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USTA FLORIDA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee of the United States Tennis Association - Florida Section, Inc., d/b/a USTA Florida, presents the following nominees for positions on the Board of Directors for your consideration. If elected, they will serve two years beginning at the Annual Meeting in November 2024 and ending at the Annual Meeting in 2026.

Officers

President: Chuck Gill, Wellington (Region 6) ♦

President-Elect: Marcelo Gouts, Orlando (Region 4)

Treasurer: Lezita Davis, St. Johns (Region 2)*

Secretary: Jane Wahl, Ponte Vedra Beach (Region 2)*

Delegate: Phil Girardi, Treasure Island (Region 3) ♦

Past Experience

*President-Elect, Director at Large, Vice President, USPTA National President; **Other:** Tennis Management Advisory Team, Advocacy Program Project Team, 10 and Under Task Force, Tournament Director, USPTA National & USPTA Florida BOD*

*Secretary, Board of Directors; Treasurer, Board of Directors; Director at Large; **Other:** Tennis Management Advisory Team, Hispanic Outreach Project Team, Numerous roles in the Community including involvement with Kids Play Days, 10 and Under Tennis, Tennis Festivals and Junior Team Tennis. Operates multiple tennis facilities in the Orlando area.*

***Other:** Past Chair, Mal Washington Youth Foundation Board of Directors, Jacksonville Working Women Tennis League Board Member.*

*Leadership Academy, Leagues Committee; **Other:** President/Chair of CPCU Leadership Council, Northeast Florida Chapter of the American Diabetes Assoc. Board, University of Florida Smathers Library Leadership Board.*

*President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Board of Directors, Director at Large, **Councils/Committees:** Collegiate, Recreation Chair & Member, Nominating, Adult Council Chair; **Other:** District 12 Director, Clinician, District CTA Board Member*

According to the USTA Florida Bylaws, the President, President-Elect and Section Delegate may only serve one term in that office.

** Nominee will be serving first term.*

***Nominee will be serving second term.*

♦ Informational Only. Automatically selected due to prior position as indicated in the Bylaws.



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Directors at Large

Tracy Almeda-Singian, Indialantic (Region 4)*

Meika Ashby, Boca Raton (Region 6)*

Trishna Patel, Ormond Beach (Region 4)*

Adam Ross, Parkland (Region 8)*

Past Experience

Other: *United States Tennis Professional Association (USPTA) Board Member 2021-2023, Neighbor Up Brevard Board 2023-2024.*

Councils/Committees: *Leadership Academy, Awards Committee;*
Other: *Assistant Director of Racquet Sports at The Oaks, Certified Cardio Tennis Trainer, USPTA Florida District President, USPTA Florida Nominating Committee.*

Other: *Founder/CEO of Zen Tennis; Tennis Coach, Seabreeze High School, Former NCAA Division I singles and doubles player for Brown University, Member of Brown University Hall of Fame.*

Treasurer, Secretary, Board of Directors, Director at Large;
Councils/Committees: *Grievance Committee, Volunteer Committee, Nominating Committee, League Committee, Awards Committee;*
Other: *Regional Representative*

USTA Florida Bylaws allow for Directors at Large to serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

- *Nominee will be serving first consecutive term.*
- **Nominee will be serving second consecutive term.*
- ***Nominee will be serving last consecutive term.*

We respectfully request the support of all member clubs, schools, and/or associations for this slate of Officers, and Directors at Large.

The Nominating Committee

Chuck Gill, Chair
Matt Bacon
Donn Davis
Patricia Faulkner
Lynn Ford



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USTA Florida Delegates and Organizational Members

The previous pages listed the Nominating Committee's submission of the nominees for the 2025-2026 Board of Directors.

Also enclosed is a form which may be used by your organization and five other organizational members to nominate any other person to a position on the USTA Florida Board of Directors if you oppose any person on this slate. Listed below are the excerpts from the USTA Florida Bylaws which refer to our voting process. A complete copy of the bylaws is on the USTA Florida Website at www.ustaflorida.com.

If you support the enclosed slate, no action is necessary!!!

Article VI, Section 2. Nomination by Petition

- A. Nominations may be made by any Organization Member's delegate but limited to only one (1) nominee per position.
- B. A Nominating Form shall be included in the Nominating Committee Report and shall be used by the Organization Member's delegate to submit nominations.
- C. A person shall be a nominee for one (1) position only. Before his/her name is placed in nomination, each nominee must have agreed in writing to serve if elected. Eligibility shall be adhered to as per Article V. Section 2. of these Bylaws.
- D. A nominee must receive a nomination from a minimum of five (5) Organization Members each from a different region.
- E. All submitted nominating forms must be signed by a registered delegate of the Organization Member.
- F. All nominating forms must be received in the Association office 110 days (*July 22, 2024*) before the Annual Meeting of each election year.

Section 3. Contested Election by Petition

- A. Voting by delegates shall be conducted by any method approved by the Board of Directors for the election of Officers and Directors at Large.

- B. One (1) ballot shall be distributed to each Organization Member's registered delegate 100 days (*August 1, 2024*) before the Annual Meeting of each election year.
- C. Each ballot must be signed by the registered delegate.
- D. Signed ballots must be received in the Association office 95 days (*August 6, 2024*) before the Annual Meeting of each election year.
- E. Ballots shall be tabulated 85 days (*August 16, 2024*) before the Annual Meeting of each election year by a CPA firm as determined by the Board of Directors.
- F. Plurality shall elect.

Section 4. Results of Election

- A. Election results shall be disseminated to all of the Organization Members, and registered delegates, the Nominating Committee, and the Board of Directors within 15 days of the ballot tabulation (*August 31, 2024*).
- B. Results of the election shall become final at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, at which time the ballots shall be destroyed.



**Organizational Member
Nomination by Petition Form**

-2024-

Organizational Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Delegate Name: _____ **USTA#:** _____

Delegate Signature: _____

The Organizational Member listed above wishes to nominate the following person(s):

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Qualifications</u>	<u>Consent Enclosed (Y or N)</u>
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**This form must be received at the USTA Florida Office, 12005 Performance Drive,
Orlando, FL 32827 no later than 5:00pm on July 22, 2024
for your nomination to be valid.**

**DO NOT RETURN this form if you agree with the enclosed slate proposed
by the Nominating Committee.**