



## At-Large Director USATT Board Position - Dr. Mike Babuin

**ABOUT ME:** My name is Mike Babuin and I am interested in serving the membership as an At-Large Director in 2019. Previously, I served on the USATT Board as an At-Large Director and as Chairman of the Board for two years. I also have served on the NCTTA Board of Advisors previously and on the ITTF Board of Directors. As a Tournament Director, Umpire, and Coach, I have witnessed many things in our sport, met some amazing members who are passionate and dedicated to table tennis, but believe that much work still remains to be done.

Having taken a well needed 'break' from organized table tennis for the past two years, I am now rejuvenated and ready to continue serving the sport which I love.

But more importantly, please know that I am an honest person who cares about the people in this sport, and when I say that I will do something or give my word on something - it is not forgotten. I appreciate and enjoy working with like-minded individuals who are equally passionate about our sport. A vote for me is a vote for the interests of the membership – which is **YOU**.

**WHY DO I WISH TO SERVE?** Because I truly care about the membership and our sport and believe that USATT while doing many great things, has also grown very apart from our membership as a result of pursuing other goals. The balance between this needs to be equalized much better. Our organization and USATT need each other and I feel based on my table tennis experience and past Board experience, I can help facilitate an improved bond between USATT and all of us. I have always believed that the membership is the only reason for the existence of the organization.

**MY POSITION AND SOLUTIONS ON ISSUES:** Over the next coming days and weeks, I am posting my thoughts on what USATT does well, what needs improvement, and what the average member of the organization should expect from its leaders – both on the Board as well as at our National Office. I have prepared 32 videopods (*so far*) and have released five to date. One per day will be released through the election period, and possibly beyond. These specific thoughts will be shared on my **You Tube Page**. Go to You Tube and their search engine, type in: **'Mike Babuin Episode'** and all the videos will be shown that I have released. Or simply, copy/click the link below:

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Information is also posted frequently on my [Mike Babuin's Table Tennis' Facebook Page](#). I encourage each of you seek this out and take a look for yourselves.

A pdf of my **powerpoint presentation** is also attached here. In case the You Tube URL develops problems, you can also access them by going to You Tube, and in the youtube search engine, type-in "**Mike Babuin Episodes**" and all of the videopods are available for you to see and hear. These pods explain my specific thoughts and position on so many important issues. Each is about 15 minutes or less so I highly encourage you to take a look.

In a nutshell, I believe these things (*below*) are crucial to USATT and must be addressed.

- 1) Member Services (*much work needs done on this*);
- 2) Tapping into the 18-20 million recreational table tennis market that exists in the USA;
- 3) Developing an operational budget that doesn't deplete our net assets;
- 4) Embracing new initiatives which help us market USATT in the USA and globally;
- 5) Developing a professional league in the USA to nurture a career for our Elite Athletes;
- 6) Lay the groundwork for building a sustainable National Training Center in the USA;
- 7) Embracing the membership as a unique asset that can help all of the above.

These are not just problems which I am sharing – *I have solutions and concrete thoughts for each of these*. That information is shared on my [Mike Babuin's Table Tennis Facebook Page and in my You Tube videos](#). Please take a look!

Previous Board experience is a valuable resource to consider when electing At-Large Director positions. There is less of a learning curve and more ability of a person to function seamlessly and efficiently in carrying-out their duties when they have relevant knowledge behind their belt. Many of you know me personally, many others do not – but I will guarantee you one thing, which is - I **always** look out for the rights of our members, and try always to employ common sense into decision making – especially when difficult actions are required.

Finally, I have prepared and attached, a 25 point '**Statement of Active Promises**' which I will fulfill if so elected by the membership if elected to the Board of Directors. I will routinely report on the success or failures (by the Board) in embracing these initiatives on my You Tube channel and/or facebook page.

Thank you for your vote – ***I need your support and am asking each of you to talk to other USATT members and ask them to also give me their support as well.*** I hope to have the great honor of serving **YOU** through USA Table Tennis in 2019. *Mike*