

## **Donald Alperstein**

## Candidate for Re-Election as At-Large Director

"USA Fencing is my passion. I firmly believe that we stand at the threshold of a new and golden age for our organization and our sport. As the author of USA Fencing's vision statement – 'To inspire a lifetime enriched by fencing' – I fully embrace that sentiment. If you share my values and vision for USA Fencing, I would appreciate your vote."

## KNOWLEGEABLE, EXPERIENCED, EFFECTIVE

I have four decades of active involvement with USA Fencing as a •Veteran epee fencer •National & international referee •USA Fencing President 1996-2000 •USA Fencing Board member since 2015 •Volunteer general legal counsel under 5 different presidents •Service on numerous USA Fencing and FIE committees and in other roles

I believe that fencing is a community and that our connection to each other defines who we are.

I believe that USA Fencing is a member service organization whose mission is to serve the fencing community.

I believe that every Board member has a duty to ensure that USA Fencing aspires to the highest ethical standards and functions as a responsive and responsible organization.

> I believe our future lies with clubs and coaches, and that USA Fencing must be proactive in growing the ranks of both.

I believe that USA Fencing membership should look like the population of the United States and that USA Fencing leadership should look like the organization's membership.

> I believe members and volunteers should be treated with respect, that those who contribute should be acknowledged, and that we should engage and welcome new members from diverse backgrounds into the community.