



## **Make a Difference! Run or Vote for Board of Directors**

***Do you love the sport of baton twirling? Do you want to help lead USTA into the future and be part of the growth of baton twirling? Put your ideas into action and RUN and VOTE for USTA's Board of Directors!***

The Board consists of five sector representatives who live in the sector they represent, and two at-large board members who live in any sector. Any USTA Professional member who is 18 years of age or older and not competing can run for the Board. Board members are not paid, however their travel and lodging expenses during board meetings (and some meal expenses) are covered.

### **Background**

In February 2000, at the National General Assembly of the USTA, the voting delegates overwhelmingly passed a change in the Constitution of the association, which called for the Executive Board to be elected by a mail vote of the Professional members who were 18 years of age or older. This process began in 2002.

The positions are now four-year positions and the election process is staggered by sectors, to ensure smooth transitions and continuity over time. To get the staggered system started Sectors 1, 3 and 5 and the second at-large member slots stood for election again in 2004 and 2006. In 2004, USTA moved to a secure, online voting system.

The positions that are up for election in 2022 are as follows:

- Sector 2 - Central Region
- Sector 4 - Southeast Region
- 1st At-Large Position

### **What does the Board do?**

- Governs the financial and organizational aspects of USTA
- Manages and directs the paid employees of USTA
- Provides strategic vision for the growth of the association and the sport of baton twirling
- Works on long range planning in programming and schedules of events
- Conducts the fiscal planning and budgeting of USTA's resources
- Approves staff and department heads
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**When does the Board meet?**

Typically, two to four times a year as follows:

- For two to three days annually in the fall, January/February for the winter meeting and during the week of Nationals and when Board members are not involved in running the competition, coaching or judging. These might be online or in person.
- The Board also holds conference calls as often as necessary for updates and urgent matters.