

Karen Cammer

New York Resident

At-Large Candidate

As the current President of the U.S. Twirling Association, I am focused on and dedicated to the ongoing and improvement of the health, growth and presence of baton twirling for the USA: domestically and internationally. As the leader of the federation for the sport of baton in the USA, our strategy must be to strengthen our sport's presence in and among the other GAISIF and Olympic recognized sports.

In my non-baton career, I am the Chief Financial Officer for three companies in the extremely competitive Youth Sports industry. One of those companies is a brick-and-mortar facility where we host and operate events on our three regulation sized basketball courts. Another is the largest AAU basketball organization in the country with over two hundred teams just in basketball. We have moved into the world of volleyball this past year with plans to expand into other sports. Our third company is a sports management and consultants' business which has a presence regionally.

Youth sports is a \$17 Billion annual industry where physical and mental development, as well as character building are important focuses. I believe as professional baton coaches, judges, and directors we have an influential role in our corner of the youth sports world providing leadership in those and other focuses.

Since 2016, when I was elected president, I believe the National Board of Directors has accomplished much to improve the culture and operations of the U.S. Twirling Association. As a member of this great organization since its birth sixty-three ago, I formerly served as a national board member, national secretary, the Executive Director. Being the president of this association, has been both the greatest challenge and honor of my lifetime involved in this sport. The vision for our sport in the next decade is what every generation of twirlers hoped they would live to see become a reality. (Official international recognized legitimacy by GAISIF and beyond)

I ask for your vote with the hope I am given another term on the board. If re-elected, you would be giving me the special opportunity to continue working alongside the other board members in pursuit and completion of the many goals we have for this great association. The U.S. Twirling Association is truly one of the finest federations in the world in our sport. Thank you for your time reading this as well as voting. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions: KJCammer55@gmail.com.

GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE-Present and Past

- 2016 - Present PRESIDENT of U.S. Twirling Association. Rep to the World Baton Twirling Federation for the Sport in USA
- 2000 - August 2008, Executive Director for the U.S. Twirling Association
- National Board of Director AAU, Chair of Legislation, Chair of National Board of Appeals & Member of Insurance Committee all for the AAU
- Currently CFO, Monroe Basketball, Lightning Basketball, JMF Sports Management Consultants

EVENT OPERATOR-Present and Past

- World Championships for the World Baton Twirling Federation
- Director U.S. National Baton Twirling Championships
- Director U.S. Team Trials for World Cup Team
- Director U.S. Pre-Trials and International Cup Qualifiers
- Director International Open Contest hosting twenty countries in Hawaii
- NGB Representative for the Sport of Baton, National Congress of State Games
- USA Tour Assistant Director to the World Cup and International Cup Championships
- Event Coordinator for Phantom Regiment Color Guard, WGI, NJA and Main members
- 2008 - Present AAU Metropolitan-NY District Sport Director for Baton Twirling
- Member of the Metropolitan-NY District Board of Review
- Director of the BTNI Sleep Away & Day Camps, Recreational Programs, Clinics, Competitions & Workshops
- Director USA Baton Twirling All Stars. (2008 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade; 150 members & 330 additional)
- Director of local, state, regional, national, and international competitions for 40 years

- Advisory Chair of the USTA Public Relations Commission
- Former member of the USTA National Board 6 years as Secretary/Treasurer (left to become Executive Director)
- President of the Northeast Regional Council (13 North Eastern States), 42 years
- Former Secretary of the NER
- Former NY State Council President
- Former NJ State Council President
- Former member of national commissions: Presidents, Councils & Contests, Dance Twirl, Events
- Honorary Lifetime Board Member of the New York Baton Council
- Certified USTA Baton Twirling Professional Coach and Professional Judge.
- Past National Coaches Chair for USTA Education Department
- Coach at several summer camps and recreational programs
- AAU Judge and Coach for Baton Twirling.
- Certified by the Positive Coaches Alliance
- Inducted into the New York Baton Twirling Hall of Fame
- Coach of KC's Entertainers an AAU Level 3 Club
- Coach of the Huntington Thunderers; Junior & Senior Musical Corps including Auxiliary members
- Coach of State, Regional and National Champions in baton
- Coached Rifle and Flag. National Champions in both events
- Coached the Cavaliers of New Jersey for 13 years. 100+ baton twirlers and 100+ musicians. Traveled nationally
- Coached the Mirage Baton Corps of Long Island for 10 years

ATHLETE EXPERIENCE

- Started twirling at age 3. Competed on the national level
- Champion as an individual in USTA, ESTA & NBTA as well as in group events
- An original member of the Huntington Thunderers: USTA National and NBTA World Musical Show Corps Champions
- Performed and marched with the Thunderers from age 5 - 18
- Senior Miss New York, USTA, 1972 with dance and gymnastics as talent
- Other groups included Silver Queens, NY and National Champions and the Huntington Nicolettes, NY Champions
- Trained in classical ballet, jazz, and modern dance
- Captain of Toaz Jr. High Cheerleaders 1969-1970. Captain of Huntington HS Cheerleaders 1970-1973

References upon request.