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Enhancing the Water Ski Community



## USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Annual Awards Banquet

January 26, 2019

RP Funding Center: Lake Parker & Lake Hollingsworth Banquet Room  
Lakeland, Florida

An experience beyond imagination. The privilege of watching the top water skiers, officials, and volunteers in the US receive the highest honors awarded by each sport division is one not many people experience. Kenny Stuart was recognized for his service to the AKA as he proudly awarded John C Haile with the Inaugural Active Ambassador award. John was recognized for his support and promotion of kneeboarding and wakeboarding worldwide on social media and cable parks.

### OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to help introduce people to the fun sport of competitive kneeboarding, provide consistent and fair standards for competitive events, and to help educate the public on ways to have more fun and generally improve individual skills in kneeboarding.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 2019 Voting Rights

COB - A'lisa Piper, Fl  
President – Kenny Stuart, Tn  
V.P. – Kurt Schmelzer, Mn  
Chris Dinse – Wi  
Chuck Purdy – Mi  
Mark Ritchhart - Tn  
Ken Stuart – Ga

#### Non-Voting Rights -HVP's

Scott Ascher - Wi  
Dan Kelsey – Mn  
Doris Rohner – Fl, Secretary  
George Rohner – Fl, Treasurer

#### Founders

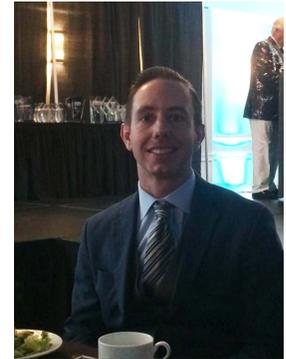
Randy Andrus  
Richard Brown  
Lonnie Marchand  
Chuck Purdy



Kenny Stuart, John C Haile



Kenny Sturt, John C Haile



John C Haile

**AKA Annual Winter Board Meeting**  
**January 26, 2019**  
**Lake Myrtle Sports Complete, Lakeland, Fl**



It was an exciting day as the directors gathered either in person or by conference call to plan the 2019 season. Officer elections are held on odd numbered years, selected by the board of directors. The 2019 board is pleased to announce on the executive committee as listed on the left of this newsletter. Committee chairs were selected, all of whom look forward to heading fun projects, social, and competitive events. Keep you inboxes open, and check our Facebook page. The first of the events will be posted soon.

### Message from your 2019 President Kenny Stuart

Did any of you make new years' resolutions? Did those resolutions have anything to do with kneeboarding? If not let me encourage you to dust off the kneeboard and get busy making a resolution to improve your skills. As you can see the AKA is starting the year off with some renewed enthusiasm. I look forward to seeing more in 2019. More tournaments, more new tricks, more time on the water. We have kicked off the year with our first newsletter thanks to Doris Rohner. I look forward to each month giving you more information on what's happening in kneeboarding, so stay tuned for 2019....

