

Vice Chair Report
NDA November 2013

As the Vice-Chair for Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA I have had a full year working with and for WASUSA in a variety of roles.

1. Meet Management:
 - a. June: As I have each year since it's inception in 2000, I served as the Track and Field coordinator for The Endeavor Games for Athletes with Disabilities. This year I did have the honor of being inducted into the Endeavor Games Hall of Fame, a wonderful thank you for the years working with the games.
 - b. July: WASUSA's National Junior Disability Championships were held in Rochester, MN. Both before and during the meet I was able to assist with the administration for registration and meet management for the games. I also worked as one of the track and field officials for the games.
2. WASUSA International Games Preparation Committee
This year I was able to assist the committee both in the Staff selection process and working with the chairman of the committee to assist in investigating funding opportunities for the team which traveled to Mayaguez, Puerto Rico for the International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation Junior World Games.
3. International Paralympic Committee Athletics Committee Classification
 - a. This year I had the opportunity to work at many IPC events around the world. I served as Chief Classifier for the Pajulahti Games in January in Finland (it was an indoor meet!), the Desert Challenge Games in May in Mesa, the IPC World Championships in July in France; and served as Classifier for athletes with physical impairments (PI) at the IWAS Junior World games in August in Puerto Rico.
 - b. As one of the IPC Athletics Classification Educators, I also had the opportunity to work with IPC trainees in Finland and Mesa. I am pleased to note that the US now has two additional IPC athletics classifiers: Dr. Pam Wilson and Kathe Hickey, and one additional IPC athletics trainee: Pam Carey.
 - c. As part of the NDA this year, we will be presenting Part 1 of a series of update workshops for Athletics National Classifiers and trainees. Future dates for the series will be announced later in the year.
4. Of course the biggest job as vice-chair for WASUSA is trying to keep up with the hundreds of new ideas and ventures being developed by our new chair Gregg Baumgarten. He has taken on his new role this past year with much enthusiasm and grit. Since his retirement earlier this year from the Mesa school system, he has taken on the full time "job" as chair of this organization. As you will see from his report, there are many new directions that Gregg and board would like to see this organization pursue, but we will need everyone's help along the way.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your vice-chair the past years, and since this is my re-election year, I can say, I would look forward to serving you again for 4 more years.

Respectfully submitted,

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