

To whom it may concern

As member of the IBCPC, the Italian Dragon Sister team wish to renew the nomination of Lucia De Ranieri—the current Vice President—as Vice President of the IBCPC for the upcoming term.

We could appreciate her not only as our team-mate but also as IBCPC Representative in Europe, in Italy and as an esteemed voice of the IBCPC worldwide.

During her role Lucia has demonstrated the vision, credibility, and international leadership that IBCPC needs in a Vice President. Since taking on senior leadership responsibilities as vice president in 2018, she has helped expand the reach of breast cancer dragon boating, strengthened relationships with emerging and established member communities, and delivered major initiatives with passion, professionalism and impact. She has consistently advanced the organisation's mission of participation, inclusiveness, and growth. Her skills combine strategic leadership, proven outreach results, deep understanding of the IBCPC mission, and the ability to connect across cultures and languages. She speaks several languages, of course Italian, her mother-tongue, Spanish, English and Greek.

She worked side by side with national representatives, regional coordinators, and country liaisons helping to strengthen communication, representation, and support across the IBCPC network. Since several years she serves on the Women in Sport Commission of the European Dragon Boat Federation, demonstrating her commitment to representation, inclusion, and women's leadership in dragon boating.

Lucia is not only an experienced advocate for survivors; she is also an accomplished organiser who has shown she can turn ideas into lasting outcomes. She led the organisation of the 2018 Florence IBCPC Festival, the first festival held in Europe. The event achieved record participation, welcoming 121 teams and more than 4,000 people from 18 countries. In her professional life, Lucia manages major events in a historic Florentine venue, coordinating complex programmes for large audiences with precision, diplomacy, and professionalism.

During her position Lucia promoted IBCPC outreach activity that has supported the growth of breast cancer paddling communities in new and developing regions. For instance, Lucia initiated the 2024 IBCPC outreach programme in Zadar, Croatia, with the purpose of promoting dragon boating for breast cancer survivors and engaging the medical community. The programme drew international participation, strengthened local visibility, and helped build relationships with health and civic stakeholders, creating a stronger platform for continued growth in Croatia.

Lucia De Ranieri is an asset to IBCPC and her election as Vice President would ensure that IBCPC continues to grow with energy, inclusiveness, and international relevance. She offers a rare combination of compassion, international credibility, practical leadership, and delivery capability. She understands the lived experience at the heart of IBCPC, but she also understands governance, communication, outreach, and the importance of building bridges across countries and cultures. She has already shown that she can represent IBCPC with distinction, inspire confidence in partners and members, and help create opportunities for future growth. For these reasons, we strongly support Lucia de Ranieri's election as Vice President of IBCPC.

Yours Sincerely,

Italian Dragon Sisters Team

Lucia De Ranieri

I am pleased to accept the nomination for the position of Vice President of the International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBCPC)

My mantra is to live each day to the fullest. Since I have been part of the IBCPC, my commitment is to support breast cancer paddlers with passion and dedication, and spreading the IBCPC message "Exercise is Medicine".

My volunteering activities aim to spread breast cancer awareness and prevention, promoting a full life after breast cancer, feelings of camaraderie and full health. With joy in my heart and pride in what we have achieved together until now within the IBCPC, I am once again offering my service as volunteer submitting my candidacy for Vice President of this exceptional organization, fully aware of the IBCPC's future potential.

Lucia De Ranieri

Lucia De Ranieri bio:

Born in Florence in 1976, she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011 and started paddling in 2012 as paddler and drummer, becoming an active advocate of breast paddling.

After the participation to the 2014 IBCPC Participatory Dragon Boat Festival Sarasota (USA), her engagement was focused on the organization of the 2018 IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival in Florence (Italy), running the role of President of the 2018 IBCPC Festival Organising Committee since 2015 to 2018.

Positions held as volunteer:

Since 2016 president of FIRENZE IN ROSA Ets for promotion of breast cancer awareness;

Since 2018 Vice President of the IBCPC;

Since 2021 to 2025 IBCPC Regional Coordinator for Latin and South America;

Since 2021 IBCPC Regional Coordinator for Europe;

Since 2021 member of the EDBF Women in Sport Commission;

Since 2021 Board Director of the Fondazione Careggi ETS connected to the Hospital AOU-Careggi of Florence Italy.

Education:

1998 Master Degree in Political Sciences University of Florence, Italy. After gaining experience in development cooperation, she ventured into the event planning sector and served as Event Manager for a historic venue in Florence for over 20 years

Skills:

Passion and spirit of service, Teamwork and interpersonal skills, ability to communicate and interact with people with empathy and working effectively within a team to accomplish key objectives.

Ability to communicate effectively and interact with colleagues and external stakeholders, strategic leadership, international credibility, organisational and management skills, multitasking and problem solving, caring and engaged.

Key Reasons to Support Lucia De Ranieri

- **Proven international leadership:** Lucia has served in senior IBCPC leadership since 2018 and has consistently advanced the organisation's mission of participation, inclusiveness, and growth.
- **Successful delivery of a landmark festival:** She led the organisation of the 2018 Florence IBCPC Festival, the first festival held in continental Europe. The event achieved record participation, welcoming 121 teams and more than 4,000 people from 18 countries.
- **Strong outreach impact:** Lucia has helped drive IBCPC outreach activity that has supported the growth of breast cancer paddling communities in new and developing regions, including Israel and Croatia.
- **Builder of international relationships:** Her work with national representatives, regional coordinators, and country liaisons has helped strengthen communication, representation, and support across the IBCPC network.
- **Multilingual communication:** languages spoken Italian, Spanish, Greek, and English, Lucia can engage effectively with a wide range of member teams and stakeholders across Europe, Latin America, and beyond.
- **Trusted advocate for women in sport:** She serves on the Women in Sport Commission of the European Dragon Boat Federation, demonstrating her commitment to representation, inclusion, and women's leadership in dragon boating.
- **Experienced senior organiser:** In her professional life, Lucia manages major events in a historic Florentine venue, coordinating complex programmes for large audiences with precision, diplomacy, and professionalism.
- **Respected in medical and civic circles:** Her connections with hospital and community leadership strengthen IBCPC's ability to build meaningful partnerships that support survivors and promote awareness..

Demonstrated Impact Through Outreach

- Israel: Lucia's support for outreach and international engagement helped reinforce the development of breast cancer paddling in Israel. IBCPC reporting shows the movement there grew strongly, including expansion from early local participation into a broader and more established paddling community, with activity connected to the Sea of Galilee and the Yarkon River/Tel Aviv area.
- Croatia: Lucia initiated the 2024 IBCPC outreach programme in Zadar, Croatia, with the purpose of promoting dragon boating for breast cancer survivors and engaging the medical community. The programme drew international participation, strengthened local visibility, and helped build relationships with health and civic stakeholders, creating a stronger platform for continued growth in Croatia.
- Regional growth mindset: These efforts reflect Lucia's practical understanding of how IBCPC grows: by combining survivor engagement, local leadership, medical partnerships, and international solidarity.

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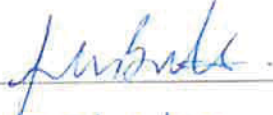
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22 June 2026

re: Election of Directors for IBCPC Board

We, the undersigned, in representation of the Boobops Dragon Boating Team, Bay of Plenty NZ, wish to support the election of Lucia de Ranieri as Vice President of IBCPC.

Signed:  (Coach) Judith Butler
Date: 23/06/26

Signed:  (Captain) Leanne Blackwell
Date: 23/06/26

To Whom It May Concern,

The Pink Amazons are pleased to support the nomination of Lucia De Ranieri for the position of Vice President of the IBCPC.

Over the years, we have seen Lucia's dedication to the breast cancer dragon boat community and her commitment to the IBCPC. She has worked tirelessly to support teams, encourage the growth of our sport, and strengthen connections between countries and cultures.

Lucia is an experienced leader who combines passion, professionalism, and excellent communication skills. She has played an important role in promoting dragon boating for breast cancer survivors, supporting new teams, and helping organise successful international events.

We believe Lucia has the experience, integrity, and vision needed to continue helping the IBCPC grow and thrive. She understands the values of our organisation and is committed to supporting members around the world.

For these reasons, the Pink Amazons proudly endorse Lucia De Ranieri for Vice President of the IBCPC.

Yours sincerely,

Pink Amazons

As IBCPC member, the Crisalide Team would like to support the nomination of Lucia De Ranieri as Vice President of IBCPC. Over the years, Lucia has proven the vision, credibility, and international leadership that IBCPC needs in a Vice President. Her commitment, leadership, and dedication have had a lasting and positive impact on promotion of breast cancer awareness. Lucia has been an invaluable asset to IBCPC playing an important role in promoting dragon boating for breast cancer paddlers and supporting new teams. Lucia is a passionate advocate for breast cancer survivors and she has a deep understanding of the IBCPC mission, proven success in outreach, and skills in the organization of major event, in addition to the ability to interact with people with empathy across cultures and languages. Her election as Vice President would help ensure that IBCPC continues to grow with energy, inclusiveness, and international impact. For these reasons, we are pleased to strongly support the re-election of Lucia De Ranieri as Vice President of IBCPC.

Yours sincerely,
CRISALIDE TEAM

To whom it may concern :

As pink paddler , national representative for Argentina and member of the medical advisory panel , I would like to support Lucia dirainieri 's nomination as vice president . I met her back in 2018 at the Florence IBCPC Festival where she made a fantastic job showing her skills in dealing with all kinds of personalities. . She specially helped Latin American groups since then . She speaks perfectly Spanish, French , English and of course her mother language, Italian . Lucia is an asset TO IBCPC and we very much appreciate everything that Lucia has done in particular in South America and we strongly wish her to continue her job as vice president.

Yours truly

Dr Matilde Yahni , MD

National Representative for Argentina

Madrid, 27 June 2026

To the IBCPC Board:

Recommendation for Lucia de Ranieri – Candidate for IBCPC Vice President

As the IBCPC National Representative for Spain, I wish to support Lucia de Ranieri as a candidate for IBCPC Vice President. She has consistently demonstrated the leadership, vision, and international commitment required to serve as Vice President of the International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBPCP). Since joining the organisation's senior leadership in 2018, she has played a pivotal role in advancing IBCPC's mission by expanding participation, strengthening international relationships, and promoting breast cancer dragon boating across established and emerging communities.

Lucia has also made a significant contribution to IBCPC's international outreach. She has actively supported the development of breast cancer paddling in countries including Spain, Israel, and Croatia. In 2024, she initiated the outreach programme in Zadar, Croatia, bringing together survivors, medical professionals, and community leaders to establish a strong foundation for future programme growth. Her work reflects a practical understanding of sustainable development through survivor engagement, local leadership, medical partnerships, and international collaboration.

Fluent in Italian, Spanish, Greek and English, Lucia communicates effectively across cultures and has built trusted relationships with member teams, regional coordinators, national representatives, healthcare professionals, and community organisations. Her multilingual skills and diplomatic approach have strengthened representation and collaboration throughout the IBCPC network.

Beyond IBCPC, Lucia serves on the Women in Sport Commission of the European Dragon Boat Federation, reinforcing her long-standing commitment to inclusion, women's leadership, and the advancement of dragon boating.

Lucia combines compassion for breast cancer survivors with proven leadership, sound governance, strategic vision, and the ability to deliver meaningful results. Her record demonstrates a commitment to growing IBCPC through collaboration, inclusiveness, and international engagement. She is a respected ambassador for the organisation and is exceptionally well qualified to help lead IBCPC into its next phase of growth.

Lucia de Ranieri's re-election as Vice President would provide IBCPC with an experienced, respected, and internationally connected leader who has already demonstrated her ability to strengthen the organisation and advance its global mission.

Best wishes



Anna Fumarola

IBPCP National Representative for Spain

Vienna, 18.6.2006

Nomination for the position of IBCPC vice president:
Claire Fiaschi, Reims, France

To whom it may concern

I have served as the IBCPC Country Liaison for Austria and as the National Representative for Germany since 2018. I am also the founding president of the Vienna Pink Dragons, established in 2015, and led the team as captain for more than seven years. In addition, I am an honorary member of the newly formed association *Pink Paddling Austria*.

Over the years, I have come to know Claire Fiaschi very well through numerous paddling events. She was a valued member of our Vienna Pink Dragons International team at the festivals in Italy and New Zealand. Her steady support for our young Vienna team has been remarkable. I greatly appreciate her integrity, strong work ethic, passion for dragon boating, and her commitment to the values of the IBCPC. She brings sound judgement and natural leadership to every setting.

It is therefore my great pleasure to nominate Claire Fiaschi for the position of Vice President of the IBCPC.

For any further information, please feel free to contact me. I will also be present at the Congress in Aix-les-Bains.

Thank you and kind regards

Svenja Franke-Bruhn

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Vienna Pink Dragons | Founding President

From: clairefiaschi@gmail.com
To: secretary@ibcpc.com
Sent: 6/24/2026 3:21:49 PM Eastern Daylight Time
Subject: IBCPC Board Committee Nominations

Dear members of the Nominations Committee,

I am writing to inform you that I am standing for the position of Vice-President.

My contact details are as follows: Claire Fiaschi, clairefiaschi@gmail.com and I agree to have my name being placed in nomination

Diagnosed in 2013, I discovered dragon boating in 2014 with the first French BCS crew, Ensemble pour Elles – Dragon Ladies de Reims.

I have been chairing this association for 11 years and work hard every day to ensure that the women who join us discover the benefits of this activity, as well as the huge international family they have just become part of.

At the helm of the boat, I lead three outings a week, and to ensure I can continue paddling, I am also a member of a club in Reims, pending the certification of the helm in training.

I took part in the festivals in Florence and Lake Karapiro, and I am a member of the organising committee for the Aix-les-Bains festival, in which I will be taking part with my team.

I am campaigning for dragon boat racing to be recognised as a fully-fledged sport in France. Last year, I put together a team and took part in the World Championships in Brandenburg, and this year, under the same conditions, I will be competing in the European Team Championships in Munich as part of a neutral team that is far from being a mere bit-player.

I am also the treasurer of the French Dragon Boat Federation and, as you know, national representative for France.

Below you will find information about at least some teams or National Representative that support me :

- Agnès Panigoni Drôles de Rames - France
- Julia Glocker Vienna Pink Dragons - Austria
- Pascale Quoy Lille aux Pagaies - France
- Alissa Ritter Pink Dragonistas Hannover - Germany
- Wendy Grose UK IBCPC Representative
- Svenja Franke-Bruhn IBCPC Country Liaison for Austria and National Representative for Germany

I hope you will find all the information you need to consider my application

Best regards

Claire

CLAIRE FIASCHI

Candidate for Vice President

International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBCPC)

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

International non-profit leader with more than fifteen years of experience promoting health, inclusion and empowerment through dragon boating for women diagnosed with breast cancer.

For nearly eleven years, President and Head Coach of France's first Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat team and French National Representative to the IBCPC. Experienced in governance, strategic planning, volunteer leadership, partnership development and international cooperation.

INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

National Representative – France | IBCPC (2022–Present)

- Represent French Breast Cancer Survivor teams within the IBCPC.
- Strengthen communication and collaboration between French crews and the international organisation.
- Support development of new BCS teams and international participation.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

President & Head Coach – Ensemble, pour Elles (2015–Present)

- President and coach of France's first Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat team.
- Lead governance, strategic planning and organisational development.
- Develop partnerships with healthcare institutions, public authorities and sponsors.
- Coordinate volunteers and multidisciplinary projects.
- Promote adapted physical activity and breast cancer awareness.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Participant in the two most recent IBCPC Participatory Festivals.
- Coach of the international Power Of Paddle crew (Unleash the Dragon Festival, Sarasota, USA – 2025).
- Member of the international Linked in Pinks crew.
- Long-standing collaboration with crews from Italy, Austria, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark and Spain.
- Member of the organising team for the IBCPC Participatory Festival Aix-les-Bains 2026.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Strategic Leadership • Board Governance • International Relations • Non-profit Management • Volunteer Leadership • Partnership Development • Public Speaking • Event Management • Advocacy

LANGUAGES

French: Native

English: Fluent

PERSONAL STATEMENT

"I believe the strength of the IBCPC lies in its diversity, its volunteers and its ability to inspire hope through collaboration. My ambition is to contribute to sustainable governance, strengthen international cooperation and support the continued growth of the Breast Cancer Survivor movement worldwide."

To whom it may concern

The Droles de Rames, France, will support Claire Fiaschi for the position of IBCPC vice president.

Not only is she an educator and diplomat, but she also possesses strong leadership skills.

For further questions you may contact agnespanigoni@gmail.com
who will be our representative at the congress in Aix-les-Bains.

All the best from France.

Agnès PANIGONI, président of Drôles de Rames

I, Julia Glocker, President of the Vienna Pink Dragons, Austria, support the nomination of Clair Fiaschi for the Position of the Vice President of the IBCPC!

BR,

Julia Glocke

Dear members of the IBCPC board,
dear Ann,

as the representative for the IBCPC congress for the team Pink Dragonistas from Hannover, Germany, I confirm that our team supports the nomination of Claire Fiaschi as vice president of the IBCPC. Please find attached the e-mail the team captain addressed to whom it may concern.

Sincerely,

Christina Bremer

To the IBCPC

Re CLAIRE FIASCHI

My name is Wendy Grose, I am the UK IBCPC rep.

I met Claire during covid, I started a zoom meet up for European IBCPC reps on a Wednesday night, we paddled on

various equipment, using all sorts of utensils, and we chatted about how we were going to get back to paddling. Since these meeting the Europeans IBCPC reps have become firm friends.

We promised each other that we would paddle together for real one day, four of us including Claire

set up The Go Europe composite team, that team has paddled together in Spain, Austria, Italy, Germany and France, we have had over 120 European paddlers represent the team, Claire has attended along with myself most of the events, if she is not in the Go Europe team she would be at the event with a team that she has brought along to compete.

It was great to see her with her French non members team at the IDBF World Championships in Brandenburg last year, despite the French governing body not supporting her, that showed real guts and determination.

She is greatly admired across the BCS paddlers in Europe, a very proactive ambassador for the European paddlers.

I have twice competed at the Dragon boat Emotions United Ladies event along the Loire with Claire, who was invaluable with her perfect English.

Without any hesitation I would vote for Claire for Vice President, her experience as a team leader, volunteer, IBCPC REP and generally a great friend and person.

WENDY GROSE

UK IBCPC Representative

GB National BCP Coach

Hurricanes Paragons

Bonjour,

Je suis Liliane De Boeck, présidente de L'association Pagayer contre le cancer du sein, des Pink Ribbonettes Brussels-Belgique.

J'apporte tout mon soutien ainsi que mon équipe, à Mme Claire Fiaschi au poste de vice-présidente de L'TBCPC.

Bien cordialement.

Liliane De Boeck

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Pink Ribbonettes Brussels

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Dear IBCPC,

I enthusiastically support the nomination of Claire Fiaschi for the vice president position of IBCPC.

I have known and worked with Claire for over five years. I paddled with Claire for two summers down both the Loire and Allier rivers sharing many days where leadership skills came into play. I watched her calm demeanor and kind heart toward all paddlers, regardless of their experience in paddling. I repeatedly witnessed her display of sound decision making. She was always eager to learn and share her knowledge.

I also observed Claire's talents in team building and fund raising while paddling with her in Annecy France. She excels in empowering others to grow both emotionally and physically. I have watched her demonstrate both compassion and empathy while coaching new paddlers.

I cannot emphasize enough Claire's ability to delegate and motivate others. Claire finds value in all her teammates and helps them exceed well beyond the day-to-day operations of coaching and captaining. I am sure she will do the same as a VP for IBCPC.

Claire's organizational skills are also ones that I believe are essential for effective leadership at the VP level. She has a strong attention to detail.

I could go on and on about Claire's qualities, so please contact me if you have any specific questions.

Regards,
JoAnn Moore Southern USA
IBCPC Rep



Claire Fiaschi <clairefiaschi@gmail.com>

IBPCP Candidature IBPCP vice president

1 message

Lille Aux Pagaies <lilleauxpagaies@gmail.com>
A : Claire Fiaschi <clairefiaschi@gmail.com>

23 juin 2026 à 17:01

The "Lille aux Pagaies" from Lille, France, nominate Claire Fiaschi for the position IBPCP vice president..

For further questions you may contact : lilleauxpagaies@gmail.com

Pascale Quoy



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As per the requirements of IBCPC Bylaw 33, please accept the following nomination submission for Kris Kunze as Vice President of the IBCPC:

Nominator:

- Mary Skrypek of the Dragon Divas of Minnesota, U.S.A.
- Board Ex Officio Member, Founding Member
- mamaskry@aol.com/+1 (651) 707-7039
- ***Please see attached letter of recommendation for the nomination of Kris Kunze as IBCPC Vice President candidate***

Nominee:

- Kris Kunze, Dragon Divas of Minnesota, U.S.A., since 2015
- kris@ckant.org
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- ***Please see attached Acceptance of Nomination***

Supporting Teams in support of the nomination of Kris Kunze:

1. *Abreast In a Boat, Vancouver, BC, Canada*
Susan Rode, President
President@abreastinaboat.com
Please see attached letter of support
2. *Los Angeles Pink Dragons, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.*
Karen Huff, President
Karenhlapinks@gmail.com
Please see attached letter of support
3. *Dragonboat Klub Zadar, Croatia*
Dubravka Kalrovic-Babic, President, IBCPC National Rep for Croatia
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Please see attached letter of support
4. *Fortale-Senos, Chile*
Paula Farias
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pfarias2000@yahoo.com

Sincerely,
Kris Kunze, Dragon Divas of Minnesota, U.S.A.

June 15, 2026

Kris Kunze nomination for vice president of the IBCPC

My name is Mary Skrypek. I am the founder of the Dragon Divas, the first breast cancer support dragon boat team in the Twin Cities and the second team in the state of Minnesota. It is with great pleasure that I am writing to you to nominate Kris Kunze for the position of vice president of the IBCPC Board of Directors.

For 11 years, Kris has been an incredible teammate and integral part of our growth. Through her leadership roles as coach and member, she has championed the success of our organization while ensuring the Dragon Divas always remain true to our core mission of support and paddling.

Over the years, I have watched with immense admiration as Kris's passion for survivor outreach has grown. She gives generously of her time, championing the importance of exercise and wellness after a breast cancer diagnosis. Her dedication has taken her across the globe to spread this message of hope, helping other survivors build their own teams and bringing them into our incredible worldwide sisterhood.

In her own words, Kris honors and respects the origins of this movement and is passionate about its future. Her commitment to global outreach and education, her belief in upholding the grassroots mission of this organization, and her vision to bring opportunities for connection to all breast cancer survivors through paddling dragon boats will continue to strengthen and secure the future of the IBCPC.

For all of these reasons, I wholeheartedly endorse Kris Kunze for the position of vice president of the IBCPC Board of Directors.

Thank you for this consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any additional questions or if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mary Skrypek
Founder, Dragon Divas of Minnesota
mary.skrypek@dragondivasmn.org

IBCPC Election 2026

Acceptance of Nomination – Vice President

Dear IBCPC Members,

My name is Kris Kunze, a member of the Dragon Divas of Minnesota, U.S.A. I am honored to accept the nomination for Vice President of the International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission. I am grateful for the trust placed in me and for the opportunity to contribute to an organization that has had such a meaningful impact on my life and on survivors around the world.

My connection to dragon boating began before my diagnosis, when I saw firsthand how the sport supported a friend managing lymphedema. Following my own diagnosis, I reached out to the Dragon Divas of Minnesota. During my recovery from a double mastectomy, I received a call from founder Mary Skrypek, whose encouragement and authenticity made it clear that this community would play a vital role in my healing.

Since then, I have paddled locally, attended training in Florida, participated in the Global Festival in Florence, and supported outreach initiatives in Fiji and Hungary. These experiences have deepened my commitment to IBCPC and reinforced the strength and global reach of this community.

Professionally and personally, I bring experience in healthcare, coaching, and community engagement. While I have not served on a formal board, I have developed strong leadership skills through mentoring, team collaboration, fundraising, event coordination, and outreach. I lead by listening, working collaboratively, and focusing on progress for both individuals and teams. Serving on the IBCPC Board would be a natural extension of this work.

IBCPC was founded through the vision of Dr. Don McKenzie, Jane Frost, and the original survivors who challenged long-standing assumptions about exercise after breast cancer. Their legacy continues to guide our mission and inspires our future.

If elected, I will focus on three key priorities: outreach, connection, and sustainability. This includes strengthening long-term support for developing teams, enhancing collaboration with National Representatives, expanding access through both global and regional festivals, supporting ongoing research and medical engagement, and fostering strong governance through communication, shared responsibility, and active participation.

IBCPC has grown into a respected international organization with a strong foundation. I am committed to helping ensure its continued growth in a way that honors our history while supporting the evolving needs of our global community.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

Kris Kunze

Dear IBCPC Membership,

The Los Angeles Pink Dragons support the nomination of Kris Kunze for vice president of the IBCPC.

We believe that Kris has the right qualities of leadership, mentoring, and connectivity among all breast cancer survivor teams.

We would be honored to have Kris represent the U.S. as a member of the IBCPC.

Sincerely,

Karen Huff, President Los Angeles Pink Dragons

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June 8th, 2026

On behalf of Abreast In A Boat, I am please to express the Board's support for Kris Kunze in their candidacy for the position of Vice President on the International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission (IBCPC).

Based on her introductory letter and presentation, Kris is a dedicated and dependable volunteer who consistently demonstrates strong leadership, sound judgment, and a commitment to our organization's mission. Her collaborative approach and ability to help guide initiatives make them well suited to support the President and contribute to effective board operations.

We are confident that Kris Kunze will add value to the board and help advance our goals.

Sincerely,

Susan Rode

President

Abreast In A Boat Society

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Zadar, 15.05.2026

LETTER OF SUPPORT

FOR THE NOMINATION OF KRIS KUNZE

For the **VICE PRESIDENT** position on the IBCPC Board of Directors

Please accept this letter as an official letter of support for the nomination of Kris Kunze for the Vice President position on the IBCPC Board of Directors from Dragonboat Klub Zadar, Croatia.

Kris Kunze is a member of the BCS team Dragon Divas from Minnesota, USA.

Our team members met Kris during the outreach program led by Dr. Don McKenzie in Szeged, Hungary, in September 2025, with participation from paddlers representing Argentina, Canada (teams from three cities), France, Hungary, Israel, and the USA.

From the very beginning of the event, Kris stood out through her leadership and organizational skills, demonstrated by her active involvement in both on-land and on-water activities during the paddling clinic. She coached and drummed for a newly formed BCS team from Szeged, generously sharing her knowledge and experience. Her passion for and commitment to BCS paddling were evident throughout the program.

We truly enjoyed her company and appreciated her positive energy, professionalism, and willingness to support and encourage others. Kris has an exceptional ability to connect with people from different countries and backgrounds, creating a welcoming and motivating atmosphere for everyone involved.

Based on our experience with her, we strongly believe that Kris Kunze would be an excellent addition to the IBCPC Board of Directors as Vice President. We are confident that she would bring dedication, leadership, and valuable international experience to the role.

Should you have any questions, you may contact us via email or phone.

Sincerely,

Dubravka Karlovic-Babic, on behalf of Dragonboat Klub Zadar
Croatia