

## **Director of Sports & Advanced Competitions Report for the 11/14/2018 Board of Director Meeting**

**Volleyball:** The 2018 SOIA Volleyball Tournament was held on October 6 at Iowa State University in Ames. 31 teams from across Iowa participated in the one day tournament.

The Parade of Athletes and Opening Ceremony were held prior to the start of the tournament. Delegation members were greeted by the ISU Kinesiology and PE club volunteers. Athletes Lisa Jordahl, Zach Briggs and Matt Peterson proudly served as flag bearers during the Opening Ceremony. Casey McAleer welcomed the athletes, coaches and volunteers to the 2018 tournament. Fred Hines led the delegation members in the Special Olympics oath.

Nadine Ihde a long-time volunteer of SOIA was recognized for her dedication and support of the Special Olympics movement. Throughout the year Nadine promotes the spirit of sportsmanship and encourages the athletes to always reach their goals. The Opening Ceremony closed when athlete John Filson carried high the Special Olympics torch representing the Flame of Hope.

First round games were held in the morning. Single elimination with a consolation bracket or a round-robin format was followed for award placement in the afternoon. Delegation members enjoyed a short walk on campus to the Memorial Union for lunch.

**Flag Football:** The 2018 SOIA Flag Football Tournament was held on October 13 at the Metro Youth Football Complex in Cedar Rapids. 11 traditional teams and three Unified Sports teams participated in the one day tournament.

Flag bearers Colby Joens, Eric St. Clair and Cody Anderson led the Parade of Athletes during the Opening Ceremony. Athlete Jeff Alt sang the National Anthem a cappella. Josh Dobbs welcomed everyone to the competition while Joey Bevans led all delegation members in the Special Olympics oath. Terry Fah closed the Opening Ceremony carrying the Flame of Hope torch.

In recognition of Special Olympics 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Rob Wagner was recognized for his volunteerism to Special Olympics Iowa. Rob serves as a Special Olympics Iowa coach, sport commissioner, sport director and serves on several advisory committees.

All teams played two games during the tournament. Delegation members enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by Texas Roadhouse.

**Bowling:** Meetings regarding the upcoming state bowling tournament were held with the four bowling center venue sites. Logistics, registration and volunteerism were discussed. Athletes and Unified Sports partners that received first place at area tournaments qualify for the November 11 state tournament.

**USTA- Iowa District:** The fall meeting was held on October 21 in Coralville. The Executive Committee met to review the 2019 budget and anticipated changes for the district. The annual meeting, banquet and awards program followed the executive committee meeting.

**Winter Games:** The Winter Games committee met on November 6 in Dubuque to discuss the January competition. Topics of discussion included meals, the Opening Ceremony, venues and volunteerism. The Winter Games will be held in Dubuque on January 14 and 15. Sports include alpine skiing, cross country skiing, figure skating, snow shoeing and speed skating.