

## **2017 APTA Board Meeting**

### **Umpire Committee**

**Mission Statement:** To create a standard for umpires, particularly for Grand Prix Series, National Championships, and Live Streaming matches. To dedicate resources to make sure umpires are qualified, tested, and vetted for the sport, and to encourage members to volunteer for this vital role in the sport's professionalism.

#### **Accomplishments:**

- 1) Recruiting umpires was much easier this season, due to a) a current list of umpires; b) most TDs lined up umpires very early and c) Live Streaming helped show the need for and prestige of being an umpire.
- 2) We have the right number of umpire chairs now.
- 3) Recognized umpires at Nationals by announcing names on Live Streaming.

#### **Goals:**

- 1) Improving the professionalism of umpires, as the volunteer number climbs.
- 2) Increase the number of umpires available at events.
- 3) Improving the safety of umpire chairs, including seatbelts and adjusting the swivel armrest.
- 4) Being vigilant and consistent about foot faults. Add a roaming foot fault judge at the first few tournaments of the year.
- 5) Continuing to recognize umpires and their dedication to the game.

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