

Report from the Executive Vice President of the USFCA
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The Executive Vice President's role is to preside when the President is unavailable at meetings or calls, and to do any other task the President requires. Last summer it was decided to set up an oversight system for USFCA clinics that would approve clinics, ensure that the curriculum that was being taught met the guidelines of the Certification and Accreditation Board (CAB), and get feedback from both hosts and participants. I was put in charge of this and reworked and created a series of forms, in conjunction with the CAB, so that now, on the website, we have instructions for how to host clinics, an application form, and host and participant evaluation forms. Ultimately, I will compile this feedback and use it to help new hosts put on clinics. That, plus the new National Training Program, will provide a guide for us to train and certify more and more coaches. The upshot of the new system is to channel clinic applications through the Executive Vice President and CAB so that they may be rapidly approved and we, by the same token, can help the clinic host to give the best program they can.

I am also happy to report that every region hosted some clinics this year, with over 20 being taught since the last AGM in August 2010. It is my hope that we will be able to encourage more hosts and coaches to do these clinics by having this system in place. All the forms and information on clinics can be found on the USFCA website under the menu item 'hosting a clinic'.

Finally, as an Independent Director on the USA Fencing's Board of Directors, I have represented the interests of the USFCA whenever applicable with an eye towards building our relationship with USA Fencing. I have also acted as Liaison between the USFCA and the NCAA and have brought new legislation to the attention of both the USFCA and the college coaches. It is my hope that my relationship with the NCAA will prompt more, if not all, NCAA coaches to become members of our professional coaches' association so that we can speak with one voice for them in NCAA matters.

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