



TO THE METRO LBC:

As Metro's Chief of Officials, I have a four-year mission and I want each and every member of Metro to be my partner on that mission.

My involvement in boxing spans 44 years, from being an amateur boxer to becoming a World AIBA Referee/Judge and clinician; hard work and dedication to the sport of amateur boxing have been constant throughout that time.

There will be four mandatory clinics a year for officials. We also encourage all coaches and boxers to attend, not only to increase their understanding of the rules, but to discuss their views and concerns in an area that impacts their performance. There will be computer / judging workshops as well as refereeing workshops. Our Mission requires all officials, coaches, and boxers to continue to learn USA Boxing's technical rules and international competition protocols.

The Metropolitan Association has a website that contains necessary and relevant information for all officials. If anybody is unable to access a computer, please contact us so that we may make alternate arrangements. Moreover, officials, coaches, and boxers are all encouraged to contact me directly with any questions, queries, or concerns.

We have a lot of work ahead as the 2008 Olympians are about to showcase their talents in China, and soon thereafter we shall start preparations for the 2012 Olympics. The LBC and its officials play an important role in getting the athletes to that point and we need all non-athletes to work together to enable the boxers to attain those goals.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Robin Taylor for helping me during this transition and express my joy in taking on this leadership role in my LBC.

Mike Rosario