



USA TRIATHLON 2013 GENERAL ELECTION

Welcome to USA Triathlon's 2013 election coverage. Please use the following information to learn about the candidates nominated in your region for the National Board of Directors. We hope this will assist you with your voting decision.

CANDIDATES FOR THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

GENERAL DIRECTOR—MIDEAST REGION

Please vote for one (1) of the following candidates:

REGION	CANDIDATE
Mideast (<i>includes Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio</i>)	Dave Kuendig
	Kevin Smeltzer (Incumbent)

DAVID KUENDIG

Lexington, KY

General Director-Mideast Region



I am excited to run for the USA Triathlon Board of Directors to represent the Mideast Region. If elected, I will work hard to increase the value of your USAT membership and to improve communication between the Board and members, so your voice is heard on every important issue. I will work directly with race directors and others to improve the quality of races and championship events in our region. I will meet regularly with the regional council and club leaders to connect the members in the region with the decision makers of our sport.

Today's USAT National board conducts too much business in secret "Executive Sessions." For example, in this election, USAT members are asked to vote on a last-minute plan to reorganize USA Triathlon's regions. I will be transparent and tell you about proposed changes. I will ask for your input on critical issues before voting as your representative. I will not surprise you and I will not vote to move people into different regions without a thorough discussion and without asking you first!

We need to help race directors improve events and differentiate them in an increasingly crowded marketplace. Let's expand the event sanctioning program to offer certifications based on quality and race characteristics that will convey information to the members to help them choose races. Let's also help athletes identify the right training resources in their communities by introducing new members to local clubs and coaches. Clubs should be the lifeblood of a triathlon community and we should do what we can to increase their visibility and membership.

Collegiate Triathlon is increasingly popular and is in the early stages of winning approval as an official NCAA sport. Let's invest in growing triathlon on college campuses across the country. Let's expand National Championship events and provide more opportunities for interested athletes to experience Olympic-style racing. Let's recruit high-talent collegiates into our Olympic Program and keep everyone involved in age group racing for a lifetime. Let's invest in youth programs across the region to develop fit young people and grow future membership.

My proudest accomplishment as a former USAT athlete director is my involvement in bringing the highest profile ITU World Triathlon events to the United States. Washington, San Diego, and

now Chicago stand amongst the iconic world cities in triathlon. I am honored to be part of the effort that led to Chicago winning the ITU 2015 Grand Final and Age Group World Championships. This event will bring the best elite athletes and world's age group athletes to the U.S. for the first time in over a decade.

Hosting these 4000+ international age group athletes in our region requires experience, vision, and knowledge. We have a unique opportunity to engage our members, clubs, coaches, event organizers, sponsors, and the general population. Lets share this win with our entire region.

Thank you for voting in this election. I ask for your vote and look forward to working for our region.

KEVIN SMELTZER

Indianapolis, IN

General Director-Mideast Region



Thank you for electing me in 2010 to serve as your Mideast Region General Director to the USAT Board of Directors. You allowed me to bring a fresh perspective to the Board through my knowledge, energy, and passion. My objective in 2010 was, has remained, and will always be, to connect with our members. As a Board member, my focus is to serve, listen to, understand, and foster trust that our Board is committed to our membership. I believe I have accomplished that and look forward to the opportunity to continue to do so over the next 4 years.

As a National Board member, I volunteer as the liaison to the Age Group Committee, National Coaching Committee, the Regional Chairs Committee, and the Women's Committee. In addition, I am a member of the Championship Events Task Force. I also continue to play an active role in numerous Tri-Training programs, Events, Clubs, and related activities at both the Regional and National levels. My active involvement allows me to help USAT members discover their previously hidden potential well beyond what they had ever imagined. Sharing my passion and 30 years of racing experience through mentoring and inspiring other athletes is a thrill.

I am committed to being the voice of our triathlon community. My fellow Board members know I believe in the Federation, support our Regions, and am accountable and fully responsible to our membership. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with my fellow Board members while continuing to remain an active resource with our Mideast Regional Council. Together we have spearheaded initiatives, and shared our passion for the sports of triathlon. With your vote, I will continue to do so over the next 4 years.