



## **Passing of the Leadership Torch**

When you read this edition of the *AVA Checkpoint*, Dennis Michele will have assumed the presidency of the American Volkssport Association and I will have "retired" to the sidelines.

I want to thank all of you as club officers and club officials for your service and volunteering your precious time and making extra efforts to contribute to the work of the AVA...Americas Premier Noncompetitive Sports Organization.

With the passing of the leadership torch I urge each one of you to fully support Dennis and the 18<sup>th</sup> National Executive Council during the next biennial. It is absolutely critical that everyone works together as a team and puts any personal desires/self interests aside and also works together to meet the significant needs of the AVA to make it a vibrant organization.

I sincerely hope that the term of office for Dennis and the NEC will be highly successful as they serve the AVA and move it forward into the future.

Many, many things were accomplished during NEC XVII but...many, many things remain to be accomplished. This is par for a diverse volunteer organization such as the AVA.

If you would like to review the *AVA Biennial Report* for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013, you can read it on the AVA website under Conventions, History, 2013 Biennial Report.

My personal THANKS to all of you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heinz Johnson', is written over a horizontal line.

Heinz Johnson  
AVA President - Retired