

# Moro, Fawcett Elected to State Board of Directors

**JUNE 4, 2018 – Jan Moro of Syracuse and Stephen Fawcett of Schenectady are the newest members of the New York State USBC Board of Directors as a result of voting Saturday at the state association's 7th Annual Meeting at The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center in Albany.**

Moro, photo at right, president of the newly-merged Central NY USBC (a merger of the Syracuse local associations), and Fawcett, photo at left, a NYS USBC regional (youth) tournament manager, were unanimously elected to the board by a voice vote of delegates along with incumbents **Mark Scuderi** of Rochester and **Dan Solimine** of New Rochelle.

Delegates (118 attended the meeting) also unanimously voted to return **Liz DeHart** of Staten Island to her role as the board's vice president.

Moro replaces **Corinthia Ward** of the Bronx and Fawcett replaces **Tom Solimine Sr.** of White Plains on the board as Ward and Solimine completed their terms of service.

Delegates also agreed to rescind a slate of amendments previously proposed by the NYS USBC Board of Directors that dealt with reducing the size of the board from 15 (including officers) to 13.

The board reconsidered the amendments in light of the number of committees needed to efficiently complete the organization's tasks and in anticipation of receiving applications from those wishing to serve on the board.

A proposed amendment to exempt the two directors representing the NYS Bowling Proprietors of America from term limits was passed, however. Currently, the NYS BPA directors are **Rick O'Neil** of Owego and **Kathy Leitgeb** of Albany.

Other highlights of the meeting:

-- USBC President **Frank Wilkinson** of Staten Island spoke about the Aug. 1 deadline for local associations to be merged, bowling ball technology study, national championship tournaments, renovations to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., and offering online tournament registration to state associations.

"It hasn't been an easy process, but it is something we should be proud of," said Wilkinson, concerning local association mergers. "We're excited to reach our first convention under the new merged umbrella."

He said that a new rule that prohibits weight holes in bowling balls is a "step in the right direction" and he encouraged bowlers to go to [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) to familiarize themselves with the pending regulations.

Wilkinson, whose term expires at the end of the July, said the USBC is eager to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Women's Championships next year in Wichita and said this year's Open Championships in Syracuse have been successful.

"Our events are growing again," he said. "The changes we have made are intended to get as many people to bowl as possible."

-- The NYS USBC recognized director **Betty Kingsley** of Rochester as the winner of the national Helen Baker Award for outstanding association service. Kingsley served on the former Women's International Bowling Congress board of directors, was the former president of the Rochester USBC WBA and has been a NYS USBC director for several years.

-- The NYS USBC and Long Island USBC paid tribute to the late **A.S. "Doc" Doctorow** during the Memorial Service and in the Annual Meeting program book (see the About Us page of this website). Doctorow was well-known throughout the state for his service to youth bowling. He passed away on March 23, 2018. A special event in his honor is scheduled for 11 a.m. June 30 at East Islip Lanes, East Islip, NY (631-581-6200).

**See photo on Memorials page.**

-- NYS USBC President **Roger Buckman**, Association Manager **Mike Pettinella** and nine committee chairs gave reports on their activities for 2017-18, a bowling season that saw increased state association donations to charitable causes and an uptick in the amount of academic and youth tournament scholarships awarded.

-- Delegates participating in various fundraisers on Saturday around \$2,000 for the NYS USBC Pathways to the Cure efforts. Additional contributors to the cause were the Johnstown USBC WBA, NYS Bowling Writers and NYS Women's 700 Club, **Claudia (CC) Cinelli**, known as the Quarters Lady, donated to the Youth Team Tournament scholarship fund. Since 2001, CC has donated \$8,067 to the scholarship funds.