



Association News

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Thank You League Secretaries!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the League secretary for all that you have done this past year! As your Association Manager/Secretary, I know how it is in the trenches. You can do everything right all year long and no one ever says a word but make one mistake and by gosh it's the end of the world. I also know that many times you get asked questions that you either cannot answer, or at the time, seems like a really dumb question. Bring those questions or any questions that you may have to the annual General Membership meeting on May 12th! It will again be at Elsie' Bowling Center in Northeast Minneapolis. Enclosed you will find the flyer for this meeting. You will also find the proposal on the back of this letter. Please take a look at the proposal and come to the annual meeting and vote on it. Please take the time to share this with your league members. Once again, I want to thank you for an outstanding job this past winter and enjoy the time off this summer!

End of Season Reports

Each and every year the Association sends out final average reports to all league secretaries. This report is very important. The information that is

requested not only gives the bowler their average recognition and allows them to participate in tournaments but gives us the information to publish our Annual average book. Did you know that as the league secretary you are not supposed to collect your yearly salary until all the prize money and all the reports have been distributed or mailed out? That is correct, yet every year we have secretaries that either forget to send them in or don't care until we hound them. Please, do not be one of these folks! Send your final average report in as soon as possible.

Awards

After going through the leagues and taking a hard look as to what is happening in the field, we find that there are leagues that have not turned in any awards this year. I don't know but I am pretty sure that someone in the league has earned something. Please take a look at your league to see if you have overlooked someone and get those awards into us. If you get started now it will save you some time at the end of the season. If the center is doing your secretary duties and you have not received any awards, ask them to take a look into this matter. Your bowlers pay to receive these awards and to many, it is quite a thrill to receive them.

Secretary of the Year

As the League President you have a chance to honor your league secretary by nominating them as "Secretary of the Year"! Out of some 400 league secretaries we have only received around 20 nominations so far. The time is running out for you to make that nomination. These forms will be accepted until the 1st of April. If you think that your secretary is a great secretary, nominate him or her as soon as possible. If you need a form, please contact this office at 763/971-0800 or email me at usbcmplsharry@qwestoffice.net and I will make sure you get the form!

Email Addresses

Some of you are receiving this newsletter via email and thank you for that address. Some of you are receiving this via snail mail. For those of you that are in the latter category, if you have an email address, please forward that email address to me. It helps with postage, gets to you faster and comes to you in color. Whether you are a secretary or president we want you to get this and future newsletter as fast as possible.

League Presidents

As the league President, one of

your responsibilities is to insure that all of the league funds are accounted for and that you have signed off on all bank statements throughout the year. Every year for the past ten years we have had one or more secretaries take off with league funds. It is really embarrassing to show up at the banquet as president and the secretary doesn't. It is also your responsibility to go to the bank with the secretary of make the withdrawal of league funds. This is so that you have a figure that is withdrawn and you can do the final accounting of the funds. Just as an FYI, contact your secretary and set up a time to conduct your business and cover your own fanny.

New Member Letters

Most of our centers received a packet of envelopes for each league in this Association. Each envelope had names, League name and Center on the outside. These envelopes contained letters introducing the Minneapolis USBC Association, welcoming the new bowler to USBC and a pamphlet detailing some of the benefits of belonging to USBC. These envelopes were delivered during the months of December and January. I have had the opportunity to talk with some of these bowlers and they were very delighted to receive them. Unfortunately, some of these bowlers have not received this letter and that is disturbing. Our membership committee put a lot of time and money into trying to make our new bowlers feel welcome. As a league secretary, if you did not receive any of these envelopes, please talk to the counter folks at your center and ask if maybe they misplaced them or maybe you don't have any new members. Membership is very

important to us and this is just another way of trying to keep our membership numbers up. Please help us if you can. Membership is everyone's business.

Wanted! Volunteers

Have you ever considered being a volunteer for the Minneapolis USBC Association? Probably not, but here is a good reason to look into it. We all have this thing inside of us that wants to know about the club or organization that we belong to however we never seem to find the time or the person to ask. Our volunteers learn more than just bowling. They learn how to talk to other bowlers, they learn about awards and how to present them. They get the knowledge of being and doing something great. We now have a few centers that do not have representation by a Lane Representative or Director. We normally have about 6 meetings a year and the commitment is, just try it. We are very proud of what we do and would like to share that with more of our members. If you feel like you would like to try this, give Harry a call at the office at 763/971-0800. I will be more than happy to bring you in for an interview.

BYLAW PROPOSAL 2010

PRESENT SECTION...

Section B. Election

Officers are elected by a majority vote* of the adult members, present and voting from:

1. A slate

provided by the Nominating Committee.

2. Nominations from the floor. Qualifications must be submitted to the Nominating Committee.

Voting will be by ballot if there is more than one nominee for each position.

*If a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest vote total is dropped and balloting continues until a candidate receives a majority vote.

PROPOSAL...

Change Section B. Election to read;

Officers are elected by the Board of Directors from among the current directors and would take effect immediately.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL...

This change would allow our association to elect their own officers using the same procedures as National. The members of the board of Directors are familiar with and know the leadership capabilities of its directors and are in a position to elect those officers who would best serve the association members.

Adoption recommended by the Board of Directors