

Name: Willy Leparulo

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 I was HOOKED. I graduated and thought maybe we can make College Table Tennis bigger and better!

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! My one-year old daughter wears an NCTTA onesie (baby clothes). I have proudly and happily dedicated over 20 years of my life in service to this great organization, NCTTA.

A couple of 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 such as the following:

- Social Media outreach
- College TT coaching
- Promotion of TT clubs within University Recreation
- Better post season experiences
- Better membership benefits (free USATT memberships)

NCTTA has grown in leaps and bounds within social media through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Our presence on social media is one above the rest. We were the leaders of social media with other sport organizations following our direction and we will continue working, collaborating and encouraging programs and activities that will improve NCTTA and help our membership.

One of the things I am most proud of is the development of a [Collegiate TT Coaching class](#) for NCTTA. Several coaching committee members (Alan Chu, Logan Zimmerman) and I contributed to this curriculum for our College TT coaches and enthusiasts. We also collaborated with USA Table Tennis (Richard McAfee and Gordon Kaye) and were able to procure USATT Club Coach certification for everyone that completed the class. The Coaching certification program was sponsored by ISET and contributed to more than 50 coaches being certified within our system. We will be continuing the program in the future with further levels of certification to ultimately help our Table Tennis programs to be more active and successful in the University community.

NCTTA sent me to the [NIRSA Sport Club](#) conference last summer. NIRSA (the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association) governs College and University recreation. I was a guest speaker at the conference speaking for and on behalf of Table Tennis Sport clubs. It was an incredible experience to be able to help promote our Table Tennis clubs to an audience that makes major decisions for the clubs. I will continue to fight for, promote and uphold your club's interests and passions.

NCTTA Regional Championships now have live streaming and commentators in many of the areas. Commentating is something that I think adds to spectator enjoyment and engagement. I have done some commentating personally for NCTTA and USATT. I will be working with the Regions to give others the opportunity to be the voice behind the camera!

This past year we were able to work with USA Table Tennis to provide better membership benefits to NCTTA club members in the form of free USATT memberships. USATT membership gives people the access to play in tournaments around the United States and is normally a \$75 fee. We organized free USATT memberships for up to 10 players from EACH NCTTA member school.

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 strictly volunteer organization with working professionals and students 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 of years for NCTTA and for College Table Tennis is to build up our membership which will make for a better league, better regions and better Championships! Running a College Table Tennis program as an unpaid volunteer, student or alumnus is a difficult task and one that we at NCTTA know about first hand. We want to help you as you serve our table tennis community and ultimately improve school table tennis clubs across the board.

It is my firm conviction is that to do great work you have *"to do what you love and love what you do."*

COLLEGE TABLE TENNIS:

- Founder of Florida State University Table Tennis in 1998; advisor 2003-2007; coach 2008 to present
- ACUI International Table Tennis Events Director 2004-2014
- ACUI Region 6 Director 2007-2014
- USA Table Tennis Community Programs Rep 2004-2006
- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; Recruitment Director 1999-2004

- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; Northern Florida Division Director 1999-2007;
- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; South Region Director 2012-2018 and 2020;
- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; Championship Committee Chair 2007-Present;
- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; Editor of NCTTA Newsletter (online) 2017-present
- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; President of Board of Directors 2004-Present
- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; Tournament Director of Championships 2014-Present
- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; Volunteer Director 2014-Present
- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; Media writer 2009-Present; Commentator 2018-present
- National Collegiate Table Tennis Association; Coaching Director 2016-Present
- Created NCTTA 1st coaching certificate training course, certified more than 50 coaches since 2018

LANGUAGE: Fluent in Italian and Spanish

USA TABLE TENNIS:

- USA Table Tennis Board of Directors' Collegiate Representative (2003-2005)
- USA Table Tennis Chair of the Grassroots Collegiate Table Tennis Committee (2003-2007)
- USA Table Tennis Co-chair of Personnel Committee (2005-2007)
- US Paralympics at the Dailey Holiday Sports Festival served as a translator, operations coordinator (2007-2008)
- USA Table Tennis, 2018 US Open commentator & production/live streaming
- USA Table Tennis, 2019 US Nationals commentator & production/live streaming
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I would appreciate your vote of confidence for this upcoming term of office to continue as NCTTA President.

Thank you,
Willy Leparulo