



Greetings Fellow Referees,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. I am honored to announce that I have been selected by the USA National Karate Federation Nominating Committee as one of the nominees for the Referee Director's position on the Board of Directors. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Alex Miladi on his nomination.

As all of you know, the referee program is a vital component of the USA NKF. Our continual training and our expertise in the rules of competition are essential to the task of promoting good sportsmanship and athlete development. In addition, it is the responsibility of the referees to select the national team. Our dedication to the sport of karate is indisputable. With or without praise or recognition, we continue to perform our duties and responsibilities with honor and pride. I am proud to be a member of this hard-working team. Being in the trenches with you, I understand and share your concerns.

The time to elect the new Board of Directors is upon us. We now have an opportunity as a team to look towards the future and to finally have our voices heard. This, of course, requires a representative who will professionally and effectively pursue the goals of the USA NKF and at the same time communicate our interests and concerns to the Federation. I am confident that I have what it takes to be that representative. Most of you know me and know what I stand for; however, for those of you who don't, here is a snapshot of my experience and qualifications.

Profile

I am a results-driven investigation leader with more than 20 years experience resolving critical issues for leading organizations, including government agencies and Fortune 500 companies. I have proven my ability to collaborate with executive management to set and enforce corporate policies and procedures. I have demonstrated my expertise in cultivating and developing strategies to resolve sensitive issues. My versatile skill set includes compliance, oversight, and detection of financial fraud. I am recognized as an expert investigator, articulate communicator, active listener, and skilled interviewer. I have continued to develop my organizational assessment and monitoring skills through a Master of Public Administration-Inspector General Training Program. In addition, my 25 years of law enforcement and intelligence services have afforded me the opportunity to utilize numerous techniques to analyze and evaluate complex situations.

As a student and instructor of karate for over 37 years, I have participated in numerous local, state, national and international level karate activities. I was a member of the USA National Karate Team, 1984-1988. In addition, I am an internationally licensed official with the World Karate Federation and Pan American Karate-Do Federation. I am also on the USA NKF Referees Committee, Vice President of the New York Traditional Karate League (501©3) and President of the Ronin Shotokan Karate-Do Association (501©3).

My experience and qualifications are strong and relevant. My many years of dedication to the referee program is testament to the fact that I understand our team and can be your voice. Therefore, I am asking for your support and your vote for the position of Referee Director to the Board of Directors of the USA NKF.

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