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# 2016 Annual Meeting Report - Dave Shrock

## The following Pacific Association members were honored at the Annual Meeting:

**Shirley Connors** – Awarded the Andy Bakjian Officials Award, and the Association Committee's Horace Crow Award for decades of contribution to officiating and betterment of the Pacific Association.

**Dena Evans** – Selected to lead the Women's Senior Team at the IAAF World Cross Country Champs in Uganda this March.

**Cris Houston** – Awarded the Pacific Association Volunteer of the Year Award by the Association's Committee for his contributions to the Youth Cross Country program and creation of the Youth XC Grand Prix.

**Alan Kolling** – Appointed secretary to the High Performance Executive Committee

**Irene Obera** – Awarded the Master's T&F Athlete of the Year Award



**Dave Shrock** – Awarded the Kevin McGill Legacy Coach Award by the Coaching Education Committee (*photo of Shrock and USATF President-elect Vin Lananna during a Q&A*)

**Dwight Smith** – (*Coach of the Truckee Youth Racing Club*) Awarded a USATF President's Award for his contributions to youth cross country.

**Joy Upshaw** – Awarded the Masters' T&F Women's 50-59 age-group Athlete of the Year.

## 2016 was an important election year for USATF with much turnover leading us into the Tokyo Quadrennium (*new leaders are **bolded***):

USATF President- **Vin Lananna**  
LDR Division Chair – **Mike Scott**  
Youth Division Chair – **Tricia Myers (Floyd)**  
Associations Committee – **Dave Shrock**  
Men's T&F - Ed Gorman  
Women's T&F – **Rose Monday**  
Men's Development – Dave Kerin  
Women's Development – unknown

Athletes Advisory Comm – **Jeffery Porter**  
Masters T&F – **Rex Harvey**  
Officials – **Mike Armstrong**  
Race Walk Committee – **John Nunn**  
Coaching Education Comm – Larry Judge  
Cross Country Council – **Thom Hunt**  
Club Council – **Lauren Primerano**

### Additional news:

The Pacific was awarded the second highest Associations Committee innovation grant of \$3500 (*behind So-Cal*) for our work increasing membership and service to our constituents. The monies need to be used for marketing or association growth.

Reno-Tahoe was awarded the 2018 National JO Cross Country Champs to be held at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park where the JO's have been held twice before.

It was also announced that the 2019 and 2020 USATF Annual Meeting will be held in Reno at the Grand Sierra Resort, a largely smoke free environment.

### 2017 Annual Meeting: Hyatt Regency, Columbus, Ohio

**Wed, 29 Nov** - Association and Youth Workshops

**Thurs, 30 Nov-Sun, 3 Dec** – Annual Meeting

Hello Fellow PA peeps! *Jeré Summers , Athletes Committee Chair*

The following will serve as my 2016 Annual Meeting notes. The Athletes Advisory Committee (AAC), we have a full agenda that spanned over the course of the annual meeting. It included the following highlights.

Annual Meeting Recaps:

**Women's Track and Field Chair Candidates** – Rose Monday own as Women's Track and Field Chair.

**Coaches/Agents/Athletes Forum** - There was a forum that included: Tony Campbell, Paul Doyle, Brooks Johnson, Rose Monday, Renaldo Nehemiah, and Darryl Woodson. The primary discussion was focused on the agent, coach, and athletes' financial interests and relationships. This forum concluded as a discussion. Nothing concrete was determined

A website where athletes can create their own web pages using templates provided for free. Athletebiz.com will also manage them at no charge. All AthleteBiz actions are driven by an Athlete Advisory Group. To join, e-mail [JACK@ATHLETEBIZ.COM](mailto:JACK@ATHLETEBIZ.COM) or [AARON@ATHLETEBIZ.COM](mailto:AARON@ATHLETEBIZ.COM) or got to [WWW.ATHLETEBIZ.US](http://WWW.ATHLETEBIZ.US), click on "ATHLETE ZONE" (top right corner of site) and follow instructions. **Please check it out if you want to promote yourself and fundraise for your goals.**

**Athletes For Hope** <http://www.athletesforhope.org/> Connects athletes to volunteer opportunities where ever you may be. Athletes. For Hope is currently engaged with a roster of over 2,000 athletes from over 20 different leagues, including the NBA, the NFL, the NHL, MLB and the Olympics.

**Big Push with Donnie Campbell - bigpush.org** Fundraising opportunity to broadcast your sporting event and sell subscriptions to viewers. Big Push will supply the technology, you just solicit the subscriptions.

**Always check the rules of protest in case you need to use it.**

**USADA with CEO Travis Tygart** Approach is as if they are the "union for clean athletes" USADA has independent governance (in contrast he mentioned that an IOC board member is the president of WADA, which he says is a complete conflict of interest) Of the supplements WADA tested, rough HALF tested + for stimulants, and the other half for STEROIDS.

Lauren Fleshman: says the petition could state that we support the Copenhagen proposals. And also we could write an op-ed (references success of Harvard women's soccer) - she volunteers to write it.

Camille Herron asked about drug testing in MUT. He says they want to sit down and try to make it work. There are limitations with the budget, etc. Jeff Porter makes a motion that we create a petition. Doc Patton seconded.

**AAC/TFAA petition to WADA and the IOC to implement the "Copenhagen Reform Proposals"** (See attached) which asks that IOC and WADA governance be separate, and the IOC should invest the necessary funding in WADA for it to be effective.

<https://www.change.org/p/world-anti-doping-agency-implement-the-copenhagen-reform-proposals>

**Eating disorders with Patricia Hammonds** (notes curtesy of AAC)-see notes in the Orlando Convention, VP of Science & Innovation at Eating Recovery Center and BETR (I was not able to get the

presentation for predisposing conditions, triggers, signs & symptoms, medical complications, resources and more.)

**Speakers Bureau with Dan O'Brien** - opportunity for some athletes to gain speaking skills and get linked to speaking engagements. Who this is available to is not clear. The Speakers Bureau encourages athletes to reach out and they will let you know.

<http://www.usatf.org/News/USATF-enlists-O-Brien-to-develop-athlete-Speakers-.aspx>

**Financial Tip and Forum with Lauryn Williams, DeeDee Trotter, Adam Nelson and Tanisha Mills** (notes curtesy of Ann Gaffigan) if interested contact Jere.

*Jeré Summers*

*Athletes Committee Chair*

**USATF PACIFIC**

Meeting Notes from Athletes Advisory Committee General Sessions  
USATF Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL  
By Stephanie Trafton

- IAAF Athlete Rep David Katz explanation of video booth reviews on violations/fouls/protests and video evidence submission during protest protocol.
- Introduction of Slack as an application to keep attendees updated on live and critical upcoming committee happenings as well as uploaded documents from presentations throughout the meeting.
- General information regarding athlete support programs including the status of the relief fund, funding from USOC, influence on NCAA regulations regarding pro/open athlete/collegian competitions.
- Introduction of current even leaders and AAC budget overview
- Campaign speeches by candidates Rose Monday and Wendy Travillian for WFT Chair election
- Coaches/Agents/Athlete forum to discuss the reinstatement of elite excellence centers across the country as well as establishment of a professional coach criteria and payment schedule. It was suggested that payment of elite coaches could be from USATF or USOC to lessen the “burden” of payment on the athlete. Item was tabled.
- Overview of AthleteBiz by USATF Foundation Director Jack Wickens helping athletes promote their brand, whether sports related or non-sports professional career.
- Q & A by USATF Presidential candidate Vin Lananna
- Overview of Big Push – a non-profit company providing fundraising ability to clubs, teams, and professional athletes. Big Push combines marketing tools and coordinated campaign for individual athletes to gain fans and donors utilizing livestream fully customizable camera technology.
- High Performance Programs Update – overview of tier system criteria as well as medical support at meets, European training base, Elite Athlete Health Profile service, Sport Performance workshops, Rookie Camp, Elite Athlete Health Insurance, Medial Stipend, Olympic Training Center short term medical program.
- Introduction of USATF Speakers Bureau by Dan O’Brian and Jill Geer – offers athletes marketing tools and connection with corporate sponsors or businesses that would like athletes to speak at events.
- National Teams presentation on logistics of the 2017 London World Championships and Birmingham training base during the world champs.

**2016 USATF ANNUAL MEETING, ORLANDO; REPORT FROM FRED BAER, PAUSATF Men's T&F Chair Men's and Women's Track & Field Committees** (combined notes, since much information repeated in both committees):

Men's Track and Field reelected Ed Gorman as chair (unanimous)

Women's T&F had a contested election between Rose Monday and Wendy Truvillion. Rose Monday won.

Both committees had year in review reports.

Head men's coach Vin Lananna provided an Olympic Staff Report, along with Head Manager Tracy Sundlin.

Updated standards for 2017 are on the USATF website

Major 2017 competitions:

USATF Indoor Nationals, March 3-5, Albuquerque

USATF outdoor Nationals, Sacramento, June 22-25

World Outdoor Championship in London

Pan Am Junior Championships in Lima, Peru, July 21-23

Rules:

Item 2: USATF will move forward in conduction a women's decathlon championships – but not in conjunction with the USATF championships in Sacramento; will probably be held later in summer.

Item 5: Video referee rules have been updated – regarding appeals are able to go to the video referee.

**Hi Performance:**

Robert Chapman provided hi performance updates and resources (handout).

USATF Support Programs / 4 tiers outlined.

In 2016, there were 224 hi performance athletes: 107 tier I, 65 tier II, 27 tier III, 12 tier IV.

Plus 70-80 development athletes.

There are up to 4 funded U.S. competition opportunities for (all) development athletes.

It was noted that grants are available for NACAC meets and only 20 applied in 2016.

Targeting athletes coming out of college or high school to pro ranks.

A USATF sponsored "pre-rookie camp" is being planned at the NCAA indoor championship; also in late summer at Olympic Training Center, Chula Vista, for top upcoming season seniors (2017-18).

There is an increase in prize money at nationals: Indoor events: 6K, 3k, 1250, etc.

Outdoors: 7K, 5K, 3K, 2K, 1K, 750.

**M&W Track & Field Junior / High School Focus Group:**

Youth: Terry Crawford pointed out that the Coaches Registry is required.

Upcoming championships:

Cross Country: 2017 Tallahassee; 2018 Reno

2018 JO Nationals had 1 bid: awarded to Greensboro.

Final World Youth Championships scheduled for 2017 in Kenya but safety considerations are an issue.

Reports from:

Mark Hoffman, High School Senate (met here and will also meet at USTFCCCA later in month in Orlando.

Joy Kamani reported on National Scholastic Foundation and H.S. all-star meet.

Fred Baer, Director, US Community College Track Coaches Association (which had 2 meetings here).

Represents more than 600 men's and women's 2-year college programs in the CCCAA, NJCAA, and NWAACC.

Phil Bastron: USATF had to scramble to fill team for the 2016 U23 championships in El Salvador; was held right after Olympic Trials.

Dena Evans-Women's Track & Field Chair of the Pacific Association  
2016 USATF Annual Meeting Report

This year, I came a day early and attended the **Podium Education Project Clinic**, which featured a very interesting guest session from *Sports Gene* author, David Epstein. Great to see another author with a huge platform backing track & field's promise as a sport for all, in addition to being concerned with its future. Among other event area-specific panels, we also heard a review of the High Performance Division investment / results from Duffy Mahoney. The emphasis in this presentation was very much about Olympic / World medal production. He made it quite clear that medal production is valued above all else. Unless you are a recent grad with a World/ Olympic Standard, it is quite difficult to break into the Tiered funding system. That said, if you believe you or an athlete you coach has a case to be made for development funding, please let me know how I can help advocate for you.

As it was an election year, **Women's Track & Field** was voting on a new Chair. This election was contested quite seriously (but very cordially) by Rose Monday and Wendy Truvillion. Over 100 votes were cast in the final event, electing Rose as Chair.

Standards for the upcoming Indoor and Outdoor Championships were proposed and voted on – in many cases, the Championship standard is constrained from even more increasing difficulty only by the IAAF / Olympic Standard itself, a sign of the tremendous quality within the ranks of American women. The 2017 Indoor Championships will be in Albuquerque, March 3-5, and the 2017 Outdoor Championships / World Championships Selection meet will be held in our backyard of Sacramento, June 22-25. As there is no IAAF Indoor Worlds this year, the indoor championship meet will feature some off events, such as the 300m, 600m, 1000m, Mile, and 2 mile. Two years ago, this provided some excellent competition and allowed breakthroughs such as Lauren Wallace winning the 1000m from our own association. Hopefully, this will be the case again this winter.

I had the chance to sit in on some of the **Athletes' Advisory Committee** meetings as well. They elected several new event area chairs and reps to the Board of Directors. Garrett Heath (Stanford, Men's XC and Roads), Sharon Day-Monroe (CPSLO, Women's Combined Events), Kori Carter (Stanford, Women's Sprints), Adam Nelson (trained locally, Men's At Large), and Lauren Fleshman (Stanford, AAC Board Rep) are new representatives from this committee with Pacific Association ties. This group is full of energy and prepared to advocate strongly for athletes in the next quadrennium. During their meetings, they learned about many opportunities for development funding (including new funds for recent grads with standards) as well as a new initiative from the national office to create a speakers' bureau and a website hosting opportunity for individual athletes. This is another area where I would be happy to help connect individuals with the relevant national office staff. More importantly, if you are an athlete who wants to stay in the loop about athlete advocacy efforts, the AAC has developed a network on the app Slack, and encourage



all to reach out and stay in the loop on that app. Please let me know how I can help connect you to these efforts if needed.

I sat in on a very serious post-mortem of the Olympic Marathon Trials at the joint **M/W LDR** meeting. Ed Torres and Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick both fielded many questions and comments from athletes and coaches about how the weather and course conditions in Los Angeles were met with unsatisfactory response (in the eyes of many) by the race management. Max Siegel and Steve Miller both came to the meeting late on, and fielded questions both from the general membership as well as from the Chairs. It is obvious that both the site selection as well as the LOC contract language creation will be a process met with extreme scrutiny during the next cycle. Of note, Mike Scott, previous chair of the Cross Country Council for many years, has been elected LDR Division Chair. Also of note, the window for Olympic marathon trials qualifying has been declared, opening September 1, 2017 (2:45/ 2:19) with the half marathon option opening a year later (1:13/ 1:04). CIM has been selected as the US Champs site for 2017 and 2018, an amazing opportunity for our local athletes seeking a qualifying mark in a championship environment.

At the **Cross Country Council**, usual topics / future site selection issues were discussed. With Mike Scott moving on to LDR Division Chair, Thom Hunt became the new CCC Chair. The 2017 Club National meet will be in Lexington, Kentucky, and the 2018 edition will be in Spokane, both held in the same venues that hosted previous versions of these races in the recent past. Bend, Oregon will host the 2017 US Cross Country Championships, qualifying athletes both for the NACAC meet as well as the World Cross Country Championships in Kampala, Uganda. New this year will be a 4x2K mixed relay, and equity between the distances for the open race (10K). During the weekend, I was also asked to serve my third tour as a Women's Team Leader for World Cross (2004 Junior team, 2008 Senior team).

A vigorous discussion over Rule 4 (residency requirements for clubs and the presence of Metropolitan Statistical Areas that overlap with other associations) was the main order of the day at the **Club Council** meeting, with a vigorous effort spearheaded by Garden State TC to clarify the rule to indicate that all MSAs in an association could be used to draw members in adjacent associations. The proposed and voted on clarification to this was to recommend to the Rules Committee (which had tabled the issue in anticipation of this discussion), that clubs had to pick one MSA only in their association to use this overlapping population draw. Even so, there will be subsequent surveys and other gathering efforts to further determine the will of other EDC and similar clubs who were not at the meeting as this issue remains a thorny one. Please ask me if you would like more details on this debate.

I also had a chance to stop in the Diversity and Leadership meeting, under the chairwomanship of Irene. A new executive committee was elected, and I look forward to having the chance to be included in that committee's future initiatives to support the growth of a diverse bench of leaders in the sport at all levels.



## **Masters Track and Field –Joseph Ols**

**Gary Snyder** passed the Chairmanship to **Rex Harvey**

Goal to improve on communications and extensive discussion occurred on association, regional and national social media for Masters Track and Field.

### **Rex Harvey**

Stated that it is the duty of the Chairman to make appointments, that he may instigate some and that former Chairs would need to be reappointed. **Stephen Cohen** added that the old members maintain their positions until new appointments are completed. Per **Jerry Bookin-Weiner**, committee members are appointed by the committee chairs and approved. **Steven Cohen** volunteered to remain as Chair of the Anti-Doping Committee and Midwest Region.

**Rex Harvey** stated: To Simplify and Clarify Operational Procedures.

**Sandy Pashkin** clarified the regional chair appointments procedures and **Rex Harvey** requested that each region submit in writing what they intended to do. **Lester Mount** asked who speaks for the regions as they're made up of various associations. **George Matthews** contributed that there is no definition of how to conduct the regional elections, but that the 'old school' way is no longer appropriate. Some associations don't have a chair so it is unclear who would be voting.

Per **Jerry Donley** the regions do have procedures and structure for their chair selections, found at the national convention, but they don't always attend. At the Mid American Regional Masters Championship meet they hold a meeting and a Regional chair is elected. Donley stated that other Regions would have to come to the national convention to hold their elections, and if they do not, and a chair is appointed for them, they'll certainly come the next year.

**Stephen Cohan** asked if a majority of associations do attend the annual convention

**Rex Harvey** asked if there was a procedure. **Cohen** responded that his region does have meetings to schedule their meets and compile their calendars to avoid scheduling conflicting meets.

**Sandy Pashkin** commented that the NW Association held their meeting at this National convention and that 6 out of 7 associations were represented and they duly elected their chair per procedure. **Sandy Pashkin** asked for **a motion to approve the selection of George Matthews as NW Chairman and it was seconded and passed.**

**Marilyn Mitchell** asked if it made more sense to hold meetings at Regional Championships as it would likely increase participation. **Rex Harvey** stated that reviewing operating procedures was being considered. **Sandy Pashkin** said that operating procedures are written and cannot be changed

**Gary Snyder** said that Phil Byrne did an excellent job overseeing the election process this year and is a good example of a neutral party running elections. **Rex Harvey** added that Phil (or someone) should also serve as a parliamentarian and be selected by the Chair and that the parliamentarian needs to be familiar with Roberts Rules of Order.

**Carroll DeWeese** stated that many of the discussed topics are USATF law – that MTF may want to create ad hoc groups to see if any of this is useful or outdated information, is it information we already get from USATF. We may need a follow up group to oversee

**Carroll DeWeese** said that we need a rep of our own to oversee the legal and operating procedures and to create and review procedures

**Rex Harvey** stated that he believed the regional coordinators are part of the executive committee

**Stephen Cohen** read aloud 'Section 9' regarding who makes up the committees

**Jerry Bob Weiner** brought up the subject raised by **Mark Cleary** in an earlier Annual meeting committee meeting; wanting to clarify Mark's ideas are regarding to a Club Council. It was asked if this a matter for the Inclusion Committee/Diversity Committee, presided over by James Sebastian, the new Arizona masters chair. **Phil Greenwald** asked if Mark's idea was to have a clubs advisory committee where club heads get together to decide policies. **Rex Harvey** said rules for clubs should be looked over. **Phil**

**Greenwald** said that there was currently a Club Council working on matters such as which athletes are eligible to compete, but that USATF said it was too broad. As there was confusion with the title Club Council, it was suggested that if a new council were established, it be called a Club Advisory for clarification.

**Rex Harvey** stated, "USTAF exists to collect Olympic and Championships medals. We have to show that our requests for funding help their goal. They love our successes and positive media; we need to show them our worth. To make our program more prestigious is one of my goals. We need to expand the program, to go beyond those who use it just as a means to stay in shape. Our first responsibility is to have fair and honorable competition."

**Sue Hallen** asked what we could do to bring more people to meets and that there was a challenge regarding finding sponsorship due to national office policies, stating, for example that **UCS** doesn't handle masters implements but we still have to use them as a sponsor. **Carroll DeWeese** suggested that MTF purchase and provide implements.

**Carroll DeWeese** recapped the treasurer report he had given at an earlier meeting stating that if we get \$150,000 from the National Office we can stick with the estimated budget. He also stated that revenue might bring in the necessary \$30,000, which would rebuild up our depleted reserves allowing us to be more aggressive next year.

**Rex Harvey** commented that we are still only seeing ½ of 1% of the overall budget from the National Office; we need to provide our value to them. Rex also stated that per Bill Shelton, our official rep to the competition that masters, associations, and youth account for 95% of the membership and that per Bill Shelton, the board will not act w/out receiving specific goals. Bill Shelton is open to helping us.

**Announcements:** **Sandy Pashkin** as the at-large person on the executive committee, **Robert Thomas** to become a member of the Games Committee in an organizational aspect; Robert has needed expertise with working with hotels, travel, etc. **Carroll DeWeese** offered to update the current meet manual, stating that having an up-to-date one assists potential meet bidders, and update the masters rep list. **Joseph Ols** said that he received it from Desiree Friedman and would send it to Rex

**Rex Harvey** inquired whether we should check the seed marks on entry forms to avoid fake marks. WMA requires meet/date of seed marks for legitimacy. Sandy said we could spot check it but to avoid making the process too onerous, don't make it mandatory, or we'll lose registrants.

**Stephen Cohen** asked if the idea of adding 25-29 year old ages to masters meets had been shot down from a discussion at a previous meeting. Rex Harvey stated that he would like to look at picking up that group up to fill the 'hole'; as athletes in those age groups who are not elites, have few places to compete.

**Rex Harvey** stated that he may like to revise the number of MTF vs. MLDR WMA representatives. Currently there are three from MTF and two from MLDR. In Perth there were 250 track athletes compared to LDR's 13. Ratio should be changed to 4 MTF, 1 MLDR. Per **Sandy Pashkin**, WMA recognizes the NGB for masters Athletics in the USA only as USATF MTF and only recognizes that chair (Rex Harvey).

**Phil Greenwald** stated that, regarding the upcoming meet in Daegu, South Korea, the relay team selection process can be found on the USATF website, and that the selection committee needs finalizing. There may also be a budget increase for taking trainers.

## **High School Congress - Annual convention – Orlando, Florida**

On December 2, 2016 at 5:07pm the general session of the High School Congress was called to order by Mike Hoffman, the vice President of the Congress. He apologized for the President, Don Helberg who was unable to attend due to previous commitments. Mike welcomed the rather sparse audience to the meeting and introduced himself and other dignitaries in attendance. He distributed an agenda for the meeting and briefly discussed the objectives for 2017 and beyond. It was discouraging to learn that there were only 2 States currently enrolled in the Congress but Mike was optimistic about getting all 50 States involved in 2017. The Association yearly dues are \$100.00 and individual dues are \$10.00. He encouraged everyone in attendance to go home to their Associations and promote the Congress through their web site [www.nationalsenate.com](http://www.nationalsenate.com)

Hoffman presented the 2016 budget as follows:

2016 credits of \$250.48 from donations and interest income

2016 debits of \$150.00 for Mike Hoffman's travel expenses

2016 ending balance and net assets of \$4645.35

Terry Crawford was introduced and presented information about the "learn by do" clinics that were being offered throughout the country in 2017. She asked for all interested Coaches to contact her, especially if they could host and provide a venue for a clinic. She outlined some of the changes coming to the continuing education unit requirements (CEUs) in 2017. Finally, she invited all interested and qualified Coaches to attend the Level 2 school on July 17-22 in Fullerton, CA.

Mike Holgren spoke about the emerging elite coaching school that he hosts every year at the Olympic training site in Chula Vista, CA. He stated that it was a great opportunity to perfect a Coaches learn by doing skills with instruction offered by some of the best in the country such as Jeremy Fisher. He offered to send out more information about the school when it becomes available in May 2017.

Sadly, several of the scheduled presenters were not available and did not attend the meeting (Becky Oakes, Wendy Truvillion, and Patrick Pretty).

The only new business that was mentioned was the election of a new Executive chair for the National Senate but that was deferred to the USTFCCCA meeting to occur in Florida next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

Meeting attended and report prepared by Dave Bartholomew.

REPORT  
USA TRACK AND FIELD: Al Hernandez Coaches Rep

JUNIOR COLLEGE COACHES ADVISORY MEETING – DECEMBER 1

The Coaches Advisory is moving to a minimum competence to be on the coaches' registry. They are also adding learn-by-doing clinics. They will be charging a fee that varies.

MENS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – DECEMBER 1

Tracy Sundlun, Mens Team Manager, reported on how our staff did at the Rio Olympic Games. He felt that the staff worked well as a unit, and not as individuals of their own events. He described it as "on staff, one team." The team staff concept worked, making individual coaches of athletes feel that they were also a part of the staff.

Robert Podkaminer spoke on the new disqualification procedure at the Olympics. A team can be disqualified even if a flag is not seen. This can be done by the Video Referee. Even if there is a flag, that can also be overturned by the Video Referee. Everyone will get to see the video before a protest and they can still file a protest if they choose to do so after reviewing the video.

USATF MENS COMMITTEE MEETING – DECEMBER 2

Ed Gorman and Andrew Valmon were voted back as Chair and Co-Chair of the Men's Track and Field Committee.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TECHNICAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 3

The Indoor Championships will be held March 3-4 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This will be a combined event. This year will be an off year, so they will run 300-880 mile.

The Outdoor Championships will be held June 22-24 in Sacramento, California June 22-24. Juniors will be held on June 21.

The World Relay will be held April 21-23 in London, England

The World Indoor will be held March 2-4 in Birmingham, England

The World Outdoor will be held in Doha, Qatar in 2019

HIGH PERFORMANCE DIVISION GENERAL SESSION – DECEMBER 3

The High Performance Committee has issued plans to help our top and emerging athletes. These include:

- Meet medical support
- European Training base
- Elite athlete health profile
- Sport performance workshops
- Science intervention for distance, sprints/hurdles and throws
- Pre-rookie camp

Respectfully submitted,

Al Hernandez PAUSATF Delegate Coaches Committee

## 2016 USATF Annual Meeting Report: John Murray Official Representative

My initial duties at the annual meeting were to serve on the Officials Selection Committee for the 2017 Indoor and Outdoor National Championships. We successfully completed the selections on the first day, requiring only a follow-up review on the second day scheduled for the work of the Committee. I am happy to report that 35 Pacific Association Officials were selected for the indoor and/or outdoor, or as alternates.

After completion of the selection committee work, I attended all meetings of the National Officials Committee, including Executive Committee and General Sessions.

An item of importance to me concerned the issue of liability insurance for officials, after the funding of the annual premium was terminated by the National Associations Committee at their mid-year meeting in August. After a flurry of complaints were directed to the National Committee, USATF agreed to fund the annual premium for insurance for one year, a decision that was confirmed by CEO Max Siegel in his remarks to the Officials Committee. The Officials Insurance Sub-Committee, chaired by Bob Tice of North Carolina, will continue to work during the next year to reach a funding resolution that will preserve the insurance benefit for the Officials.

During the first General Session of the Officials Committee, Len Krsak was confirmed by acclamation as the Officials Delegate to the USATF Board of Directors, replacing Ken Taylor whose term expired. Elections were held for National Officials Committee Offices with the following elected to four year terms:

Chair – Mike Armstrong of the Arkansas Association Secretary – Rich Schornstein of the Colorado Association Vice-Chair Rules – Laurie Boemker of the New England Association; Vice-Chair Training – Marty Johnson of the Colorado Association

I was honored to be elected for a second term as At-Large Delegate to the National Officials Committee, to serve with Delores Murray and Fred Newhouse as At-Large Delegates.

The NOC Chair advised that Roger Burbage of North Carolina would be assuming the duties as Vice-Chair Certification, effective immediately. It was also confirmed that Don Berry of the Maine Association would continue to serve as Parliamentarian for the Committee.

Among those awarded the 2016 National Chair Award is Mark Youmans of the Pacific Association.

During the Officials Banquet on Friday evening, the following were inducted into the Hall of Fame:

Mary Onken , Jim Carlisle, Ed Gorman, Ginger Mulanax and Karen Krsak. National Service Awards were presented: Lori Maynard Award – Maryanne Daniel James Grey Award – Rich Schornstein; John Davis Award – Ginger Mulanax; Charles Ruter Award – Rory Osborne of the Pacific Association; Horace Crow Award – Richard Messenger; Andy Bakjian Award – Shirley Connors of the Pacific Association. National Award Finalists this year included John Shirey, Teddy Hayes and myself from the Pacific Association.

Concluded on Sunday with a spirited floor discussion concerning a proposal to suggest modification of the manner in which suspension of USATF members could be accomplished. The proposal passed, although it would be ineffective until such time as an appropriate change to the By-Laws was properly noticed and passed.



## Convention Report for George Kleeman, Officials Representative

On Wednesday, I attended the morning session of the Association Committee meeting and listened to how the associations are now being rated and accredited.

In the afternoon, I attended Bob Podkaminer's Officials Rules Subcommittee meeting. He covered the principle changes for the National Federation High School book, the NCAA book and the principle USATF rule proposals. All the changes are posted on the Officials web site. Although he had not participated in writing the new tests for this Olympiad, he had reviewed them for any errors or misinterpretations.

On Thursday I attended the Officials' Executive Committee meeting since the morning meeting on Friday was in conflict with Rules. They discussed the interim changes in vice chair assignments during the year with Bob Podkaminer named to replace Mark Kostek for Rules, Rich Schornstein to replace Rob Buzaitis as Training Chair and Roger Burbage to replace Jimmy Stuart as Certification Chair but who remain as computer technician. After report by each of the officers, the meeting was closed for some personnel business.

As of Friday, I attended the Rules committee early session until it was suspended so many of us could go to Officials for the election. Following are the results of the election with Roger Burbage remaining as interim Certification Chair until and election next year. Irene Herman was also nominated as an At Large delegate but was eliminated on the third round. The Rules reviews for the new Olympiad are now on line except for those for LDR and the Referees, which will be available in early January.

The NCAA came to Len Krsak with a request to help them select 10 officials for each division of the indoor and outdoor division championships. More negotiations are needed to cover funding but an agreement should be finalized in 2017.

Friday evening I attended the Officials Banquet with the induction to the Hall of Fame and the Officials Awards. We were well represented both in numbers and in Awards received.

On Saturday, I attended the wrap up section for the Rules Committee. The changes for 2017 are posted on the PA website as of December 5. I attended the second Officials meeting which completed the voting for the at large members and the rest of the committee reports. At the end of the meeting, the Officials assignment for National Championship meets for 2017 were posted. The Pacific got approximately 35 of the assignments according to John Murray and Jim Hume.

In the evening, I attended the Jesse Owens Award Banquet on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning, I attended the closing session. We had a floor discussion on a non-binding resolution concerning suggesting that no one be suspended unless there is a hearing first. It was the first time in a long time that the closing session took longer than 20 minutes. This time it was closer to two hours. I then attended the open portion of the Board of Directors. Most of the meeting involved informing new members the requirements they needed to complete such as "conflict of interest: and orientation sessions to be scheduled. They also introduced themselves to the current members. Some information on the progress to implement safe sport and ideas to improve the protection for athletes was exchanged. There was brief discussion of the approved budget before the meeting was closed for Executive Session.

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

To: PA/USATF Board of Athletics

From: Jim Hume, 2017 Board of Athletics funded delegate to 2017 USATF Convention

Subject: My report

My attendance at the 2017 USATF Convention had two purposes:

1<sup>st</sup>...As the Certification Chair for the Pacific Association officials, I was a member of the Selection Committee which selected officials for the 2017 National Senior/Junior T&F Championship Meet in Sacramento in June of 2017.

*In conjunction with John Murray, representing the meet director, we were successful in helping select an outstanding group of officials to work both the Indoor and the Outdoor national championships. As a part of that selection, 32 officials from the Pacific Association were selected, with 31 selected for the outdoor meet.*

2<sup>nd</sup>...As the CertChair for the Pacific Association officials, I needed information on how the, "bump in the road" as Officials Chair Len Krsak put it, of the certification process would be resolved.

*Jimmy Stewart has resigned as Vice-Chair for Certification and Roger Burbage has been appointed in his place. Promises have been made for improvements, and so far, things are progressing well.*

*It is interesting to note that USATF hired an outside Parliamentarian to run the elections in the various committees and to run the discussion/voting on the proposal introduced at the closing meeting. It was probably money well spent for the elections/discussions/voting went well.*

The Pacific Association Officials' Committee sponsors the NOC's (National Officials' Committee) [Horace Crow Award for the Outstanding Field Event Official](#). The following is from the NOC site.

*The Horace Crow Award was established at the National Convention in 1991. The National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the Horace Crow Award at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2006.*

- Must be a Certified USATF Field Event Official for a ten (10) year period.*
- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the Association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF.*
- Recognition by peers for their betterment and devotion to track and field officiating in the area of field events.*

This year, **John Murray**, was one of the finalists to receive the [Horace Crow Award](#). Previous Pacific Association recipients have been **George Kleeman**, 2007 and **Shirley Connors**, 2012.

**Richard Messenger** from the West Virginia Association received the 2016 Horace Crow Award.

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#### **Pacific Association officials who were nominated for NOC Awards:**

The [Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award](#) is sponsored by the New England Association. *"The Andy Bakjian Award is given annually to an official that has given*

*outstanding service throughout a career to the running sports by taking officiating track and field to a higher level.”*

Given the criteria and the selection process, the [Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award](#) is considered the NOC’s top award.

Past Pacific Association recipients have included **George Kleeman**, 1994; **Dick Connors**, 2003; and **Bob Podkaminer**, 2008.

For 2016, both **Shirley Connors** and **John Shirey** were nominated.

**Shirley Connors** was the recipient of the 2016 Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award.

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The [John Davis Award](#) “goes to an official who espouses through humanitarian efforts by leadership, fellowship and developmental welfare of others through USATF and it various programs.

Past Pacific Association recipients include **Charlie Sheppard**, 2011.

For 2016 **Theodore “Teddy” Hayes** was nominated.

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The [James Gray Award](#) “goes to an official who espouses through humanitarian efforts by leadership, fellowship and developmental welfare of others through USATF and it various programs. [Ed. No, that the John Davis Award and the James Gray Award have the same description is not a mistake.]

Past Pacific Association recipients include **Jim Hume**, 2012.

For 2016 **Shirley Connors** was nominated.

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The [Charles Ruter Award](#) “is given annually to the outstanding Running Event Official.

Past Pacific Association recipients include **Dick Connors**, 2001 and **Bob Podkaminer**, 2013.

For 2016 **Rory Osborne** was nominated.

**Rory Osborne** was the recipient of the 2016 Charles Ruter Award as the Outstanding Running Event Official.

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At the Awards Breakfast on Saturday morning, **Shirley Connors** was presented with the [Horace Crow Award](#) from the [Membership Committee](#), a recognition of the contributions the recipient made to their association.

**2016 USATF Annual Meeting**  
Thursday, December 1 – Sunday, December 4, 2016  
Orlando, Florida

Report by Mark Winitz

**Thursday**

LDR Division Executive Committee Meeting – Sat in a portion of the meeting as an observer.

Law & Legislation Committee Meeting - Attended as the Men's LDR representative on the committee. Since odd-numbered years are "L&L years" when amendment proposals to the USATF Bylaws and Operating Regulations are entertained, there was little business to conduct. Only one proposed Regulation amendment was considered and it was approved as follows (Note: **Underlined, bold** text indicates amendments):

Regulation 11-B-2, Committee Chairs:

2. Vacancies. When an elected committee chair is vacant, the position shall be filled by a vote of the committee as a whole by mail **or e-mail** ballot unless the committee has previously adopted a different procedure. Sports committees shall elect individuals to fill vacancies, for Board approval, in the same manner. A panel appointed by the Organizational Services chair shall supervise the elections in a manner approved by the Board.

**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday**

Men's LDR Executive Committee Meeting (Thursday) and Men's LDR General Session Meetings (Friday and Saturday) – Attended as the Secretary of the Men's LDR committee and PA/USATF's rep on the committee.

*Key Items from the Men's LDR Meetings:*

- Edwardo Torres was re-elected as Men's LDR Committee Chair by acclamation since he was unopposed. Term of office: 2017-2020.
- USA Running Circuit/National Championship events for 2017 and 2018 were approved.
- **California International Marathon (Sacramento)** was approved as the National Marathon Championship for 2017 and 2018.
- A comprehensive review and analysis of the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials in Los Angeles took place including discussion about the selection process for the event.

Opening General Session (Thursday) – Attended. Outgoing USATF President Stephanie Hightower gave her final address. Vin Lananna was elected as new President by acclamation following Jackie Joyner-Kersey's withdrawal from the election. This year's President Award recipients were announced. USATF CEO Max Siegel delivered a State of the Sport address.

PA Caucus Meeting (Thursday) – Attended. Vin Lananna made an appearance and gave a short talk.

LDR Division Meeting (Friday) – Attended. The candidates running for new USATF LDR Division Chair (Don Lein, Teddy Mitchell, and Mike Scott) spoke to the group. (Mike Scott was elected the following day in General USATF elections.) He will succeed Bill Roe as LDR Division Chair. Candidates for LDR seat on the USATF Board (Don Lein and Fred Finke) also spoke. (Fred Finke was elected the following day).

General USATF Elections (Saturday) – Cast my votes in the election room.

Men's and Women's LDR Joint Session (Saturday) – Attended. Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick was re-elected as Women's LDR Chair by acclamation. Term: 2017-2020. The qualifying standards for the 2020 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials were discussed. These standards will be officially announced by USATF in the near future, hopefully in February, 2017. Brief reports were made by the following individuals: Jack Wickens ([AthleteBiz](#) Founder), Rich Harshbarger (Running USA CEO), Jon Molz (Co-Founder, Collegiate Running Association), Jean Knaack (Executive Director, Road Runners Club of America), Phil Stewart (*Road Race Management* newsletter and PROO Running Circuit).

LDR Division Meeting (Saturday) – Attended

Jesse Owens Awards Banquet – Attended with my wife, Fran. USATF Athletes of the Year Michelle Carter and Matthew Centrowitz, Nike Coach of the Year Tonja Buford-Bailey, USATF Masters Athlete of the Year **Irene Obera (PA/USATF)** and USATF Youth Athlete of the Year Sydney McLaughlin all accepted their awards.

## **Sunday**

USATF Closing Session – Attended. Listened attentively, and voted on the proposed resolution by David Greifinger regarding the authority of the USATF President and Board in the Youth Executive Committee matter.

# REPORT

2016 USATF Annual Meeting

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As the PA-USATF WLDR Delegate, the PA-USATF WLDR and Racewalk Athlete Representative, and selected member of the AAC, I attended as many meetings within the racewalk and distance running divisions as I possibly could along with the AAC mandatory meetings.

*A very general summary is included below but I've also included my extensive notes I took during **all** the meetings I attended for anyone interested in more detailed information re: topics discussed: AAC, Racewalk, LDR/MUT, Coaching*

## **WLDR/LDR/MUT/WT&F:**

- All three WLDR and LDR meetings I was able to attend (I sat in at the beginning, middle and end of each) focused attention on their new LDR Chair nominees. I heard Michael Scott and Teddy give their presentation at every single meeting, so, I wasn't able to get obtain much more information than their candidate and final selection. They will not have their 2017 schedule posted until January on the USATF.org site since several event host sites are still undecided or details about lodging were being worked out. Several members expressed the importance of smoke free facilities especially for JOs--but for all distance divisions. This is a specific concern for events hosted in Reno. Issue addressed: Reno hotel rooms will be smoke free.
- The new LDR Chair is Michael Scott, he was formerly the XC Chair.
- MUT would like to get a World Championship event for their division.
- WT&F had myself and several other female athletes attend their meeting to discuss and decide on voting in regards to the issue with the Youth Chair suspension/lawsuit. Also, for voting in a new Chair. Rose won.
- The issue of doping was a key topic discussed in all division meetings. Members of the LDR divisions expressed that anyone caught doping should, by law, refund all prize winnings earned. Several of us agree on the proposal to enforce that athletes be banned for life and be required to pay back all prize monies. A petition is being passed around the AAC and LDR meetings for athletes to sign re: wanting the Olympic Development Organization **SEPARATE** from WADA and USADA based on issues with conflict of interests (putting athlete lives and career at risk).

**AAC:**

- Elections for new AAC Division Athlete Reps, AAC Chair etc.
- AthleteBiz.com—best uses and who qualifies for it.
- USATF Foundation Grant application information and deadline notice.
- Athletes for Hope information for any athlete interested in getting more involved.
- Exercise Addiction and Eating Disorders—Dr. Carsten
- WORTH WINNING: Discussion panel hosted by Lauren Williams regarding financial management and tips related to hiring Agents and Coaches and discussion topics including payments for professional services to market oneself as an Athlete (e.g. Investing in yourself as a Business).

**Events/Course Measurements:**

- A lot of money can be made being a certified course measurer.

**Racewalking:**

- Proposal to remove the 40km from the USATF RW Grand Prix.
- A lot of discussion on RW budget and bests practices for distributing funds USATF has made available for Athletes.
- New RW Chair: John Nunn
- USATF RW Board Athlete Rep: Katie Burnett
- AAC Athlete Rep: Miranda Melville

## USATF 2016 Annual Meeting - Masters LDR Report: Tom Bernhard

### Election Results:

- Mary Rosado, Chair
- Lloyd Hanson, Vice Chair
- Paul Carlin, Secretary

### Tentative 2017 Masters LDR GP Schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Race</u>	<u>Location</u>
Feb. 4	USATF Cross Country Championships	Bend, OR
Mar. 18	Townebank Shamrock 8K*	Virginia Beach, VA
Apr. 30	James Joyce 10K Ramble*	Dedham, MA
Aug. 25	Healthplus Crim Michigan Mile*	Flint, MI
Oct. 1	Syracuse Festival of Races 5K*	Syracuse, NY
Oct. 15	USATF Masters 5K XC Championships	Boston, MA
Oct 28	Tulsa Federal Credit Union Run 15K	Tulsa, OK
Dec. 9	USATF National Club XC Championships	Lexington, KY

\* Verbal commitment, bid not yet completed

### Masters Hall of Fame (LDR) Class of 2016 Active Athletes:

- Libby James, 80
- Pete Magill, 55
- Mbarack Hussein, 51

Legends: Vic Heckler & Marian Lein (administrator & volunteer)

### Divisional Road Runners of the Year

40-44	Jen Rhines	Meb Keflezighi
45-49	Perry Shoemaker & Fiona Bayly (tie)	Christian Cushing-murry
50-54	Marisa Sutera Strange	Nat Larson
55-59	Joan Samuelson	Brian Pilcher
60-64	Kathryn Martin	Brian Pilcher
65-69	Sabra Harvey	Tom Bernhard
70-74	Jan Holmquist	Ron Legg & Gary Patton (tie)
75-79	Libby James	John Ouweleen
80-84	Libby James	William Riley
85-89	Ella Jane Custer	Gunnar Linde
M90-94	None	Willis Moses

Female Overall Road Runner of the Year: Kathryn Martin

Male Overall Road Runner of the Year: Meb Keflezighi



## REPORT from the 2016 USATF Annual Meeting

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Jonathan G. Price

As the PA-USATF Race Walking Committee Chair and Delegate, I attended all the national Race Walking Committee meetings during the annual meeting December 1-4 in Orlando, Florida, as well as the following meetings: Officials Rules Subcommittee (Thursday morning), Opening General Session (Thursday evening), Pacific Association Caucus (Thursday evening), Officials General Session (Friday morning until the Race Walking session started), Officials Hall of Fame Banquet (Friday evening), Awards Breakfast (Saturday morning), Jesse Owens Banquet (Saturday evening), and Closing Session (Sunday morning). The following are what I consider to be significant items that are of interest to PA-USATF members, particularly race walkers and judges.

**Recommendations are highlighted in yellow.**

Congratulations are due to two Pacific Association athletes who won national race walking awards. Karen Stoyanowski was named USATF 2016 Women's Master's Race Walker of the Year for Age Group 60-64. Mark Green was named USATF 2016 Men's Master's Race Walker of the Year for Age Group 60-64.

The only significant change for the 2017 USATF rules affecting race walking is in Rule 232.7, which will require that National Race Walk Championships conform to rules for records eligibility. In addition to rules related to courses and other items (Rules 240 and 261 through 267), Rule 266.3 requires specific levels of certification for Race Walk Judges. This will apply to the National Junior Olympics and may apply to qualifiers for the Junior Olympics (regional and association JO Championships). Rule 266.3 requires that each track race have five Judges, one of whom must be a Master-level Judge and at least three of whom must be National- or Master-level Judges.

Although Rule 230.3(j) states that a "Pit Lane may be used as determined by the Sports Committee," new IAAF recommendations regarding the penalty times are

- 30 seconds for races up to and including 5,000 meters,
- 60 seconds for  $\leq 10$  km,
- 120 seconds (2 minutes) for  $\leq 20$  km;
- 180 seconds (3 minutes) for  $\leq 30$  km,
- 240 seconds (4 minutes) for  $\leq 40$  km, and
- 300 seconds (5 minutes) for  $\leq 50$  km).

During this 2016 annual meeting, the USATF National Race Walk Committee endorsed these penalty times. When the Pit Lane is used on a track race with five judges, this rule will make it less likely that athletes will be disqualified for not walking in proper race-walking form (according to Rule 232.2). That is, when the Pit Lane is used, one more Judge (four instead of the current three without a Pit Lane) will be required to observe improper form.

Running the Pit Lane (which was used in the 2016 National Junior Championships in Clovis and the 2016 National Junior Olympics 3,000-meter Championships in Sacramento) required nine Race Walk Officials for each race (five Judges, a Recorder, a DQ Board Operator, and two Officials running the Pit Lane itself).

The National Race Walk Committee also resolved to explore full implementation of the Pit Lane at Junior Olympic competitions by 2019. Because implementing the Pit Lane at Pacific Association Junior Olympic Championships and at Region 14 Junior Olympic Championships, and having the correct judges for record eligibility at these competitions, will require training many more officials to be Race Walk Judges, I suggest that we make extra efforts to train individuals from the Youth Clubs in the Pacific Association to be Race Walk Judges (and Coaches).

Several new videos are now available to help teach race-walking technique and race-walk judging. These are available at [www.tinyurl.com/walk2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/walk2020).

IAAF is considering a loss-of-contact insole to be inserted in the shoes of race walkers during certain competitions. The device would be approximately 2 to 3 millimeters thick and would have a certain fraction of a second tolerance or allowance for loss of contact that would be mimicking the first part of current Rule 232.2 ("Definition of Race Walking. Race Walking is a progression of steps so taken that the walker makes contact with the ground so that no visible (to the human eye) loss of contact occurs. . ."). Race walkers would be allowed to lose contact eight times during a race; after nine detected losses of contact, the race walker would be disqualified. It is unlikely that these insoles will be used in USATF competitions any time in the near future, in part because of cost and in part because of likely technological difficulties with false positives and false negatives.

In addition to national championships that have already been announced, the following race walks were selected by the Site Selection Subcommittee of the Race Walking Committee for championships in 2017:

- One-hour (Open and Masters), August 12, 2017 (located at South Milwaukie High School, Wisconsin, Matt DeWitt, Race Director)
- 40-km (Open and Masters) plus 20-km (Junior), September 9, 2017 (located in New York, Dave Talcott, Race Director – also approved for September 8, 2018)
- 30-km (Open and Masters), October 22, 2017 (hosted by the Long Island, NY association, Gary Westerfield, Race Director – also approved for October 21, 2018).

The Race Walking Committee set a deadline of 31 January 2017 for bids for the World Race Walk Team Trials and for the 10-km National Championships, and a deadline of 30 April 2017 for bids for the 2018 50-km National Championships.

Other race walks of interest to elite athletes are:

- Pan American Race Walk Cup and NACAC Race Walk Championships, 13-14 May 2017, Lima, Peru
- IAAF World Under-18 Championships, 12-16 July 2017, Nairobi, Kenya

Pan American Under-20 Championships, 21-23 July 2017, Lima, Peru  
IAAF World Championships, 4-13 August 2017, London, England  
US versus Canada, August 20, Georgia.

Ron Daniel, current Chair of the Race Walking Committee, informed us that the 10,000-meter race walk Junior Championships this coming summer in Sacramento will probably be on the track (as opposed to the road) and that it will probably have a Pit Lane with a 60-second penalty. The 20-kilometer race walk Open Championships will probably be on the road course, but it doesn't necessarily need to finish on the track. If the Sacramento Local Organizing Committee is allowed to make the decisions, I suggest that we have the 20-kilometer race walks entirely on the road course, without starting or finishing in the stadium, and have the 10,000-meter race walks on the track.

The following individuals were elected as members of the Executive Committee of the USATF National Race Walking Committee:

John Nunn, Chair  
Diane Graham-Henry, Vice-Chair  
Ed Richardson, Secretary  
Ray Funkhouser, Treasurer  
At-Large Members  
Jo Burrows  
Katie Burnett  
Maryanne Daniel  
Patricia (Tish) Hanna  
Gary Westerfield.

Two races in 2017 were selected as USATF West Region Championships:

15-km on Sunday, May 21, in Riverside, CA (also the National 15-km and the Southern California Association 15-km Championships)  
3,000-meter on Sunday, April 23, in Concord, CA (also the Pacific Association Grand Prix 3,000-meter Championships).

Other associations in the West region will be given the opportunity to bid for West Region Championships. Depending on their choices, the Pacific Association Race Walk Committee may want to bid for our 20-km race in September (date to be determined) or our 10-km race in October (date to be determined) to be a West Region Championship in addition to a Pacific Association Grand Prix Championship.

# **2016 USATF National Meeting**

Charlotte Sneed ([pa.youthcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:pa.youthcommittee@gmail.com))

**Orlando, Florida**

November 30-December 4

## **Youth Workshop**

The Youth Workshop was full of vibrant energy. It included many new faces who have assumed roles within their associations. A great deal of effort was made to support morale and generate momentum to improve the youth division. A strong emphasis is being made by the Youth Division to develop and support of our youngest athletes.

## **Annual Meeting**

The opening ceremony was held without issue

This was an election year for the Youth Executive Board. After a contentious election the following members were elected:

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| • Chair                     | Trisha Myers   |
| • Vice-Chair                | Quentin Wilson |
| • Vice-Chair Administration | David Skelton  |
| • Vice-Chair Operations     | Jame Engel     |
| • Secretary                 | Carolyn Griggs |

Sydney McLaughlin was named Youth Athlete of the Year for 2016. The seventeen year old's 54.14 performance in the 400 Meter Hurdles at the Olympic Trials was good enough to earn her a trip to Rio and set a new record for both Under-18 and Under-20. Her performance, along with the two other high school aged athletes with impressive performances at the trials, has helped to highlight all our youth athletes.

National Junior Olympic meet locations were confirmed and 2018 bids voted upon. Hershey indoor and outdoor meets are open for bid for both 2017 and 2018. These are the confirmed upcoming locations for 2017 and 2018 national meets:

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| • 2017 Hershey Indoor                  | OPEN for bid                     |
| • 2017 Track and Field Junior Olympics | Lawrence, Kansas                 |
| • 2017 Hershey Outdoor                 | OPEN for bid                     |
| • 2017 Cross Country Junior Olympics   | Tallahassee, Florida             |
| • 2017 Hershey Indoor                  | OPEN for bid                     |
| • 2018 Track and Field Junior Olympics | Greensboro, North Carolina       |
| • 2018 Hershey Outdoor                 | OPEN for bid                     |
| • 2018 Cross Country Junior Olympics   | <b>Reno, NV (PACIFIC Hosted)</b> |

In 2017, the USATF Level 2 education will be held in Nevada.

The closing ceremony was highly contentious. Though calm and orderly, the environment was highly charged and full of powerful statements and emotions. Other associations noticed and commented positively on the organization and collaboration displayed by the delegates of the Pacific Association.

Youth Vice Chair: Carl Bryant

I was able to attend opening and closing ceremonies.

I also attended several youth committee meetings. I must say that the best one I attended was the one titled " what could go wrong in field events ". I also had the chance to spend 40 minutes with Dan Bowdoin to talk about Athletic.net and actually set up my club meet for 2017.

I also spent time with representatives from Membership, Awards, Background and Safe sports. So in finalizing this report I would like to thank the board for funding me, beside the YEB drama I enjoyed the event. Please let me know if you need anything else. I will email and mail my receipts to Heike at the P. A. office.

Take care

Carl Bryant  
Youth Vice Chair