



## **2017 Committee Elections Candidate Statements**

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## Youth Chair

### John Knowles

*My name is John Knowles and I am head coach of both the Sacramento Speed Factory Youth Track Club and Inderkum High School Track and Field. In addition I currently am a level 1 certified coach. I am also an association level official. If elected Youth Chair I will first identify the most pressing issues that are affecting the youth in track and field in the Pacific Association. Second, I will reach out to veteran members of the Association for their input and guidance before making major decisions regarding the future of our youth program. Many of you have been involved in Track and Field for years and you have a vast amount of knowledge and ideas. I believe that with your help I can be successful as your next Youth Chair if given the opportunity.*

*I'm John Knowles (Head Coach Sac Speed Factory) and I am asking you for your vote.*

### Charlotte Sneed

*Over the past twenty years I have been active in Track and Field and Cross Country as a coach, parent and official. During that time I have coached on the youth, high school, collegiate and open levels, touching the lives and developing success in many athletes. I have also been a USATF certified official since 2011.*

*As your Youth Chairperson, I intend to continue to improve Track and Field, Race Walking and Cross Country as they are presented to the youth of the Pacific Association. I will continue to work with our clubs and coaches to improve the quality and integrity of our club-hosted and championship meets. In the past two years, we have streamlined association policy and procedure for covering first-aid at club and championship meets; we have increased coverage of events by certified officials and we have increased volunteer participation.*

*During my term in office, the Pacific Association youth membership has increased to be the second largest youth membership in USATF. As we continue to grow, it is imperative we prepare for increased participation in the sport and ensure there are safe, fun and fair events for our young athletes to compete.*

## Records Chair

### Gregory Newman

*I am an aficionado when it comes to track records at every level from youth up to the elites. I have been coaching for 24 years in the Pacific Association. To be more specific the youth records are currently not up to date and on several occasions I have sent in records to the last two record chairs and there were no changes even though I supplied documented verification. Even if I am not chosen for this position I will assist the chosen person on what is correct. I have several records just off the top of my head.*

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