

# Athlete Leadership 2018 Fall Newsletter

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This is our blast off for the next 50 years of Special Olympics. Join us at the 2018 Special Olympics Wyoming Leadership Conference scheduled for

**Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1st** in Riverton Wyoming.

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## 2019 Athlete Input Council Members

Chair Person:

[David Hansen](#) - Thermopolis

### Area I

- ◆ Raelynn Gall—Worland
- ◆ Lewis Fancher—Riverton

### Area II

- ◆ Brendan Burke—Jackson
- ◆ Cody Brown—Bridger Valley

### Area III

- ◆ Lisa Allen - Laramie
- ◆ Shae'lee Dial - Cheyenne
- ◆ Chris Gallus—Laramie

### Area IV

- ◆ Tahia Grosch—Sheridan
- ◆ Jeannie Ellinger -Sheridan
- ◆ James Grabrick—Gillette

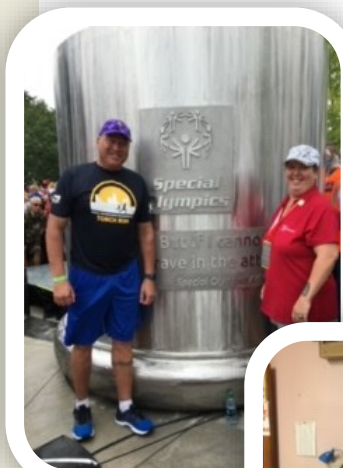
### Area V

- ◆ Tess Robinson—Casper
  - \* Board of Directors
- ◆ Ken Roy—Casper
- ◆ Molly Blomstrom—Casper
  - \* Staff Liaison

### Other Contact Info

- ◆ [Tammie Bertelson](#)—Volunteer Liaison
- ◆ [Priscilla Dowse](#)—Staff Liaison

## Athlete Leaders in Action



# Special Olympics Wyoming Athlete Input Council—October Meeting

Recommendations from the AIC	Special Olympics Wyoming Staff Response/Action
<p><b>Leadership Conference</b></p> <p>Athlete Track - <b>Futures Planning on Sports Offerings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep offering the same sports at the same events and recruit more athletes in tennis and bocce</li> <li>Stop offering tennis and bocce and replace with a new sport</li> <li>Change which sports are offered at each event</li> <li>Hold a celebration to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Have Jeannie and Carrie present on their attendance at the celebration in Chicago.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The track for athletes has been changed to a futures training/planning. Tammie Bertelson will facilitate.</li> <li>✓ We will add a breakfast AIC meeting at the hotel (Holiday Inn) before the conference starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> (Saturday)</li> <li>✓ The final session of the conference will be an opportunity to present different scenarios on sports offering.</li> <li>✓ Priscilla will provide a three-year history of participation in all of the sports offered by Special Olympics Wyoming.</li> <li>✓ Friday evening will include a celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup>. Regan will follow-up with Jeannie and Carrie to speak briefly about the Chicago event.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Global Messenger Training</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Special Olympics Wyoming will plan to have a <b>Global Messenger Training June 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup></b> in conjunction with the mega-coaches training and CNFR.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Working Plan</b></p>	<p>Priscilla asked that the AIC review the Special Olympics Wyoming website <a href="https://www.sowy.org/index.php/programs/athlete-leadership-program">https://www.sowy.org/index.php/programs/athlete-leadership-program</a> for the AIC and make a recommendation on if the working plan should be added.</p>
<p><b>Coach of the Year</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vote at Winter Games and Announce at Summer Games</li> <li>Include a ballot with Registration materials</li> <li>Consider one or two Coaches of the Year from each Area</li> </ul>	<p>Staff will include nomination forms in Winter Games Registration information (November), Athlete Leadership Newsletter (November), Program Update (December).</p> <p>Still working out how the voting process will take place.</p> <p>Would like a single coach recognized at Summer Games, (similar to 'Most Inspirational Athlete') announced at Opening Ceremonies and ask them to lead the coach's oath.</p> <p>All Nominees will be highlighted in the Summer Games Program.</p> <p>The Coach of the Year will receive a shirt designating them as the 'Coach of the Year.'</p>
<p><b>Banquet Themes</b></p> <p>Suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter Games - Beach Party</li> <li>Summer Games – Elvis Presley</li> <li>Fall Tournament – Monster Bash</li> </ul>	<p>We will share these suggestions with our Banquet Coordinators for each of these events.</p>
<p><b>AIC Members as Awards Presenters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have staff notify AIC Members of events and times they will be presenting prior to competition.</li> <li>Can AIC members attend events with their local team if they are NOT competing so that they can be award presenters or function in other volunteer roles?</li> </ul>	<p>Staff will share the presentation schedule with AIC members</p> <p>Ask that AIC members interested in presenting notify staff and be dressed in uniforms.</p> <p>AIC Members are welcome to attend events they are not competing in. Those arrangements need to be made with their local programs.</p> <p>Staff will look into possible wear for AIC members.</p>
<p><b>Other</b></p> <p>How will sportsmanship be addressed?</p>	<p>Would like some ideas from the AIC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Priscilla will share the recommended Athlete Code of Conduct.</li> </ul>

**The Athlete Input Council will meet at the Leadership Conference. The next call will be Tuesday, January 8th at 5:00 pm**

**The Next Athlete Leadership Newsletter will be in January 2019 before Winter Games**

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