



# Armand Leblanc

## IAU Director



### Who is Armand?

Retired Warrant Officer after serving 30 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Logistics Supply Technician Specialist. During that time, he lived across Canada as well as part of Europe, experiencing the various culture.

Small business owner for the last 40 years

Armand has been running ultramarathon since 1988 and has completed over 150 ultras in 30 countries on 3 continents.

Inducted in 2012 to the Canadian Armed Forces Hall of Fame Honor Roll as Sport Builder for Ultrarunning

### Involvement at the International Level

- Vice-Chair of the IAU Labelling Committee 2021
- IAU Technical Delegate for the Americas since 2019
- Member of the IAU Record Committee from 2010 to 2017
- Member of the IAU Technical Committee since 2014
- Represent Canada and the ACU at all World Championship events in the capacity of National Team Manager.

### Involvement at the National Level

- President of the Association Canadian Ultramarathon from 2010 to 2020, overseeing the promotion and development of ultrarunning in Canada. Coordinating the work of Provincial directors, statisticians, Secretary-Treasurer, web-site developer, etc...
- National Manager for Team Canada since 2003 representing Canada at the World Championship events. Responsible for the Selection of the National Teams (Men's and Women's) that will represent Canada at the World Championship 100K, World Championship 24 Hrs, World 50K Championship and World Trail Championship. Also responsible for all the logistics before, during and after these events.
- Required to travel to World events as National Team Manager as well as representative of the ACU during the International IAU Congress every two years and exercising electing rights for Canada during elections for committee members.
- Oversees the National Championship Series for the Association of Canadian Ultramarathoners, providing venues for national championships at the 50K, 50 Miles, 100K, 100 Miles distances as well as 6, 12, 24, 48 Hrs events on road or trail.
- Oversees the International Ultramarathons Association Events Labeling System ensuring that Canadian events are labeled (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) to enable our Athletes to qualify for the National Teams at sanctioned events.
- Oversees the Canadian Ultramarathons Records, ensuring records are ratified and awards are distributed.

### Involvement in the Running community:

- 1991 to 2007, Race director and organizer of annual Trail Running Series of 5 shorter events ranging from 5k to a Half Marathon, 2 Yours Truly 50k and a 6 Hrs Ultra annually. Organize monthly All Comers Track Meet for athletes of all levels from Dec to Apr annually. Most events are also fundraiser for various charitable organizations.
- 1999/04, President Borden Striders Running Club with over 80 members. Coordinate's training and development for all level of fitness.
- 1996, Official for Track and Field at the BC Summer Games for disabled athletes.
- 1995, President and founder Vedder Running Club, Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada
- 1991, President and founder of Borden Striders Running Club, Ontario, Canada

### LEADERSHIP

What will Armand do for you?

- Share his 30 plus-years of running experience
- Bring his 17-years of experience as President, Team Manager, and organizer.
- Be a representative of both the athletes and the officials
- Apply his Leadership skills to help in decision making
- Implement a team approach to the Board of Directors
- Adopt his organizational and enthusiastic approach
- Use his Communication & People skills to bring forward solution to any issues or concerns.

### TEAMWORK

How has Armand help to promote Ultrarunning?

- Constantly looking for ways to promote Ultrarunning in North America.
- Facebook Group Page
- ACU Website
- Founder of many running clubs
- Brought the World 24 Hrs. in Drummondville, QC, Can in 2007
- Race Director of over 50 running events including ultramarathons
- Created the Canadian National Championships Series in 2004

### COMMUNICATIONS

What is Armand's long-term plans?

- Continue to help the IAU global development of ultrarunning initiative.
- Apply experience and knowledge to any Director's position elected for.
- Ensure athletes and team management interests are always the priority in any decision making
- Always put forward the maximum effort when working with executive council on the various tasks on hand to achieve the best results for our members.

- **Armand will bring a wealth of experience, leadership, and commitment to the IAU.**
  - **Armand will represent YOU on the Board of Directors.**
  - **Armand will be your VOICE!**