

2022 USBC Convention Report

I checked-in during the afternoon and visited all the venues. That evening, I attended the delegates' reception.

The next morning, I attended the BVL breakfast and listened to the speaker. Storm donated \$20,000, and the top five states were noted — Texas, Michigan, Arizona, Florida, and Illinois. BVL supports The Recreations, and if you haven't seen them, make it a point to do so.

After listening to a motivational speaker who was interesting, it was on to "10 Ways to Get Volunteers." Many ways were great, but the one I liked best was to create a volunteer training process. Being new here, things are done differently than in other associations. After lunch, there was "Starting Fires," where someone who performed claimed to be an actor, but I think it was the worse meeting we had.

Next was Tournament Registration, which was quite interesting. USBC's technical crew will design the registration template for your tournament, but there is a fee that you can build into your tournament fees. But from what I have seen here, I think you got this covered.

I went to the Wednesday Breakfast, then I visited "6 Ways to Gain Local Support," in which it was stressed to make sponsors feel part of your event, before, during, and after the event. It was hard to write down all the ideas, but I thought this was the best.

During the RVP/SafeSport presentation, I got my answer: It is mandated by the federal government, and you have to take it every year.

After lunch, we met the candidates running for offices. The Annual Meeting started after that with reports and then the credentials report:

Association Delegates.....	690
Athlete Delegates	12
Hall of Fame members.....	26
Board of directors	17
Total.....	745

They introduced a new awarded named after Elaine Hagen, The Ambassador Award, which was given to Peter Hagen. I helped present the check for Bowl for the Cure. They introduced the Hall of Fame inductees and then broke for the evening. I attended the Tuesday night Hall of Fame Dinner, but I just couldn't afford both nights.

At the Thursday session, the credentials report was reported:

Association Delegates.....	693
Athlete Delegates	14
Hall of Fame members.....	35
Board of Directors	17
Total.....	759

They presented Youth Ambassador Awards where each winner received a \$1,500 scholarship. The female winner was Lynsey Jackson of Tennessee, and the male winner was Nathan Galicia of Texas.

The \$2,500 Zeb Scholarship went to Hanna Hale of New Jersey.

The Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow Award went to Lara Kurt of North Carolina, while the Chuck Hall version went to Spencer Robarge of Missouri. Each bowler received a \$6,000 scholarship.

The David Dahms Award went to Dianne "Di" Tormanen of Arizona, and the Volunteer of the Year Award went to Billy Gasn of Maryland.

USBC National awards are as follows: Helen Baker Award for outstanding service association service went to Becky Jones of Texas. The Joyce Deitch Unity Award went to Jim O'Reily of Minnesota, and Proprietor of the Year went to John Buns of Texas.

The one bylaws proposal that would permit remote electronic voting at future USBC Annual Meetings failed because it did not get two-thirds of the vote.

The following people got elected: Anthony Colangelo of Idaho, Bo Goergen of Michigan, and Melissa McDaniel of North Carolina. The USBC board reelected Melissa to serve a second two-year term as president.

A total of \$5,024 was collected for BVL during the convention.

They announced that next year's convention will be in Las Vegas at the South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa from April 24-27.

Thank you very much for electing as a delegate for 2022.

Submitted by Phyllis Bourque