

**Application for Athletes  
Representative**  
1 position - 2 year term  
April 2015 – May 2017



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### **NOMINEE'S BACKGROUND**

What is your athletics background? (Events competed in, years in sport, teams made, etc)

I began getting involved in the sport after attending the IAAF World Junior Track and Field Championships in Moncton 2010, watching the best athletes from around the world compete in my hometown, including several New Brunswickers who represented Canada. I instantly became interested in the sport and joined my high school cross country and track and field teams when school resumed from the Summer break. I was not very competitive, as my times and placings would tell, but I kept with it and it has taken me so many places since and given me so many opportunities I would not have had otherwise. I qualified to compete for Team New Brunswick at the 2012 Legion Track and Field Championships in Charlottetown, PEI, as well as the 2013 Canada Summer Games in Sherbrooke, Quebec. In 2013 I ran a time of 56.22 in the 400m hurdles, which ranks me as one of the fastest in the event in New Brunswick's history (2<sup>nd</sup> ever if I am correct). I have been a member of the High Performance Team since 2012, named to the 'B' team, and on the 'A' team for a year, before falling back onto the 'B' team after a rough season in 2014. I won the gold medal among juniors at the 2013 Canadian Half Marathon Championships, and won bronze there the year after. I have been competitive across a variety of events, including the 60mh, 110mh, 400mh, 200m, 400m, 600m, 800m, 1000m, 1500m, pentathlon, and all distance of road racing up to the half marathon.

What relevant skills do you bring to the Association?

I bring countless skills to the association, including perseverance, commitment, and optimism. As the current Athlete Representative, elected in 2013, I bring experience in this position. I have extensive knowledge within all areas of the sport, having been a high performance athlete, a provincial team coach, and an official. I am currently studying Politics and Law at St. Thomas University and have extensive knowledge in public policy, non-governmental organizations (such as ANB), and legal/ethics standards and practices in Canada and its provinces. In 2014 I was a delegate for St. Thomas University at the East Coast Student Leadership Conference, hosted by the University of Prince Edward Island, and in 2015 was elected to the St. Thomas University Student's Union. I am very much active in the community in a variety of ways, including being a volunteer at all sorts of events, including charities and democratic initiatives,

and am currently a representative on the St. Thomas University Student Athlete's Council. I have coached at the national level (2015 Canadian Indoor Track and Field Championships), have trained NBIAA medalists and a Canada Games athlete, and am currently NCCP Sport Coach trained; soon to be Sport Coach Certified and Club Coach trained. I am a level 1 official, having officiated at a variety of competitions within New Brunswick, mostly doing gun starting and finishing line officiating.

Please outline your key priorities and goals for the Association.

My goals and priorities are the same as they have been since I first began the position in 2013, constantly improve the experience of athletes by creating opportunities for athletes. Since beginning the position, I have played a part in increasing funding towards athletes, assisted in creating high-performance opportunities for athletes, and have reached out to athletes to ensure I am representing them and their interests within the Board of Directors. One of my primary objectives since being elected was to build a stronger bridge between ANB and RunNB so that services could be shared and there would be more cross over for athletes. This has since become a reality as ANB's Technical Director has taken over the Executive Director role at RunNB, and there has been more participation on the track by road runners. Since being elected, I have seen great responses to these initiatives and have seen our associations programs grow to serve more athletes, and in better ways. My goal is to continue building on the success of our programs, especially our programs for athlete development; the Hershey-Replacement program, the Legion program, and the High Performance Team. As a strong and dedicated volunteer within the athletics community, I believe a better organization is possible. I thank everyone who gave me the opportunity to become the ANB Athlete Representative this past term, and hope that I can be given the opportunity to serve you once more.

Thanks,

Brandon LeBlanc