor by the NGC. Subsequently, as the only NSO to have applied for recognition, the NCTTA submitted the name of David Del Vecchio as their designee for the NSO USATT Board seat.

The NGC is pleased to announce that the Club representative to the USATT Board of Directors is Linda Leaf. Linda is the President of the Shorewood Table Tennis Club in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

USATT Representative and Alternate to the USOC's Athlete Advisory Council (Ashu Jain and Whitney Ping, respectively) have initiated a nomination and election process for seating the USATT Athlete Advisory Council. This eventual seven (7) person body will elect from amongst themselves the one (1) person to join Ashu Jain on the USATT Board of Directors as an Athlete Representative.

We can expect the Independent (3) and Athlete Board (1) members to be named and seated on or about May 15, 2008.

Thank you for your patience in this critical time of leadership transition within USATT. If you have any questions on any aspect of this process, you can contact any one of the individuals listed below:

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