

Vern Vernazzaro

Meritorious Service



In 1995, Southern Nevada Bowling Association (SNBA) Board of Directors member Bobby Allen convinced Vern that he could become a valuable member of the Board of Directors. After accepting the position, he ran with it and hasn't slowed down since.

He started out working on the Certification team and branched out from there - working on the Tournament and Audit committees. Three years later, he became one of six Vice Presidents and shortly thereafter became the Executive Vice President, a position he held until the local ABC/WIBC Association merger in 2005.

Vern was selected to be a representative of the Association for the USBC merger and became its Chairman. With the help of 25 very dedicated folks, the five committees handled the merger of four separate associations into the current one, the Southern Nevada USBC Association. This effort, spearheaded by Mr. Vernazzaro, was recognized by the National USBC Headquarters as an excellent example of how to complete a merger in a timely manner without any issues.

Vern became the first president of the new association in 2005 and has held the position for an impressive 15 years!

In 1996, Vern became a member of the Nevada State Bowling Association where he worked on the Audit and Tournament committees.

In 2010, Vern was selected to chair the Nevada State merger and, once again, the merger was completed in a timely manner.

After the merger of the Nevada State USBC Association, Vern became its first President. He left the state board after three years to focus on Southern Nevada but has since returned to the state board and currently chairs the Hall of Fame and Public Relations/Website committees.

He is also the Chair of the State Association Manager Search Committee and has recently been added to the Tournament Committee.

He has assumed the responsibility for producing both the state and local email blasts and managing both association's website.

He initiated an online balloting system for both Southern Nevada and Nevada State Hall of Fame elections, which eliminated the need for mailing packages to the voters – a methodology popular with eligible voters.

For both merger operations, Vern researched USBC and Nevada State requirements covering a multitude of issues such as how to dissolve the former corporations, create new ones, establish non-profit status, etc. He used the research to set up the committees and provide them with a schedule of tasks that needed to be completed.

As President of SNUSBCA, Vern has been actively involved with helping to tailor the Association's tournaments so that they will appeal to the majority of their bowlers. In the 25 years that he has been associated with the local association, he has only missed a handful of tournament days.

He is also active with the Youth Committee and helps with these as often as he can. This includes taking over as the Tournament Director for the Bobby McVey MVP Tournament.

To say that he stays on top of the association's activities would be a majestic understatement. He spends an inordinate amount of time trying to ensure that everything works as well as it should and is not afraid to point out inconsistencies and offer to help correct them.

Vern can be found at just about all lane certifications and even well into his 70's, you could still find him crawling in the pits to take the measurements and instructing volunteers in the proper inspection procedures.

When he is not wrapped up with bowling activities, he teaches for the University of Phoenix, and enjoys his 48+ years as a full-time square dance caller. It is surprising that he can find the time to handle everything he does.

He can usually be found spending 4 to 8 hours each day working on one of two computers and, quite often, on both at the same time.

Vern Vernazzaro has proven to all of us that he has an overflowing resume for consideration for induction into the Nevada State Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service.