

## USATT DEI Committee Member Bios



### **Dora Kurimay - Chairperson**

Author, Speaker and Mental Performance Coach based in New York, NY, in the USA

Dora is a former Hungarian table tennis National Team Member and a Mental Performance Coach who helps young athletes and professionals maximize their performance through stress management and confidence maintenance. She is a speaker and has been giving workshops for athletes, coaches, students, and professionals on a wide range of topics in the US, Europe, and Asia. As an author Dora has published *My Stories of Mental Toughness On and Off the Table*, *Get Your Game Face On Workbook*, and *Get Your Game Face On Like The Pros!* She has two M.A. Degrees in Psychology and Sport

Psychology. She is a Certified Mental Performance Consultant (CMPC) by the Association of Applied Sport Psychology (AASP). Dora also has contributed to scientific journals on the subjects of stress and coping, gender differences, rituals between points, and mental health in *Clinical Sports Psychiatry: An International Perspective* and *the Journal of Human Kinetics*.

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### **Daryl Sterling Jr - Secretary**

Software Engineer in Queensland, Australia

Daryl earned his way onto the United States Para Table Tennis Team by winning a gold medal in the Brazil Open in 2011. He then went on to represent the United States in class 7 in 13 different countries and became national para champion in 2017. Daryl has also been a software engineer for over 20 years making websites, apps and volunteering his time to help table tennis clubs upgrade their technology.

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### **TerriLee Bell**

Puebla, Mexico

TerriLee is a USATT Certified Coach, Umpire, and Referee and still a competitive level player. She founded and ran a Trans Support Group in Maryland for eleven years and is now retired and living in Mexico.



## **Sydney Christophe**

New York

Sydney Christophe is the founder and President of Flushing Table Tennis Center, a club in New York City that caters to the needs of avid young players. The club runs academies for all levels of players. Additionally, he is an ITTF Level 1 Course Conductor and a Level 3 coach who has conducted more than fifteen ITTF Level 1 Coaching Courses worldwide. As a US National Level coach he has served on several coaching committees in the USA, including the National Coaching Committee. Sydney is a Lead Coach at American Youth Table Tennis Organization (AYTTO), an organization instrumental in having table tennis accepted as a Varsity Sport in New York

City. Before devoting his time to coaching Sydney was a member of the Guyana National Team which won many medals in the Caribbean and Latin Games including his Caribbean Men's Singles title in 1992.

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## **Jennifer Johnson**

Paralympian – New York

After migrating to the United States in 1980, Jennifer represented the United States in six Paralympic Games. She has won three Paralympic gold and silver medals, and two bronze medals, and many World and Parapan and International and National Championships. She enjoys working with and helping people. She's officially retired but still likes working part-time with Home Depot.

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## **Jerry Vasquez**

New Hampshire

Jerry is a table tennis player, 2019 Para Pan, Para Spain Open, and Para Italy bronze medalist representing the United States. He has also won various first and second places at the U.S. Open para events.

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## **Mat Weber**

Oregon

Mat was introduced to Para Table Tennis about four years ago, and his life has not been the same since. He quickly realized he found his sport. Paired with my B.S. degree in Kinesiology, he has since begun his life goal to increase the Quality of Life through sport to as many people as possible. Mat is happy to be on The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee. Together we will be able to change lives forever.