

Robert Sirkis; Incumbent, Spoon Barbell Club

I was part of the original North Texas LWC Board of Directors established in 2012. Prior to that, the LWC (like most LWCs at the time across the country) was run by a single person elected president. We started with a check for roughly \$2,100 and that was it. There was no organization, goals, policies, or documents of any past business. Since then we have worked extremely hard to get organized and put proper policies in place. Our LWC is now used as an example for other LWCs across the country.

Please review the below objectives while you consider my nomination for reelection.

Key Objectives Accomplished:

- Adoption of standard bylaws for our organization
- Creation of an official 501c3 nonprofit organization
- Introduction of the World Team Incentive
- Brought the 2013 American Open, 2015 Masters World Cup, and 2015 National Championships to Dallas
- Create quality developmental event
- Documented and created procedures for Texas State Records
- Reinvest LWC funds to the State Meet
- Represented North Texas LWC on 2015 World Championships Organizing Committee

Future Objectives If Reelected:

- Gain state tax exemption
- Work with national office to look for opportunities to bring large events to the area
- Define Board member positions so each Board member represents a group of members
- Improve communication within the LWC
- Improve communication and relationship with South Texas LWC
- Improve quality of developmental event
- Continue to reinvest LWC funds to the State Meet

Additional Relevant Experience

Currently serving on the USA Weightlifting Nominating and Governance Committee. The NGC is tasked with ensuring each candidate is qualified and submitted proper documentation for the position the candidate is nominated as per the USAW bylaws. With the USAW Board election process complete, the NGB is now tasked with reviewing USAW bylaws to replace vague language with more specific and exact language and review potential changes. The NGB is also researching ways to make the nominating/interviewing process more efficient and to make the voting process more interactive between candidate and membership. Being in this role will allow me to be one of the first to see and discuss potential changes within USAW. I will proactively bring any changes, or potential changes, to our Board for discussion so that the North Texas LWC will be aligned with USAW as much as possible.