

Ge Wu-ACA BOD Athlete Representative Non-Olympic Sport

Athlete Bio:

I've been a team member of the US kayak polo national team since 2011, and participated in numerous PanAms and World Championships. I'm also an ICF International Technical Official for canoe slalom, canoe polo, SUP and dragon boat.

Apart from being actively involved in competitions, I have co-authored the Kayak Polo Skills and Instructor Endorsement curricula for the SEIC, these educational courses were approved by the SEIC and Board last year, and I have run several courses to promote the sport.

Why are you interested in serving as an Athlete Representative?

I would advocate for more athlete input and dialogue within the ACA decision-making structure to provide for more tangible support for athletes representing various paddling national teams. Whether Olympic or non-Olympic, all paddling disciplines share similar challenges such as: attracting younger and newer members, retaining coaching personnel, financial support, training facility access etc. I believe it's important that all the engaged athlete community should come together to generate a unified voice to secure more resources to keep competitive paddling strong and more accessible.

I also believe that competition and recreation sides of the ACA should collaborate more with one another to offer more development and crossover options for both communities, because ACA is after all the representative organization for everyone involved in paddling.

Competition Experience:

Senior World Championships