

Braden Adams Motivation Letter to represent the Americas on the IAM International Board

Dear IAM Organizers and Members,

I would like to be considered for the IAM International Board to represent the Americas. I currently live in Western Canada and would like to see the sport continue to grow out here, throughout the country and the continent.

Living on the West Coast for over 25 years, I am very familiar with the challenges we face out here and as a country. As Canada is so large and flights are quite expensive even within Canada, it is quite difficult to encourage country-wide participation in events. I would like to work with the IAM to establish solutions so more events can happen, that they be attended more fully, and arbitrated properly so our athletes can have their scores officially recognized. I took part in the 2018 IAM Canadian Championship in Westlock Alberta, where the first ever long-distance arbitration took place successfully! It was a solution I fully supported and I look forward to working towards further developments so we can properly grow the sport in this large country.

(To illustrate my point above, only 3 Canadian adults made the trip out for this event: myself from BC, and Francis Blondin and Ezequiel Valenzuela both from Montreal, QC. It was a long and expensive trip, so the digital arbitration was welcome as spending all that time training, time traveling and money to attend an event that wouldn't be officially ranked would have been very disheartening. I want to ensure that never happens.)

I look forward to helping and working with our athletes in the USA as well. I spent a few years as a child living in the USA, and continue to have many friends and family in the USA, so it is a country I am also very familiar with. As for the rest of North America and South America, I can't say I have a proper understanding of what your memory scene is like and what your struggles are, but I will do my best to help in anyway I can.

Thank you for your consideration,

Braden Adams