Hello Colorado!

COSTA enjoyed the biggest participation ever of athletes, referees, coaches, and masters ever to participate at an election of its board. I thank you all for responding to my invitations as very few of you were notified. I will get an accurate count of schools and participants but ESA was packed! The elections voiced strong opinions and points of view before voting began to elect the new board which takes office in 2010. With an overwhelming show of support the following people were elected to serve the GREAT STATE of COLORADO!

President: Master Angel Aranzamendi (6th Dan Kukkiwon from A-Team Taekwondo)
1st Vice President: Master Robert McKenna (6th Dan Kukkiwon & International Referee from KAT)
2nd Vice President: Master Darin Carr (5th Dan Kukkiwon from the Rock)
Secretary: Mr Steven Noi (2nd Dan Kukkiwon from KAT)
Treasurer: Master Ian Mitchell (Former US Team Member - unaffiliated)

Also elected were:

Ryan McCulough (ALL TKD) as athlete representative
Jorge Roy Mejias (Mejias TKD) as athlete representative
Jacob Gallegos (KAT) as athlete representative
Bret Mischlich (Tri-Lakes TKD) as coach representative
Master Larry Cain (International Referee) as referee representative

Congratulations to all of my colleagues and friends! I know you are all committed to work to provide the very BEST opportunities to our Colorado athletes and referees. And it was the athletes, referees, and coaches whom sent a strong message of CHANGE to COSTA and we will answer them! I will be contacting you all soon!

I am humbled to have received the following endorsements to run for the COSTA presidency: Master Senior Martinez, Master Larry Cain, Master Billy Pottle, Master Robert McKenna, Master Raul Gutierrez, Master Bret Mischlich, Master Yosvany Perez, Master Tiger Kim, Master Jorge Mejias, Master Darin Carr, and Master Ghassan Timani. I had other endoresements from many other schools all of which will be joining COSTA as soon as I take office. es to our Colorado athletes.

Attention Colorado we have many opportunities for you all to enjoy and contribute to starting in January with:

1. Jan16th 2010 AAU 5 Hr Clinic at Mejias Taekwondo! Check the google calendar at the web page below for details!
2. Jan 23rd CKTKD Intramural Tournament (Contact Master Melinda Beaumont or Master McKenna at KAT)

3. Jan 30th 2010 USAT sactioned seminar hosted by Chris Martinez! Don't miss the opportunity to meet, and catch a few tips from one of the most sensational taekwondo fighters in the USA! Chris trains actively with Coach Jean Lopez in Sugarland TX and is the son of AAU National Coach George Martinez Senior! Go to the google caledar for datails!

Best of all the Clinic on the 16th is FREE if you bring a current membership card/number for both AAU and USAT. The seminar on the 30th is going to only cost $25 per participant and you must be provide a current USAT membership card/number. I strongly support registration to our National Oranizations because they provide WONDERFUL avenues and opportunities for our competitors!

Furthermore, because I am here to serve you all... when you register you will receive these monthly COSTA sponsored workouts where we ALL share our knowledge and participate in training the athletes whom CHOOSE to attend. I promised at the election I would bring you opportunities...well January is going to ROCK!

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Attentively;
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