



MIDWEST REGION BALLOT

Instructions for Organizational Member Ballots

Indicate the vote of your club or organization by writing the name of the preferred candidate in the space provided. The name of your club or organization, the name of the officer submitting the ballot, the signature of the officer, and the date all must be clearly written at the bottom of the ballot in order for the ballot to be valid. The club officer completing this ballot must sign the ballot for it to be valid.

NOTE: You must vote for one of the nominated candidates. **Write-in votes are not allowed.**

1. JUNIOR MEN'S COMMITTEE

(At-Large Rep) Candidate: Will King

First Choice:	
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2. JUNIOR WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

(At-Large Rep) Candidate: Coby Stites

First Choice:	
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3. MASTERS COMMITTEE

At-Large

Candidate (Please Select two for the two open at-large positions):

Ted Kakas

Al Potter

Norm Thetford

Margot Zalkind

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2.	

(TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL VOTING ORGANIZATIONS - **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**)

Name of Member Organization: _____ State: _____

Name of Organizational Officer Submitting Ballot: _____

I hereby certify that I am authorized under the rules and bylaws of the above named club/organization to execute this ballot on its behalf, and that this vote is cast in accordance with its rules and bylaws.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

USRowing Candidate Biographies Midwest Region

The candidates answered the following questions:

1. What is your reason for running for this committee?
2. What particular qualifications and experience do you bring to the position that you seek?

Answers were limited to 75 words; therefore some responses below may be truncated.

USRowing Masters Committee

Ted Kakas, Barnstable Rowing Club

1. As the chair of the masters committee for the last six years and a masters competitor for the last 15, I would very much like to continue as a member of the Master's Committee.
2. During my term as chair of the masters committee, I have
 - Established the "club" races at Masters Nationals
 - Originated successful bid by PIRA to host the 2006 FISA Worlds Masters Regatta.
 - Organized 180 liaisons with direct access to the Masters Committee
 - Instituted \$1 per seat contribution at Masters Nationals for the junior national teams
 - Established the masters e-group list serve
 - Started AA category for 22-26 year old competitors
 - Eliminated weight averaging for men at Masters Nationals

Al Potter, Syracuse Chargers

1. As a rower since 1964 and a referee, I believe rowing should be a life long activity and we should do everything possible to encourage participation and encourage active involvement in all aspects of the sport.
2. I am an active masters rower, certified coach, licensed referee. I am proficient in accounting and business management. I am analytical and am a retired military officer (pilot).

Norm Thetford, New Haven Rowing Club

1. As a masters rower for more than 30 years and a member of the Masters committee for more than 20 years, I am interested in all aspects of masters rowing and its continued improvement. I feel that the Masters Committee has been an effective proponent of Masters' concerns and an organization that strives to insure the best in Masters' competition.
2. The combination of current active participation in masters rowing, both nationally and internationally, and the historical perspective gained from being involved with the origination of both the masters committee and organized masters national competition in the US makes me will qualified to represent the Northeast and the at-large population on this committee.

Margot Zalkind, Northampton Rowing and Potomac B.C.

1. I've served on masters committee since 1992 and would like to continue on. As member then chair, and as USRowing staff, I helped create many initiatives:
 - Rowing masters egroup/listserv, national masters liaisons network, National Learn to Row Day, the club event at Masters Nationals, and others.I want to continually improve masters rowing, for the pleasure and the safety of the sport. I'd like us to be more relevant to the non-racing rower. I always welcome input.
2. I'm co-chair of the USRowing safety committee, was chair of the USRowing masters committee, Potomac B.C. racing chair, started Potomac Masters Women's Sweep program in 1992, Secretary of Occoquan B.C. for several years. I'm an energetic and creative problem solver and have knowledge based on 14+ years steeped in administration of clubs. I'm a master rower, have helped run regattas, often dockmaster, and now president of Northampton Rowing. My passion for rowing is deep.

Junior Men's Committee

Will King, Jack London Aquatic Center (At-large position)

1. I would like to continue contributing to the effective committee that chair Craig Hoffman has developed. We have attracted outstanding coaches whose eights have won gold (2005), silver (2003) and bronze (2002) at the junior worlds. The program is more affordable and higher quality than ever before. I enjoy helping to improve our hiring, budgeting, fundraising and communication practices by bringing 25 years of business and non-profit experience to the committee.

2. One-term incumbent endorsed by predecessor Lou Lindsey. Designed 2005 coach selection process that resulted in six highly-qualified applicants competing for position. Raised \$40,000 for 2002-2003 junior teams; published parent newsletter. While Oakland Strokes chairman, grew membership 70%, did outreach, created great website and organized interclub network. Wrote "Head of the Class: A guide to college recruiting for junior rowers and their parents," distributed by USRowing.

Junior Women's Committee

Coby Stites, Green Lake Crew

1. Working with the coaches and athletes who commit themselves to the goal of high achievement is inspiring and fun. It's also important to me to give back to the sport and this is the best way for me to do that.
2. I have served as an at-large representative for the junior women's committee for the past year and a half. Previous to this I served on the youth committee for two years. I have 10 years experience coaching juniors and have been the head girls coach at Green Lake Crew for the last 3 ½ years.