



Official 2020 American Canoe Association ELECTION BALLOT

(Ballot must be received at ACA Office by November 1, 2019)

Directions:

- Additional information & candidate biographies may be found online at www.americancanoe.org/2020_Candidate_Bios
- Complete the membership portion below & return to ACA using a first class stamp
- Only ACA members who meet the Elite Athlete criteria may vote for Elite Athlete Nominees, and only in their specific paddling discipline

AT-LARGE DIRECTOR NOMINEES – choose up to two (2) nominees:

- Lili Colby William Irving John Traendly

INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR NOMINEES – choose up to two (2) nominees:

- Adam Joseph Heather Davis Miller

ELITE ATHLETE DIRECTOR NOMINEES – choose up to one (1) nominee in your discipline:

- Stanton Collins, Sprint Scott Mann, Slalom Nik Miller, Paralympic

Write In Nomination – your nominee must confirm their consent to run to the Executive Director by October 25, 2019:

ACA has been given a piece of property in Fredericksburg, VA. When this property was donated to ACA, the Association was advised that sewer, water, road and electrical connections would be developed. This has not happened and likely will not happen for a decade or more. Instead, the Association is paying property tax on a piece of property that it cannot use and cannot reasonably afford to develop. Therefore, ACA's Board is requesting permission to sell or trade the property so that proceeds can be used to further ACA's mission. No buyers have been identified, but this step is needed to begin the sale process. However, potential buyers include the City of Fredericksburg, allowing the property to be incorporated into a conservation easement.

- Yes, I support sale or trade of unusable ACA owned property in Fredericksburg, VA.
 No, I oppose sale or trade of unusable ACA owned property in Fredericksburg, VA.

As the Olympic and Paralympic National Governing Body for paddlesports, ACA must comply with certain requirements of the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC). USOPC has requested some minor changes to ACA bylaws, shown below. ACA's Board unanimously supports these changes and presents them to our membership for voting.

1. ACA Bylaws need to more explicitly state that Elite Athlete and Actively Engage Athlete representative appointments are not controlled or influenced by the ACA Board of Directors. This could be accomplished by changing the language on page 11, Article VIII - Committees, Section 1. Specifically, change wording of last sentence as follows: "...on all committees shall *not be appointed or determined by the Board of Directors. Instead, they shall be selected by the direct election of the Competition members of the ACA.*"

2. New language is required for the Binding Arbitration section, page 17, Article X, Section 2 - Compliance with Sports Act and USOC Requirements. We need to replace Section (A) with this specific language that has been approved by the USOPC legal department:

ACA agrees to submit to binding arbitration conducted under the commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association, in any controversy involving its recognition as a national governing body, as provided in the Ted Steven's Act, or in any controversy involving the opportunity of any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in Athletics competition, as provided for in the constitution and bylaws of the USOC.

3. Replace all references to USOC with *USOPC*.

Please indicate your vote for these changes:

- Yes, I support the proposed bylaw changes.
 No, I oppose the proposed bylaw changes.

MEMBER INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

ACA Membership #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail ballot to:

ACA National Office
503 Sophia Street, Suite 100
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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