## PACIFIC ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT BOARD OF ATHLETICS MEETING – January 22, 2013

At the December, 2012, USATF Annual Meeting in Daytona Beach, **Jim Hume, John Lilygren, Shirley Connors, Dick Connors and John Murray** were delegates from the Pacific Association to the National Officials' Committee. John Murray also served as the Pacific Association Officials Committee delegate to the USATF General Sessions.

During the Annual Meeting, the following were elected to the National Officials Executive Committee for a four year term:

Chair	Len Krsak, Ohio Association
Secretary	Tom Hott, Ozark Association
Vice-Chair – Training	Rob Buzaitus, Michigan Association
Vice Chair – Rules	Mark Kostek, Iowa Association

The following were elected as At-Large Delegates to the National Officials' Committee, also for a four year term:

Jim Carlisle, Southwestern Association Dan Reynolds, Arizona Association **John Murray, Pacific Association** 

The following National Awards were presented at the Officials Committee Hall of Fame Banquet on November 30, 2012:

National Officials Hall of Fame:	Eugene Stemm, Southern California Association Kelly Rankin, Oregon Association Dr. Jerome Porter, North Carolina Association
Andy Bakjian Award	Jim Carlisle, Southwestern Association
Horace Crow Award	Shirley Connors, Pacific Association
Charles M. Ruter Award	Tom McTaggert, New York Association
John R. Davis Award	John Stephens, Florida Association
James Grey Humanitarian Award	Jim Hume, Pacific Association
Lori Maynard Award	Gary Westerfield, Long Island Association

George Kleeman received a special Award of Excellence for his sixteen years of service to the National Officials Committee.

From the Pacific Association the following Officials were selected to participate in USATF National Championship events in 2013: Tiffany Banks, Richard Connors, Shirley Connors, J.R. Heberle, George Kleeman, Robert Benoy, Charles Murphy, John Murray, Rory Osborne, John Shirey, and Ajay Padgaonkar.

Following below is a report from Jim Hume, Officials Committee Certification Chair, regarding the Annual Meeting:

From the standpoint of Certification Chairs, there was not much news/action at the 2013 USATF Convention. With the ReCertification of all officials with the new Olympiad, we are putting into effect the changes that were made/published from last year.

While the entire new system is not yet in place, when completed it should:

- Use new vocabulary for the items listed on the back of an official's card. For instance, during the last Olympiad, a Master Level official might be a Master in Shot Put, Discus, Javelin and Hammer. When the new vocabulary is active, that same Master Level official will be a "Master Throws" official.
- To date, only some of the new vocabulary has been instituted and there is no telling how long it will all take.
- When the new system is in place, individual officials will be able to access their own personal contact information and update that information. This could prove helpful for in the first 57 officials to be certified this year, about a dozen show different/new e-mail addresses.
- When the new system is in place, it is suggested that officials will be able to record their own work schedule...i.e. resume.
- When the new system is in place, it is suggested that the CertChair will not only be able to print a roster of their officials, but be able to print a page of all the information about each officials.
- When the new system is in place, it is suggested that there will be a better accounting of how much Certification/ReCertification money is owed by an association to the national office. I still contend that an invoice should come with a stack of new cards, but that is not in the plans yet.
- At the moment, there is no way for a CertChair to change anything that is on the back of an official's card. An updating of cards will need to happen at some point in the future.
- The Certification Database is connected to the national database in that, with the click of a single button, I can see if an official has a current USATF membership. The plan...in the future a single click of a button will not be necessary, the current membership number will magically appear.
- As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, any official who does not have 2013 USATF membership will enter the "Suspended" category on the USATF official's database.
- After the last Pacific Association ReCert Clinic on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, any official who has not ReCertified, will be listed as "Suspended" on my database.

The Officials' Training and Certification clinics are well under way, beginning with recertification clinics in November at Serra High School, UC Davis, and in Reno. Additional recertification and training clinics will be held at American River College on January 12, 2013, Chico High School and Damonte Ranch High School (Reno) on January 26, UC Davis on February 2, and again at Serra High School on February 10.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murray, Chair Pacific Association Officials' Committee