

AN EVENING WITH...



**OUR USCA
WORLD CURLING FEDERATION
REPS**

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Through presenting this webinar, the Curler Outreach Program proudly uses a platform to share fundamental information, respectfully address critical issues, and facilitate necessary discussion with curlers.

We thank Jennifer, Allison, Leland, and Rich for sharing their time with us.

Today's Outline

Topic Highlights

Introductions

How does one become a WCF rep?

What does a WCF rep *actually* do?

Topics of recent discussion at the general assembly



JENNIFER STANNARD

- Curler from Nutmeg Curling Club- Bridgeport, CT (Introduced to the sport by a Canadian friend from church)
- Curled for 30 years as of this coming season
- Board Member and Past President-Nutmeg Curling Club
- USWCA: Past President 2008 - 2009
- Worked to create the USWCA 5 & Under Open as Committee Chair and the USWCA Circuit event as President
- USWCA Liaison to USCA / USCA Director (2012 - 2019)
- US WCF Delegate since 2014

I worked in the field of insurance since college, primarily as an Account Executive for National Accounts and retired in 2019.

WHO WE ARE



ALLISON POTTINGER

- WCF Rep 3 years
- WCF Maximizing the Value representative
- Past AAC Representative and Chair
- 2 Time Olympian (2010 & 2014)
- 13 World Championship appearances
- Women's World Champion 2003
- Women's World Silver Medalist 1996, 1999, 2006
- World Junior Silver Medalist
- 11 time US Women's National Champion

I enjoy running, waterskiing, hanging with the family and travel (ideally warm places!).

I have 2 dogs and 1 cat.

WHO WE ARE



LELAND RICH

- Started curling in 1970
- Represented Alaska in Junior, Men's and Mixed Nationals
- Past USCA Director from Alaska
- Two-time past president of the USCA

WHO WE ARE



RICH LEPPING

- Member of the Madison Curling club for 27 years
- Club President in 2000
- Chaired many bonspiels and inter-club committees
- Wisconsin State Curling Association Secretary, Vice President and President
- USCA Director, Vice President and Chairman of the Board
- USCA Representative to the World Curling Federation
- President of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Curlers
- Member of the 2012 Men's Scot Tour
- Co Funder of the Men's Canadian CANAM Cup Tour

Rich has served as President on the Boards of Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, Wisconsin Public Television, Meriter Hospital, Town Bank and, most recently, the International Antique and Classic Boat Society.

WHO WE ARE



HOW DOES ONE BECOME A WCF REP?

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- GENDER EQUITY!
- HOW IS THE NUMBER OF REPS FOR A MEMBER ASSOCIATION DETERMINED?

WHAT ARE GOOD
QUALITIES IN A WCF REP?

WHO SELECTS/VOTES ON
THESE POSITIONS WITHIN
THE USCA?

NO TERM LIMITS





World Zones

AMERICAS

USA, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Guyana, U.S. Virgin Islands

EUROPE

Sweden, Switzerland, Scotland, Russia, Israel, Spain, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, etc..

PACIFIC-ASIA

Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Qatar, South Korea, Nigeria, etc..

Member Associations (MAs) and Voting

Three levels of membership

Conditional - Non-voting

Provisional - Non-voting

Full - Voting

Number of curlers

determines number of reps
and votes per MA

USA - 12 votes

Canada - 18 votes

Switzerland - 12 votes

Japan - 10 votes

China - 6 votes

Australia - 4 votes

Belgium - 2 votes

** Numbers as of 2016

Provisional members -

Qatar, Greece, Iceland, etc.

- DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FROM USCA AND WCF PERSPECTIVE
- IS THIS A VOTING POSITION WITHIN THE USCA AS WELL AS THE WCF?
- HOW OFTEN DO YOU TRAVEL OR ATTEND MEETINGS?

What does a WCF Rep Actually Do?

Commissions in the WCF

- ATHLETE
- COMPETITION AND RULES
- FINANCE
- GOVERNANCE
- HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
- TECHNICAL
- ZONAL COMMISSIONS
- MAXIMIZING THE VALUE

All commissions are appointed by the Board, except the Athlete Commission, who are voted on by the athletes.



Building Relationships

with other member nations

WCF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- HOW ARE TOPICS/PROPOSED RULE CHANGES INTRODUCED?
- WHAT DOES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE ON AND HOW DOES THAT WORK?
- HOW DOES THE GA'S ROLE DIFFER FROM THE BOARD'S ROLE?
- WHAT GETS COMMUNICATED TO WHOM AND WHEN? (I.E. CONCERNS FROM THE USCA TO THE WCF AND FEEDBACK FROM WCF TO THE USCA)



TYPICAL ASSEMBLY FORMAT

AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Reading of Notice of Assembly.
2. Report on Credentials of Representatives and Quorum.
3. Exclusion/suspension of a Member Association.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
5. Reading of the Minutes of the last General Assembly and approval thereof.
6. Business arising out of the Minutes.
7. Minute of Remembrance for Friends and Colleagues no longer with us
8. Reports from of the President, the Executive Board and Committees, the Auditors.
9. Receive the Finance Report, Audited Statements and Discharge to the Board
10. Appointment of the Auditors.
11. Presentation of the annual budget.
12. Approval of annual subscriptions
13. Resolutions.
14. Further business.
15. Elections.
16. Acceptance of a new Member Association.
17. Date and location of next General Assembly.

TOPICS OF RECENT DISCUSSION AT THE WCF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Making the game more compelling to watch.
(Reducing game length from 10 ends to 8 ends, FGZ rule again, or restricting use of the tick shot)
- Potential changes to the Zone structure
- Teams can talk to coaches during the breaks between all ends, instead of just during timeouts and the mid-game break
- Event postponements/cancellations? Contingency plans or temporary changes to event procedures?



What are your highlights or takeaways from your experience as a WCF Rep?



Programs WCF Offers

Camps, competitions, courses, funding, and building the world curling community



- "THE WAY FORWARD 2020"
 - A global vision for curling and underpins the work carried out by the organization
- DEVELOPMENT
 - Online classes and camps
 - In person events + camps
- #CURLCLEAN ANTI-DOPING
- COMPETITIONS
 - timing software, rules
 - applications to host WCF events

Resources

<https://worldcurling.org/resources/>

<https://worldcurling.org/governance/>



**If I have a question or a concern.
Who can I contact?**

Get in Touch

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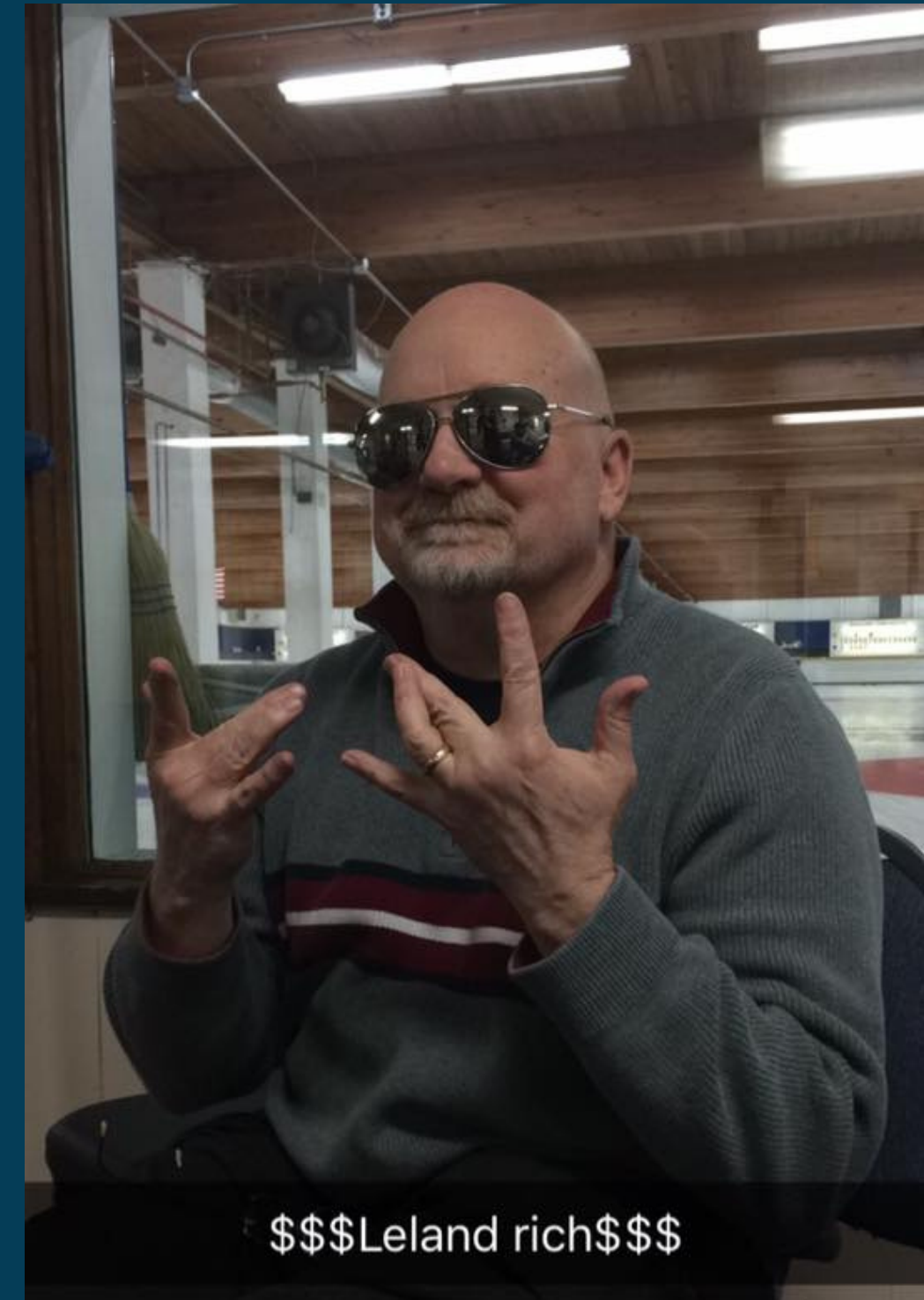
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SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH
REDEFINING THE DELIVERY

WITH JOHN BENTON - USA OLYMPIAN + COLD GRANITE CURLING - \$

SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH
NO WEBINAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH
EFFECTIVE ON + OFF ICE TRAINING USING THE TRANSFER PRINCIPLE
WITH MIMI STEVINSON

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH
TBA PANEL DISCUSSION

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND
SOCIAL MEDIA- MARKETING LEARN TO CURLS
WITH KRISTEN CONRAD - \$



UPCOMING EVENTS

MORE SESSIONS COMING SOON!