

# SASK VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME



**Inducted 2015 – BUILDER**

## **WAYNE HELLQUIST**

Wayne Hellquist began a longstanding involvement with volleyball in Saskatchewan in the late 1970's when he was first elected as the President of Sask Volleyball in 1978. In 1979 he joined the Board of Volleyball Canada as the Saskatchewan representative and was subsequently elected to the Executive Committee as a Vice President in 1980. He continued to serve in this position until 1987 when he stepped aside to pursue other interests in sport and business.

Wayne was instrumental in the relocation of the National Women's Team to Regina and served as a member of the Management Committee for the Centre during the team's stay in Regina.

Wayne was appointed the Board of Directors of the Canadian Olympic Association (COA) as the A Director from Volleyball. Wayne was elected by his peers to serve as the interim President of the organization in 1995, the only time anyone from Volleyball has ever served in that capacity. He played a very active role with the COA, chairing the Marketing Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Olympic Education Committee and facilitating numerous Canadian Olympic Academies. In 1996, Wayne was part of the Canadian Mission to the Atlanta Olympic Games responsible for corporate hosting of sponsors and key government officials. In 2000, Wayne had the honour of serving as the Head of Mission for the Canadian Paralympic team in Sydney, which began his involvement with the disabled volleyball program in Canada and worldwide.

Following his retirement from the Canadian Olympic Association in 2001, Wayne once again assumed the Presidency of Sask Volleyball from 2001-2005 and returned to the Board of Volleyball Canada for another 4 year term. Following his term on the Board of Volleyball Canada, Wayne was once again appointed as the volleyball representative to the Canadian Olympic Committee, a position he continues to serve in. For the last 35 years Wayne has continuously served Volleyball in Saskatchewan and Canada in some official capacity.

Over the years Wayne has received a number of awards for his volunteer efforts including the SaskSport Administrator of the Year in 1987, the Fundraising Executive of the Year in 1997, the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2002 and the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal in 2005. He was inducted as a Builder into the Volleyball Canada Hall of Fame in 2010.

Wayne was inducted as a Sask Volleyball Lifetime Member in 1987.