**Name:** Michelle Miranda

**Please share the highlights of your career history.**

*Boccia Career Highlights:*

* Competing in Argentina at the BISFed 2018 Boccia Regional Open
  + Competed in Quarterfinals
* USA Boccia Team 2018-2022
* Attended two USA Boccia Team training camps at the USA Olympic Training Centers

*Professional Career Highlights:*

* The Ohio State University: Program Manager of Social Change
  + A Day in the Life of a Buckeye provides between 250-300 Urban and Appalachian area high school students an opportunity to experience life at The Ohio State University, for a day. The intent is to expose students to the collegiate environment and encourage post-secondary pursuits.
* Ohio High School Athletic Association: Event Management, Corporate Development and Marketing
  + Oversaw, developed, and managed the OHSAA Foundation Service Games
    - Implemented social media marketing strategies to increase interests in the Foundation Games and the OHSAA Foundation Student Leadership Conference
    - Partnered in managing the annual budget by generating comparative reports based on budget results and generated revenue from previous years
  + Served as event manager for the OHSAA State Track & Field State and Ice Hockey Tournament
  + Assisted with creating proposals and strategies for potential partnerships/sponsors
  + Coordinated event logistics, including registration and attendee tracking, presentation and materials

**How have you been connected with Boccia?**

I was introduced to Boccia in 2009 while visiting family in Chicago. A Boccia tournament was being held in Chicago at the time and my brother insisted since we were near that we go support a couple of his friends competing. These friends are now teammates. About a year later my brother and I competed in our fist Boccia match. Since then, I have served as my brother’s ramp operator from 2010-2013 and 2018-2022. As a ramp operator, I have competed in many Regional and National competitions, two International competitions, and have attended national team trainings.

**What are your strengths to bring to the Board to advance the sport?**

While having many years of involvement and training as a competitor of Boccia, I also have a plethora of knowledge and experience in the field of athletics. I received my Master’s in Sport Management in 2016, affording me the opportunities to work in various environments, with an array of different populations. I have been fortunate to work in higher education, coaching, adaptive athletics, program and event management, and marketing. If given the opportunity to join the USA Boccia Board, I believe that my combination of knowledge, skills, personality, and experiences will contribute to the advancement of Boccia.

**Please send a photo to add to your interview.**

