

# MWBA to Merge

The Madison Women's Bowling Association (MWBA) is merging with other local bowling associations to become a new combined association to be known as the **Madison Area Bowling Association**. The local associations joining forces include the: Madison Bowling Association (MBA), Madison Women's Bowling Association (MWBA), Madison Area Youth Bowling Association (MYABA), and the South Western Women's Bowling Association. This **merger will become effective August 1, 2017** and will represent the men, women, and youth bowlers of these existing associations.

What does this mean for you? Women's bowling will continue to be supported through women's only leagues, women's only tournaments, and awards. Couples, mixed, men's, and youth leagues will also continue without change. Below is an overview of what is expected to stay the same and what is expected to change.

Stays the Same	Expected Changes
Local processing of USBC Sanctioning	New Charter: Madison Area Bowling Association (MABA)
Local processing of Awards	New Dues Structure
Local Tournaments including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Championship</li> <li>• Women's Senior Tournament</li> <li>• Queen's Tournament</li> </ul>	New Tournament Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Championship</li> <li>• Open Senior Tournament</li> </ul>
Same Phone number (608) 221-0300	New Smaller Office Location (will remain in Madison)
<b>2017 Jamboree will be held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at Bowl A Vard Lanes.</b> Future dinners may be combined with an association-wide dinner	New Association Board
	Single point of contact for association bowling questions and services

The biggest of these changes will be that each of the Madison area local bowling associations Board of Directors will terminate as of 7/31/2017 with a new board taking effect on 8/1/2017.

## What Can You Do?

1. Attend the organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7PM at Bowl A Vard Lanes.
  - a. Vote on the Bylaws governing the new association.
  - b. Elect the new Board of Directors for the new association.
2. Run for the new board and/or volunteer to serve on a committee. Complete the Leadership Application and **return by March 30, 2017 to [mba@madisonba.com](mailto:mba@madisonba.com)**.

The Leadership Application can be found at: <http://www.bowlweb.com/mba/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Leadership-Application-2017.pdf>

3. Contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments at:
  - a. Phone (608) 221-0300
  - b. Email: [mwba@madisonwba.com](mailto:mwba@madisonwba.com)
  - c. Facebook: Madison USBC Women's Bowling



# *Jamboree 2017*

Tuesday, August 15 at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes.

Honoring the history of women's bowling and the 96 years of the Madison Women's Bowling Association.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Registration will be available in July.

Please help us out by sending us your historical photos depicting MWBA and women's bowling.

**Send your photos to: [madisomwba@gmail.com](mailto:madisomwba@gmail.com).**