

**APPROVED**  
**Minutes of the USA Track & Field Pacific Association**  
**Officials Committee Annual Meeting**  
Sunday, August 30, 2009  
Bruce Edwards Club Room, UC Davis Football Stadium, Davis, CA

**Discussion of Upcoming Meets**

Welcome from UC Davis Assistant Coach Tim Fua at 11:03am.

Informal discussion of upcoming meets in the Pacific Association, George Kleeman:  
2010 Pac-10s will be at Cal. Combined events are the first 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May, with the main meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. Margaret Sheehan is the officials' coordinator.

2010 USATF Junior Olympics and Masters Nationals will be in Sacramento. Masters is July 22-25, followed by 2 days off, and five days of JOs. The event schedules for these meets will be similar to those of past years. Applications are online for officials of all certification levels. John Murray and Becky Klein are the coordinators for JOs. Phil Leake is the coordinator for Masters. About 130 officials are needed for both meets.

2010 rules changes for NFHS and IAAF are posted online (<http://www.usatfofficials.com/rules.html>). NCAA changes will be posted soon. Look for draft USATF proposals in a month or two.

2009 JO Cross Country Nationals are in Reno on December 12. Bob Shor is the coordinator. Rooms will be available for out-of-town officials.

World Masters Athletics in Lahti, Finland was nice. There were three 90m ski jumps beyond the end of the stadium, in use! About 5000 athletes competed. In 2011 the meet will be held on 10 days out of 12 à la the Olympic Trials. At least 5000 athletes are expected. Lots from the Lahti meet want to come. WMA has not been in the US since Buffalo '95. We will have about 30 international officials from Britain and other countries. They will fill positions including event heads and referees. Some will be London 2012 officials. The IAAF head starter will be present as well. Dates are July 6-17. Officials can expect to work 2-3 ~1hr. events per day. The main site is Sac State, with Sac City used for some distances, throws, and horizontal jumps. American River College will be used for combined events only. There will be 20-25 heps and decs on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> days using 5 venues simultaneously. Visit [www.wma2011.com](http://www.wma2011.com) for more information as it becomes available.

Bruce Colman said the PA will bid for USATF Club T&F Nationals, possibly to be hosted at SF State.

Dick Connors said that there is talk of a Germany-USA Combined Events meet being held at the College of San Mateo in August, 2011.

Dick continued, if you didn't get Turns & Distances by email, send your contact info to Jim Hume. The next issue is to be published the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of November and will include the 2010 T&F schedule.

## Awards

Awards presentation by PA Awards Chair Dr. Leon Glover:

The wooden award plaques (Barbour, L. Maynard) have been upgraded to rosewood.

Major:

Barbour                      Bruce Colman

Newlon (track)              Rory Osborne

Crow (field)                Jim Waldron

There is a new major award in memory of Lori Maynard.

Sonny Maynard explained that this award is not yearly, but will be given on an as-earned basis.

The recipient will not necessarily be an official. Lori would not have wanted a "made-up award" in her name (just for the sake of having one). The inaugural Lori Maynard award goes to:

Art & Becky Klein

Becky Klein noted that the first time she apprenticed as a race walk judge it was under the guidance of Lori.

National:

Sean Laughlin

John Lilygren

Baird Lloyd

Leon Wimbley

Mark Youmans

Association:

David Ahn

Megan Cook

Gail Decatur

Steve Haas

Nadine Davis

Bruce Makinson

Ajay Padgaonkar

Ron Toth

The "first and only Bruce Colman award" was presented to Bruce Colman, a certificate of appreciation for his service as PA Officials Chairman from 2005-2009.

Bruce Colman said that two ultrasonic wind gauges were given to the PA in honor of Dr. Glover. The donor of this equipment is former official Eddie Seese.

## Formal Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bruce Colman at 1:10pm.

The Chair asked for and received the assent of the committee that J.R. Heberle act as secretary for this meeting in the absence of Secretary Jon Siegel.

The Chair asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes of the 2008 meeting. So moved by many and seconded by many. In favor: all, opposed: none. Motion carried.

#### Chairman's Remarks

The Chair recognized the emeritus officials in attendance, John Luppess and Gail Wetzork, and thanked them for their service.

Moment of silence for officials who have passed away over the last year, including:

Harmon Brown

Lorri Coppola

Bill Edgar

John Lipsey

Don Wilson

The Chair introduced some outgoing members of the PA Officials Executive Committee:

Mike Leonard            At-large (not present)

George Kleeman        Training Chair (already replaced by Shirley Connors; started the PA training program)

Also leaving office is Secretary Jon Siegel.

The Chair stated that the PA has over 300 officials, many of whom travel all over the country to work meets. Almost all of the PA Board of Athletics members are certified officials, including President Irene Herman. Major meets, including, for example, Stanford Invitational and Golden West, are always well staffed. There is a corps of officials who work youth meets. Closer contact with the youth committee has been realized thanks to Maria Castillo, Maura Kent, and Joanne Camargo. Of the two major embarrassments at US meets this year (a misplaced flight of hurdles in the 400mH at adidas and the incorrect steeple water barrier height in the heats at USA Outdoor), neither had anything to do with the PA.

#### Elections

Elections Committee Chair Dennis Boyle introduced the elections committee:

Pat Randall

Jim Hume

Karen Williams

Phil Leake

He explained that new officers are for 2009-2011. There was an open nominations process to all in the PA. There was no contest for chair and vice chair, but lots of candidates for at-large.

Paper ballots were sent to those not comfortable with e-ballots.

Chairman Colman said of the procedural errors: let's just say mistakes were made, and there was a series of resolutions to resolve these.

Elections Chair Boyle motioned to accept John Murray as chairman and Phil Watkins as vice chairman. Seconded by Joe Keever. No discussion. In favor: all, abstain: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Colman stated that the name of one candidate was left off the slate for at-large on the ballots. [New ballots for those positions will be sent out soon.] Votes will be counted at a special session of the executive committee.

The Elections Chair announced the results of the remaining, contested elections:

Secretary                    Jay Abbott  
Representatives to the Board of Athletics:  
Dick Connors  
Charles Murphy  
Bob Thompson

George Kleeman moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded by many. In favor: all, opposed: none, abstain: none. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

Certification, Jim Hume:

“We got a lot of officials.” We received word from the National Officials Committee Secretary that, due to our numbers, the PA gets three voting representatives (in addition to the certification chair) to the NOC meetings at the USATF Annual Meeting.

We will have an all-day clinic for certification upgrades. Some resumes were weak; you need to prove you have worked meets. We want to make sure that if you are selected for a national meet that you are qualified.

There are only five email addresses that I don't have.

I said one year ago that I want to retire as certification chair, but there are no takers for the job. This Olympiad's recertifications were much smoother than last time's.

A newbie official asked what goes on the resume. Hume said meet name, date, and what you did.

Kleeman said that the national meet application for 2010 is on the national website as well as there being paper mailings. However, mailings will stop next year due to cost.

Training, Shirley Connors:

I'm taking over clinics. Along with Kleeman and Hume I've made 4-year clinic plan. This is year two. Clinics should gear towards training officials in preparation for the big meets in 2010-2011. We need people to teach and people who can provide clinic locations from the Bay to Reno.

Volunteers needed to fill new training subcommittee positions:

Rulebook sales (including handling the money)

Outreach to HS, JC, colleges, etc. to advertise clinics and the officiating organization

Clinic registrar (also includes handling money)

We will use the Active.com registration system again.

Last Saturday there was a clinic with youth folks at Laney College.

XC clinics to be held on Sunday, September 13 at Davis and 1 or 2 more locations to be confirmed. These are in preparation for JOs. [The other location is the Crystal Springs course in Belmont on Saturday, September 12.]

Old business:

Report on National Officials Committee mid-year meeting, George Kleeman (NOC Rules Chair):

[Full minutes of that meeting are available at

[http://www.usatfofficials.com/minutes/NOC\\_Board\\_2009\\_MidYear\\_Minutes.pdf](http://www.usatfofficials.com/minutes/NOC_Board_2009_MidYear_Minutes.pdf).]

The committee is again looking at the selection process and numbers of officials for national meets. There will be some key/head officials who get paid. Some changes to occur within the next year.

The certified officials list-serv is now opt-out. Officials will be added automatically upon certification. [Sign up at <http://www.usatfofficials.com/listserv.html> if you are not on the list and wish to be.]

J.R. Heberle and Eric Smith (Florida) have been added to the list of people who can conduct certifications for electronic recording (e.g. FieldLynx) and electronic measurement (e.g. LaserLynx). This bring the total to 5 or 6 nationally, with 2 in the PA (the other is Jim Hume). Part of event heads' evaluations is did they evaluate their own crew? If you don't turn in your crew evaluations, you won't get picked as head again.

The NOC Treasurer was moved up to the USATF Board of Directors. Sue Polansky (Long Island) was appointed interim treasurer until an election is held at the Annual Meeting.

Nominations for national awards from the PA are as follows:

Crow	Shirley Connors
John Davis (outside of T&F e.g. Special Olympics)	Charlie Sheppard
James Gray (helping with officiating organization)	Jim Hume
Charlie Ruter	none

There were 4100 certified as of April, including 1100 new officials. This is a very high number for the start of an Olympiad. There may be over 5500 by now.

The next revisions of the rules reviews for certifications will only cover NCAA & USATF rules. There will be separate tests for the other books.

NOC Goals:

Recognition of officials' contributions to track and field.

Standardization of mechanics for officials nationwide.

Increase the number of certified officials by 10%. (There were ~9500 in the last Olympiad.)

Chairman Colman stated quizzically that the numbers are increasing despite the added certification requirement of USATF membership. Kleeman said this is correct.

Dennis Boyle asked why the HS rules will be a separate test. Kleeman explained that most of the NOC officers hail from states with separate HS certs., i.e. Ohio. The PA certification chair will decide how we want to handle this in the PA.

Kleeman continued: Exams will be cut from 50 to 25 questions (used to be 200). We are one of few associations with rule change clinics.

Hume said that we sold more rulebooks this year than expected, so next year order early. One should think about obtaining new books at least every other year.

Kleeman suggested getting new USATF books to be ready for JOs and Masters next year.

New business:

Chairman Colman stepped down, handing off to Chairman John Murray. The chairmanship was embodied for this purpose in a burned CD of files.

The new Chair said that you may regret having retained an attorney as your chair. He will have Bruce Colman on speed dial. He expressed his appreciation of the new committee officers and said he is looking forward to working with them. He welcomed subcommittee chairs Hume, S. Connors, and Glover, stating that these jobs need to be done.

The Chair has worked around the country, and there exists a level of respect for PA officials throughout the country. PA training is second-to-none, which is a tribute to George and Shirley. We know what we're doing. Our mentoring program should be a model to other associations. The Turns & Distances newsletter goes out all over the country. The chair's predecessor is one of the giants of our organization.

The chair hopes that all will get involved in JOs, Masters, and WMA. He asked that you do your best to get involved. "Do one more thing," that is, write an article, take a clinic or work outside of your usual discipline, or go to another meet. It's not just quantity but quality with PA officials.

Appointment of 2010 annual meeting committee:

Phil Waktins, chair

Steve Crow

Jeannie White

Phil Leake

Bob Podkaminer moved to adjourn. Seconded by Hume.

Discussion:

Phil Leake encouraged all to become generalists.

Sonny Maynard noted that he's never had anyone at Stanford say I can't work another event.

Charles Murphy asked about clinics for wind gauge. Dr. Glover said that training will be hands-on at meets. Phil Watkins stated the policy that the PA's new ultrasonic wind gauges shall not be issued to those not certified in wind gauge.

Rick Milam has hats for sale from NBN Sports.

In favor: all, opposed: none. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 2:01pm

Phil Watkins conducted the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

J.R. Heberle