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Position: President

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

Dear Club Presidents and Representatives,

I joined NCTTA in 1999 as the organization's Recruitment Director and Southern Division Director (currently Northern Florida Division). I was in graduate school pursuing a Master's in Sport Management at Florida State. I had just competed in my first NCTTA Championships in 2000 at MIT in Boston and thought "what can I do to help build College Table Tennis and give others the same joy that it has given me?"

Yes, I have been with NCTTA even before it was called NCTTA (it was called League of Northeastern Intercollegiate Table Tennis, or LNITT). I have seen this organization grow every year and am proud to say I have been a part of its growth.

For those that know me personally, they know that I live and breathe College Table Tennis. I even met my wife through College Table Tennis! Especially for NCTTA though, I have given almost 18 years of my life in service of this great organization. A couple years ago Sports Planning Guide did a nice write-up about us (NCTTA):

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

In the last couple of years I have had the opportunity to work with (in my opinion) the best volunteer directors to grow NCTTA and reach different goals. Goals like the following:

- Social Media outreach
- Scholarship schools
- Better post season experiences
- Better membership benefits

NCTTA has grown in leaps and bounds within social media through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, with plans to spread out to other mediums like Snapchat and more. Our presence on social media is one above the rest. We were the leaders of social media and other sport organizations followed our direction and we will continue pushing that envelope to better NCTTA and help our membership.

I attended the NAIA conference last summer to promote College Table Tennis as a scholarship option for schools, and we were able to get the conversation going with several schools. This is still a work in progress however. Scholarships are one of our long term goals and I hope to see 10 scholarship schools in the next couple of years.

NCTTA Regional Championships now have live streaming and the hope is to get commentators for each region. I will be working with the Board to make that happen. Our regional championships should be representing a mini national tournament.

Also another thing that I am proud of is our alumni network which is expanding. You all have graduated from your respective schools but many have opted to join us in the "good fight". We have

a record number of NCTTA Alumni giving back to NCTTA through coaching schools in NCTTA, volunteering in NCTTA or at our many events. This is a tribute to our Alumni.

In these past years, I have had the great opportunity to get to know many of you, and more importantly served you all within your respective member schools. Whether it was working with your Sport Club council to help with paperwork or helping to figure out how to best fundraise or literally just giving helpful advice on your clubs, I have enjoyed the person on person interaction with many of you and hopefully I can get your vote for the future as President of NCTTA once again.

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!). No one is paid by NCTTA, we are a volunteer only organization with working professionals at the helm. We work for College Table Tennis to run a league, regionals, and Championships year round. We work for you the College Table Tennis population.

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.

What I hope to help over 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! Look for College Table Tennis Coaching Certification training. Running a College Table Tennis program as a volunteer, or student or alumni that is unpaid is difficult task and one that we at NCTTA know about first hand. We want to help you do your job better to ultimately put school table tennis clubs in a better place.

At the last Championships we were streaming on two courts with live commentators on EACH court, which is a new format. I want to best showcase you, all of the College Table Tennis players and teams who I consider to be the stars in all of this. I would love to continue to be a part of this organization by making a difference and hitting 500 more College Table Tennis school teams, seeing NCTTA help your club get more funding from your schools and more.

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

College 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 -2017
- USATT Community Programs Rep 2004-2006

- Founder of Florida State University Table Tennis program (1998)
- NCTTA Coaching Committee Chair 2016 to present
- NCTTA Media Relations 2008 to present
- NCTTA Eligibility Committee 2004 to present

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

Thank you,
Willy Leparulo