

Call for BOC Volunteer Award Nominations

The BOC is requesting nominations for the **Dan Libera Service Award**, **Denise Fandel Award of Excellence** and the **Paul Grace Leadership Award**.

Award recipients will be honored during the 2026 BOC Volunteer Reception at the NATA Convention in Philadelphia.

To nominate a deserving **BOC volunteer**, please review the description, criteria and nomination instructions below for each award.

The **Denise Fandel Award of Excellence** was established by the BOC Board of Directors to recognize individuals or groups who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring and fostering growth to members of the athletic training community through a visionary and selfless approach. Denise served the BOC as Chief Executive Officer for 22 years and during that time was instrumental in building a governance structure and culture that empowered and inspired others to also become effective board leaders. The recipients of the award must emulate Denise's exceptional ability to influence leadership growth and cultivate learning and development in others.



Denise Fandel

Criteria for the nominee include:

- Past or Present BOC volunteer experience (Please note: The qualifications and achievements considered for this award do not need to have been obtained through the nominee's BOC volunteer experience. However, BOC volunteer experience remains a requirement for award eligibility.)

The nominee shall demonstrate evidence of excellence in mentoring and fostering growth in others through the following characteristics:

- Visionary
- Altruism
- Integrity

and abilities:

- Builds meaningful relationships
- Cultivates learning and development

- Facilitates innovation

Nominations

Deadline: **April 26, 2026**

Nominating a deserving volunteer for the Denise Fandel Award of Excellence is a multi-step process. The nominator should complete the following steps prior to the deadline:

- Notify the nominee of the intent to nominate them for the award.
- Write a letter of nomination, which should include a description of the relationship between the nominator and nominee, as well as specific examples which illustrate why the nominee deserves the award.
- Collaborate with the nominee to complete the nomination form.
- Ask the nominee to select two people familiar with their professional path who can author an advocate letter.
- Contact each author to request a letter.
- Submit the nomination letter, nomination form and advocate letters by the deadline.

All materials are to be submitted to MirandaN@bocatc.org by **April 26, 2026**.

Nominations due April 26