Name: Willy Leparulo **Position**: President

**Education:** Master's degree in Sport Management at Florida State University

Dear Club Presidents and Representatives,

It has been a dream of mine to be able to be a part of NCTTA since I found out about it in the late 1990's and I have been involved with NCTTA since that point in several different positions. Recruitment Director, countless committees and even a stay as the organization's financial officer! Yes I have been involved with the organization even before it was called NCTTA, but I don't shy away from how much we have grown together as a team of committed volunteers.

I live and breathe for College Table Tennis and for NCTTA especially as I have given almost 16 years of my life in service of this great organization. Read a bit below about what this website in sport planning wrote about NCTTA!

## http://sportsplanningguide.com/willy-leparulo-president-of-nctta-table-tennis/

I have had the great opportunity to get to know many of you and more importantly served you all within your respective member schools. I have been fortunate enough to be able to follow this dream of mine to make College Table Tennis as big as any other sporting area. The dream is however NOT complete, there is more to be done and I for one want to finish what I have started!

My past and current experiences taught me the value of what we do here in College Table Tennis and the fight that clubs go through every year to get more respect, funding, space, etc. My hope, with your vote, is to continue as your President, to continue to serve you and make College Table Tennis that much better for you all currently and the populations to follow by running better tournaments and getting more resources for College clubs to utilize. I like you am still fighting the good fight with Campus Recreation, Student Activities and Sport club to get our clubs more respect and more funding.

The past couple of years have been filled with much change for NCTTA. We added more divisions, Regional Championships and our own singles tournaments at Division, Regional and National level. Just recently we have added Regional Championship websites like this one to keep everyone updated: <a href="https://sites.google.com/a/nctta.org/2015south/home">https://sites.google.com/a/nctta.org/2015south/home</a>

We are looking to provide Alumni and Team events at US Nationals in the near future too!

I have been a big proponent in opening up our social media and open communication so NCTTA has been streaming, tweeting, facebooking, blogging and doing what we can to keep you informed about anything and everything in College TT. Behind the scenes we work tirelessly to put on great events working up to 40 hours a week after our normal work days (Yes I have a day job and so does everyone in NCTTA!).

I believe that anything and everything I do for NCTTA is about quality customer service. For instance, I make myself extremely accessible to contact. Those of you that have contacted me know that you get a reply almost always within 24 hours and I hope in the future to establish more of this

culture for everyone in the organization. I hope whomever becomes NCTTA President in the future continues with that same philosophy because keeping our membership informed is very important.

What I hope to help in doing in the next couple years for NCTTA and for College Table Tennis is to build up our membership which will equate into a better league, better Regions and better Championships! I would work towards streaming at the Regional Championships, the technology is there!

At the last Championships we were streaming on two courts with live commentators. I want to best showcase what I consider my pride and joy, you all the College Table Tennis schools and players as best possible. I would love to be able to be a part of this organization and make the difference and hit 500 schools, a highschool table tennis championships and more scholarships for our member schools and show every TV network why we deserve a spot on national television!

I have the belief that to do great work you have and "to do what you love and love what you do."

## **Table Tennis Experience**

- -ACUI Table Tennis Championships Director: 2004-Present
- -ACUI Region 6 Table Tennis Director: 2002-2011
- -NCTTA Florida Division Director: from 1999 to 2004
- -NCTTA Panhandle Division Director: 2011-2012
- -NCTTA Treasurer: Spring/Summer 2005
- -NCTTA Championship Committee: 2000 to present
- -NCTTA Championship Tournament Director: 2012 to present
- -NCTTA Recruitment Director: 1999-2004
- -NCTTA Regional Director (South) 2012 to present
- -USATT Community Programs Rep 2004-2006
- -Founder of Florida State University Table Tennis program (1998)

I would appreciate your vote of confidence for this upcoming term of office to continue as NCTTA President.

Thank you, Willy Leparulo