

## **Report of the President – June 28, 2009**

### **To the Council of Delegates:**

First I would like to thank the bowlers of Indiana for allowing me to serve as President of the IS USBC BA for the last year. It has been an honor and privilege. I have had a very busy year. At the end of this report you can find a summary of my travels and activities. From that listing, you will find that I have participated in events on 41 days and covered about 6,000 miles. While this may have been a sacrifice on my part, it was more of a sacrifice for my wife and son. I have also been impressed by the sacrifices and dedication of the volunteers across the state.

Here are some of the highlights of the year.

To improve Board communications this year, we had more Board meetings (six so far) and I have issued several multi-page e-mail communication reports from feedback and occurrences from my travels. Some information can't wait to be communicated until the next formal Board meeting.

So far, I have been to all districts except one, have been to four different district meetings, seven Halls of Fame in six districts as well as several IS USBC WBA events. I would like to thank everyone for the invitations, meals, friendship and Hoosier hospitality.

The IS USBC BA has had very successful tournaments this year. I would like to thank Northwest Indiana, Bloomington and Anderson for hosting our tournaments. We had record scoring in the IS USBC BA Open Championship Tournament. When I shot an 823 in singles actual to tie for the lead, I figured it didn't have a chance since there were six weekends left. I was right! We received lots of feedback regarding the scoring. Based on past survey results and this feedback, we are determining how we want to proceed in future tournaments. Also, for next year's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary tournament in Evansville, we will be conditioning the lanes between squads. That should increase the enjoyment for more bowlers. If you like this change after bowling next year, please be sure to provide feedback. Make your plans now to bowl in our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Open Championship in Evansville!

During my term, I tried to improve our relationship with the ISUSBC WBA. There have been some misunderstandings and unfortunate events in recent years. We need to put them behind us. The BA Transition Committee has met on three occasions so far. We are working through a disciplined process looking at the advantages and disadvantages of a merger. After we have worked through our assessment, we plan to meet with the WBA. Whether merging is in the future or not, we still need to work together in support of the bowlers in Indiana.

The Board approved my appointment of Charlie Wilkey to fill the vacancy following Paul Jones' resignation due to work conflicts. You may know Charlie from his hard work at the bracket computer during our Open Championship. He is a great addition to the Board.

We had a great response with scholarship applications this year. Scholarships were awarded in all but one district. At one of our Board meetings, Association Manager Dan Cappa indicated that a low percentage of Stuart Scholarship winners went on to graduate. The Stuart Scholarship is our four year renewable \$1000 scholarship. We need to improve this percentage. Are we not selecting the right candidates? My nephew TJ was fortunate to be a Stuart Scholarship winner four years ago. I can tell you he was appreciative of the financial support. He even came to one of these Annual Meetings to thank you. I am proud to report that

TJ has just graduated from Rose Hulman with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Not only that, he was one of only 16 that graduated Summa Cum Laude. His GPA was 3.94. Wow!

One of the comments we have heard at these Annual Meetings for the last few years was that those elected to our Hall of Fame were predominantly past-Presidents. I have asked this year's Hall of Fame Committee chair to take this feedback to heart and propose a solution that would allow us to recognize more bowlers with a performance resume. I know from my discussions around the state that there are many different approaches being used to elect local Hall of Fame members. Stay tuned for any changes that might result from this year's committee. One thing the delegates and bowlers around the state can do to help is to generate more resumes to consider. How about each association sending in their best candidate for consideration? More resumes will mean more names on the ballot and more elected.

I formed a couple of Ad-Hoc committees this year. The first was to address input from some bowlers regarding eliminating the 10-pin rule in our Open Championship. AJ Hacker was asked to chair this committee. Recently, they completed their detailed evaluation of many pros and cons and the Board has decided to maintain the 10 pin rule. I want to thank AJ and her committee for their hard work. Please see any Board member if you have an interest in seeing all of the factors considered by the committee.

The second Ad-Hoc committee was created to investigate recognizing Honorary Life Members. That committee just finished their work. Beginning next year, the Board may elect Honorary Life Members. They can be past-Presidents, board members, Associations Managers or Staff. Past Indiana Bowling Association (IBA) Life Members will be considered IS USBC BA Honorary Life Members. Honorary Life Members will receive a complementary dinner at the Hall of Fame and Recognition Banquet in their year of selection. We will recognize all of our Honorary Life Members including the past IBA past-Presidents at next year's Hall of Fame and Recognition Banquet in commemoration of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

This year's regional training session was very well received. It is in our strategic plan for next year to expand our training opportunities as well as add new training topics. Training Coordinator Mike Kirkpatrick has already conducted several training sessions regarding roles and responsibilities with local associations. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact our Association Manager Dan Cappa.

The Board conducted an evaluation of our Association Manager for the first time this year. The feedback provided on the survey of responsibilities was very positive. The Board recommended the retention of Association Manager Dan Cappa.

At the Annual Meeting, I will recognize several members of our Board for their contributions instead of recognizing only one Board member with an award such as Director of the Year. It's tough to leave anyone out, but recognizing only one person didn't seem fair either. I would also like to thank Association Manager Dan Cappa for his hard work and excellent talents applied on behalf of the IS USBC BA. I would also like to thank the Board for their dedication and their hard work this year. I will miss working with you.

As I think back to my appointment as District 6 Director on April 1, 2000 following a couple of years as Historian, I feel the following list captures my major contributions to this organization.

- Compiled historical information for yearbooks (first 300s in the state, Scholarship winners, and historical timeline)
- Recognized twice as Director of the Year
- Conducted Seniors Tournament Committee Survey (Keep 50-54 age division and go back to top 3 of 4 games)
- Drove a disciplined process for evaluating pros and cons of merger to ensure solid rationale for whatever decision results
- Recompiled and simplified our Procedure Manual into a single document
- Submitted proposal for additional forms of recognition
- Initiated written President Communications updates to the board between meetings
- Lead Newsletter Committee that created our newsletter procedures and then published the newsletter for 3 years
- Lead a committee to create District Meeting standards and templates for agendas and flyers
- Conducted first Association Manager evaluation survey
- Created a new District Director evaluation form
- Proposed a bylaw change that was approved allowing teleconference meetings when needed
- Created forms for bowling center and hotel inspection for the Open Championship
- Published a District Newsletter when I was Director of District 6
- Proposed implementing a Squad Organizer recognition
- Issued meeting minutes for committees that I chaired to provide better records
- Chaired Masters Tournament Committee that recommended improvements based on feedback
- Requested the distribution of reports to delegates at the Annual Meeting

In closing, I would again like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for allowing me to serve you!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jon P. Kelley  
President

Following are the activities I have been involved in up to the current date for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2009. A few more items are planned prior to the end of my term as President.

- August 4, 2008 Attended League Officer Workshop in Indianapolis
- August 15 Participated in the IS USBC YA Jamboree Golf Outing in Evansville
- August 16/17 Attended the IS USBC YA Jamboree in Evansville
- September 21 Attended District 5 meeting in Connorsville
- September 27 Chaired Board Meeting in Anderson
- September 27 Participated in Board Training Session in Anderson
- September 28 Attended District 6 meeting in Peru
- October 17 Chaired Board Meeting in Hammond
- October 18/19 Participated in the Indiana State Jamboree in Hammond
- November 1 Participated in the Mixed State Tournament Opening Ceremonies in Greenfield
- November 1 Attended Seymour Hall of Fame
- November 8 Attended Evansville Hall of Fame
- November 9 Attended Northwest Indiana Hall of Fame
- November 23 Attended Miami County Local Mixed Jamboree in Peru
- December 6 Attended Tournament Training session in Portage
- December 7 Attended Greater Calumet Hall of Fame in Hammond
- January 3, 2009 Conducted IS USBC BA Transition Committee meeting in Anderson
- January 10/11 Attended IS USBC BA Regional Training session in Indianapolis
- January 17 Chaired Board Meeting in Anderson
- January 18 Attended District 7 meeting in Covington
- February 15 Chaired Board Meeting in Anderson
- February 28 Rolled a strike at Opening Ceremonies in Portage
- February 28/29 Worked Open Tournament in Portage
- February 28 Attended Marion Hall of Fame
- March 7 Attended IS USBC WBA Hall of Fame and Annual Meeting in Indianapolis
- March 14/15 Bowled in the Open Tournament (299 / 823 in Singles, 2250 All Events)
- March 21 Attended IS USBC WBA Tournament Opening Ceremonies in Indianapolis
- March 29 Attended Anderson Hall of Fame
- April 18/19 Worked Open Tournament in Merrillville (took videos of 4 – 300's and a 299)
- April 25 Attended Brandywine Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame
- May 2/3 Worked Open Tournament in Merrillville (took videos of 2-300's and 859)
- May 12 Attended Indianapolis Awards Ceremony
- May 16 Chaired Board Meeting in Anderson
- May 16 Attended City of Firsts Hall of Fame in Kokomo
- May 30 Attended Transition Committee Meeting in Anderson
- June 7 Attended District 3 Meeting in Rochester
- June 26 Chaired Board Meeting in Indianapolis
- June 27 Played Golf in the IS USBC BA Scholarship Golf Scramble
- June 27 Attended President's Recognition and Hall of Fame Banquet
- June 28 Chaired Annual Delegates Meeting