

Hello Fellow Members.....I would consider it an honor and privilege to be your representative to the USA Cycling for the Central region. Please take a moment to see what I have to offer in ways of representing your concerns/needs to the governing body of USA Cycling!

Having been a member of USA Cycling and its predecessors since 1973, I have had the opportunity to compete in many cycling disciplines since joining USCF/ABL. My experience as a USA Cycling member encompasses membership on Olympic, World Championship, International and National teams. Some of my achievements include a Pan Am gold medal and numerous National Championships. I am currently active in Masters Racing on the national and local level. The benefit of me having this extensive range of experience is that it will allow me to represent you effectively within USA Cycling.

To have a sport for us to be proud of requires a vast array of resources to operate and grow. A brief list of the resources needed for our sport include officials, race promoters, race volunteers, sport sponsors and the professional business managers. I want each of these groups to know that I can be the forum by which they can make their needs known to the governing body of the USCF. Men and women cyclists, whether they are juniors, masters, or seniors need to share common resources but still have their unique needs particular to their group addressed. A key to having a successful sport organization is there must be an efficient forum by which its members can communicate their respective needs. I state that a primary function for me as your USA Cycling representative is be your voice in improving performance of USA Cycling for its members:

- First, I am your representative and I believe a primary role of this position is to listen and then communicate the concerns and ideas of the constituents from the Central region regarding any ideas or actions that they want the USCF to consider. I will make myself available to you via phone, email, and yes, even Facebook.
- Additionally, I believe that improvements can be made to the events that are owned and run by USCF, such as the Elite, U23 and Masters National Championship events to broaden its appeal and increase the level of participation at these events.
- I believe that it is important to develop additional levels of support for race promoters so that they have resources to help them develop more and better races for our members.
- I believe that we need to strengthen programs for race officials and their development, and to add avenues of opportunity for recognition for their efforts. This is a most important group that is primarily made up of volunteers and their needs are just as important.
- I will communicate issues from the Board of Trustees to my constituents. I will seek and use the opinions from YOU, the member of the USCF, in pursuing the changes that you would like to see for improving and growing the sport of cycling.

In conclusion, I would be honored if you elect to vote for me and allow me the opportunity to represent the USCF Central Section members as your representative. If you have any questions you would like to ask me prior to casting your vote please feel free to contact me at tnd1952@gmail.com. Thanks.

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