

# REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

June 27, 2021  
Johnston, IA

TO THE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, DELEGATES AND GUESTS ASSEMBLED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IOWA STATE USBC BOWLING ASSOCIATION, INC.

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Iowa State Bowling Association serving our men, women and youth bowlers.

My first thoughts for this report are to thank the dedicated group of men and women who are serving this association on the board and for the members who volunteered to be on committees for the state association. Volunteering is not on everyone's agenda, and I really appreciate those who take the time to work for others.

Congratulations to our newly inducted Hall of Fame members; it was our pleasure to induct them at the Hall of Fame dinner; 2020 Inductees, Steve Gonshorowski, Margene Grady, Don Meisner, Kay Burke, John Sires and Paul Roxlau, posthumously, and our 2021 Inductees Dave Gerst, Kathy Mackie, Loretta Wander, Jerry Robinson, Dave Metzler and Gene Spears. This is a well-deserved honor for all of them.

To the Muscatine, Burlington, Mt. Pleasant and Des Moines bowling associations, thank you for hosting our annual state tournaments this bowling season. The hours of service to our bowlers are numerous and we thank you!

Charla Wilke and I were elected as delegates to attend the USBC annual meeting. USBC did their best to make the first ever virtual meeting go as good as possible. Training for the voting procedures was held in advance with a few minor glitches during the convention voting. All in all, I think it went pretty well.

If you would consider being on any of your state committees, please contact our newly elected President. The nominating committee needs persons from the general membership, and we can use help with the registration table at the annual meeting.

I don't have to say it, but bowling has been a challenge for all of us for last two seasons. We have lost some centers because of the shut-down. Others found ways to make it and we are so grateful for our proprietors and their staff for giving us the centers to bowl in. Summer is their toughest time so make sure and support them as much as possible.

After 40 years of serving bowlers from the Iowa State WBA, Iowa State USBC, Mason City, Burlington and Waterloo as a league secretary, board member or president, I'm finally hanging up the service work. Being a league secretary, you get to know the people bowling in your league, not just bowl against them. Working for the local bowlers and our state bowlers while being on their boards was truly a pleasure for all those years. I've met so many people since getting involved with these associations. I'll treasure the friendships I've made forever. You bowlers are my family!

Thank you for attending your annual meeting. You are volunteering your time to make sure our men, women and youth have the information needed to run and serve in your local associations.

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