

Ivan Lee OLY for USA Fencing Board of Directors

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About Me

My name is Ivan Lee and I am thrilled to be among the candidates for the at-large director positions in the upcoming 2023 USA Fencing election process. Based on my professional and volunteer background, and my ongoing commitment to the fencing community, the current USA Fencing Board of Directors voted to add me to the board to fill one of two vacant vice-chair positions (my fellow board member, Selina Kaing, serves beside me). My term in this non-voting position expires this year. Your vote this year will allow me to continue to help navigate our sport in the right direction.

My 31 years in the fencing world have allowed me to represent Team USA for over a decade as an elite competitor, work as a referee, instructor, assigner and observer, coach on both the private and collegiate levels, and serve as a local public school administrator. Outside of fencing, I have administrative, committee, board and non-profit experience as well.

- ✓ **Experienced in all levels of the sport** as an elite athlete, national referee, and coach
- ✓ Strong background in **non-profit, academic, and NGB governance**
- ✓ **Committed** to the growth of fencing nationally and internationally

What I Stand For

I am here to make fencing and parafencing accessible for everyone, provide opportunities for growth in all areas of our organization, develop innovative marketing and advertisement strategies, improve and solidify our relationship with the international fencing community, and address the financial barriers affecting a good portion of our membership, barriers which often parallel certain socioeconomic lines.

The USA Fencing Board of Directors has much work ahead, especially as we are five years away from hosting the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. We must support our youth competitors, improve working conditions for our referees, work to increase the number of NCAA programs, make our local, regional and national events more affordable and implement a zero-tolerance policy on sexually inappropriate behavior, bullying, misconduct against children and discrimination and bias across all demographics.

Transparency, honesty, respect and ethical behavior at all times are the cornerstones and foundational blocks to any effective board. It's how we must operate. The board is here to serve the membership, and with your vote, I guarantee that these fundamental principles will be exercised with zero compromise, zero conflict of interest and zero exception.

Vote for **Ivan Lee** for the Board of Directors starting **May 15th!**

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