

PNWTOA NEWS

Pacific Northwest Tennis Officials Association

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NEW OFFICERS ON THE TOA BoD

Mitch Roth from Girdwood, Alaska will be our Vice President for the 2017-19 term. Mitch has been a director for the TOA BoD since 2014 when the Association was first launched. He has been the primary administrator of our website at pnwtennisofficials.com, recruits officials in the small ski resort community of Girdwood and nearby Anchorage, but most impressively has attended nearly every TOA monthly meeting! Mitch is highly respected on the board and we will appreciate him in this new position.

Becky Martin will return as the TOA Secretary for the 2017-19 term. Becky has proven to be invaluable as the keeper of all actions and records for the board since 2015. Becky lives in Mill Creek, WA, just east of Seattle. Weekly she plays tennis, visits a retirement home to play Mahjong with residents and babysits grandchildren. She's also advancing her officiating skills as an ITA chair official at UW this fall. Her next term plans are to post the monthly minutes from Board meetings to our website in addition to the monthly Newsletter. She is also a member of the Grievance committee that was initiated in 2016.

USTA TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The 2017 USTA training workshops are being scheduled. We have requested a Roving and Chair workshop in our section for Oct. Once USTA secures the dates they will want to contact newer officials in our section first to attend. As we understand the procedures, we can then request selected officials in our section to attend if attendance is low. These workshops will be 8 hr. clinics, held at a tennis facility, with in classroom and on court instruction. More information coming in August or September.

ITA UPDATE

Reminder to all recertifying ITA officials that the last webinar available is July 31. All certifications after that date will be general ITA certification which will be lengthier tests and webinars. The new ITA uniforms will be mandatory at the start of the ITA season starting Sept. 1, 2017. Please read the June ITA Newsletter for the new uniform guidelines and the website to purchase them.

OREGON ASSIGNOR UPDATE

Holly Weyhrauch has been working very hard contacting tournament directors who have tournaments scheduled for the month and beyond. Many of the lower level Jr. events have opted not to use officials but she continues to reach out to those who do have other events scheduled. She has had success but is still acquiring some push back from a few directors. Your support of using our assignor can and has made a difference when you're solicited by a director. It is up to all of us to enforce a fair and equal work environment.

NEW TOA MEMBERS

Welcome new TOA members **Cheryl Yoder** from Winchester, OR. and **Shelly Enstrom** from Kirkland, WA. Cheryl has completed her certification and has been working in S. Oregon. Shelly will start her shadowing/training soon. We're looking forward to meeting you both!

Stay cool this summer PNW!

Thank you,

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