

# Dennis Taylor *for* USATT Board of Directors

**\*\*\*Over 20 Years of USATT Volunteer Service\*\*\***

- **USATT General Counsel**, 2002-2020, serving nine CEOs/EDs and four Board Chairs/Presidents.
- **Member of USATT Board of Directors**, 1999-2002.
- **USATT Secretary**, 1999-2002, 2012-2019. Recorded the minutes for over 100 board meetings.
- **USATT Committees**
  - Past Chair of High Performance and Executive Director Search Committees.
  - Past member or advisor to eleven other USATT committees.



**On behalf of USATT, Dennis Taylor presents an official welcome letter Liu Guoliang, President of the Chinese Table Tennis Association and many-time World and Olympic Champion. (August, 2019)**

## **Dear Members,**

I believe the primary role of USATT is to *benefit its membership*. That means transparency, communication, and “doing the right thing,” regardless of whom or how many disagree with the definition of “right thing.” I pledge to listen to *all members* in deciding how to cast votes in the best interests of USATT. My email is always open: [piccpt151@gmail.com](mailto:piccpt151@gmail.com).

For twenty years I was in a position to see and evaluate every idea considered by USATT, usually without a vote. The real problem isn’t a lack of ideas; it’s a matter of *implementation*. As a board member, I will be in the unique position of being able to explain what happened the last (three? five? ten?) times USATT tried to execute the “newest” idea, and make sure that we learn from past mistakes and work out how to do it better this time.

I’m also a HUGE fan of the Major League Table Tennis and pledge to work with them so both USATT and MLTT grow together. I’d also like to turn the USATT Annual Assembly into something truly worthwhile for members. I am open to ideas on these and other issues, and have a few zillion ideas of my own.

For those who don’t know me, I was a long-term player, originally in Texas and then the Maryland Table Tennis Center before semi-retiring to Dallas two years ago. I played my first US Open in 1978. I was a high school music teacher and college professor for many years (trumpet, anyone?) before getting my law degree. I strongly believe I do better work at the *board table* than the *ping-pong table*, where my highest rating was a proud 1619.

**-Dennis Taylor**

“I urge you to vote for Dennis. I’ve known him for over 25 years, from running the 1998 Eastern Open together (411 entries!) and long-time member of MDTTC (where he trained in my group sessions), to his two decades of volunteer work with USATT. He’s honest, thoughtful, and will make sure USATT strives for the highest levels of performance.”

**-Larry Hodges, Member of USATT Hall of Fame and 2018 USATT Lifetime Achievement Award Winner**