

My Statement

Let me say at the outset that I am greatly honored to be your National Board Representative and look forward to a third term in that capacity.

I have been a USPTA member for almost three decades and have served in a great many capacities and leadership roles. I completed two terms on the National Board, have been an Executive Committee Member and have served as Florida District President and Florida District Board President in 2018. I have also chaired a variety of committees including membership, marketing, and the Innovation and Elevate undertaking. Through the years I have been a High-Performance Coach and have brought that knowledge and know-how to my role as a USPTA leader. These past roles and experiences have given me extensive knowledge to be able to steer USPTA into a bright future.

One of the roles I am especially proud of is my direction in developing and leading the U30 Initiative designed to bringing younger USPTA teaching professionals under 30 into the organization to ascertain a more balanced and brighter future. I also am an avid proponent of the concept of inclusion and diversity. With a diverse membership we can benefit from a broader range of perspectives and ideas and that results in a stronger and more creative organization.

As USTA Florida Director of Youth Tennis, I have been able to leverage my position to bring about many work relationships that have benefited both organizations. The two entities need to work closely together, and I can help make that happen.

I have always passionately believed in the power and importance of change. We live in a changing racquet sports environment, and throughout my career I have led my teams to embrace change and make it work for both USTA Florida and the USPTA. I believe it's important to understand trends in the industry so we can adapt and stay relevant. I have acted upon those trends and made the necessary changes so we can stay ahead of the game.

In terms of my leadership philosophy, I believe in what is called *servant leadership*. By that I mean leadership which is built on the belief that the most effective leaders work to serve others, to serve members and the community rather than leading by control or self-aggrandizement.

Like you, I have great passion and love for our game and our organization. I have always put the collective membership first and foremost. And my mantra as a member of the Board, is to always strive to make a positive impact on both the sport and the USPTA. With your help, I hope to continue to do so as National Board Representative.