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February 2021 President's Report

- New staff hires – We welcome Judie McCann to assist Matt Hill in Race Administration and Karen Davidson returning to be part of the team in the Adult Department. We are looking forward to expanding our customer service roles for both departments.
- Thank you to Matt and the team at the Bristol office who got the rule books out to race officials and members who ordered them.
- Success of West Marine Open Series in Florida - 3 venues thanks to all the volunteers and sailors for making this a success for sailing. Key step to supporting domestic HP training important for our ODP and US Sailing Team Athletes.

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World Sailing Delegation confirmed committee assignments for 2021-2024. We thank everyone who served the last 4 years and will be stepping up for the next 4. Thank you, Katie Alley for supporting and coordinating our delegation. We have a dedicated team with a broad depth of experience giving a tremendous amount of time on behalf of US Sailing and the sport of sailing.

Tom Duggan as PRO for Olympics

Returning delegates:

Fred Hagedorn – Regional Games, taking on the leadership of delegation

Stan Honey – Council stepping down as chair but remaining on the Oceanic and Offshore Committee

Dina Kowalyshyn – Council and Equipment Committee

Betsy Alison – Chair of Para Sailing Committee taking on challenge to get ParaSailing back in the Paralympics for LA 2028

Sally Lindsay Honey – Chair of the Special Regulations SC

Dick Rose – Racing Rules

Ashley Tobin – Constitution

Jim Capron – Race Officials

Welcome to new members:

Graham Biehl – Events

Kevin Hawkins – Judges

Elizabeth Kratzig – Youth Events

David Pyron – Umpires

Also note that Tom Rinda continues as the Chair of the Sailor Categorization Commission and that Gary Bodie received 100% support for his nomination to the Ethics Commission.





- Project Pinnacle (strategy for the Olympic Program led by McKinsey & Co.) looking forward to Board endorsing tonight.
- Jill Nosach (CDO) & Bill Ruh (USSF Chair) and their team are driving success with our fundraising initiatives.
- We announced staff changes at US Sailing today, we are working through some realignment of different areas. While change is often hard the board is confident that the path forward will be successful for US Sailing long term.
- We welcome Heather Monoson, our CFO, as the interim CEO and thank her for stepping into this role temporarily.
- CEO Search Committee is working diligently with our search firm. We are pleased to say we had a significant response and looking forward to narrowing their focus.
- We thank the staff for their continued hard work in adapting our core business for the new normal of today.
- Encouraged by all the announcements of domestic events such as the 2 World Championships the board will approve tonight and many summer programs have started registrations for this summer. This is a sign of optimism for 2021 and for our sport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cory Sertl". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cory Sertl