

2019 Annual USATF Convention USATF Pacific Reports

2019's USATF Convention was in the Pacific Association held at the Grand Sierra Hotel in Reno. There were close to 40 PA members attending. Being so close to home, this convention gave many the opportunity to explore and be involved in a USATF convention where there were close to 800-1000 who attended from all over the United States.

The officials made up over 350 attendees. They come to the USATF convention to receive the latest issues of safety, rule changes and for networking.

Each report in this document may be accessed by clicking on the red number in the information below.

Here are three reports from our Officials Representative and Delegates:

- 1) Dennis Boyle: representing Phil Leake as Officials Chair
- 2) Jim Hume: Certification Chair
- 3) John Shirey, inducted to the Officials Hall of Fame and the PA Official member at large

Youth Meetings were represented by Carl Bryant(4) with some overlapping between high school coach representative and youth, Cris Houston(5).

Jon Price, our Race Walk Chair provided us with a schedule of activities and competition in the Pacific Association in 2020 and more. This includes youth race walking as well.(6) We are also going to place Robyn Stevens report here even though she represented the Athletes Council, sat in LDR and Race Walking(7).

Moving to the reports from Open Track and Field and Masters Track and Field, we have Fred Baer, representing Open Track and Field and Trials (8) and Joseph Ols for Masters Track and Field(9). Please remember that the Pacific Association is hosting the 2021 National Masters Championship in Sacramento(Sac State).

Since the trials are this year, there are plenty of planning in the LDR for the Marathon Trials. Our reporters are: Andrew Crawford, Men's LDR(10), Angie Longworth, WLDR(11) and Tom Bernhard, Masters LDR(12)

In Adaptive Sports/Para-Athletics meeting, John Rembao was taking detailed notes on the activities(13)

The last two reports are from our top administrators from our Association, Charlotte Sneed, PA President(14), and USATF Association Chair, Coach Representative and Past President, Dave Shrock(15).

We want to say "Thank you" to all members of our association for a great growth year of from 6474 members in 2018 to 7418 in 2019. Let us know what more we can do for you.

Irene Herman, Delegation Chair and Membership Chair

Summary of the 2019 USATF Annual Meeting
By Dennis Boyle

It turned out to be an awesome task to take in the schedule of activities which were going to be presented at the USATF Convention and determine where I would fit in. Unlike our clinic schedules, this one was complex, to say the least! On top of that, this was my first ever USATF Annual Meeting in the 20 years that I have been an official.

So much of the sessions looked as though they were not intended for us. Most looked like committee work and I was not a member of any committee or subcommittee. I stopped Dave Shrock outside the Reno/Tahoe Convention Center. He was very helpful in telling us that we were welcome in most committee/subcommittee meetings, but stay to the sides of the room and listen to what was going on at the middle tables where the committee would hold its meeting. The first committee meeting was **Bob Springer's Equipment and Facilities** session. It turned out to be very interesting, especially with the presentation by Jay Johnson regarding his latest edition of his vaulting box.

I started to catch on and confirmed my schedule for the next three days and off I went.

The Opening Session was a very grandiose event. The Bowling Night Out was a great success and bonded us all to another sport other than Track and Field. The next day's meetings I chose to attend, after our **Association Meeting**, were filled mainly with the clinic sessions which always provide such great information for us to use on the Field and the Track. The Paralympic Session was an eye opener in regards to the adjustments that must be made to provide a quality experience for our Paralympic athletes. Finally, that day, I was off to a rousing **Clinic B, Referee Scenarios** which was nicely done and created a lot of ideas on solutions to meet situations.

In the evening, it was a joy to be with John Shirey at tables reserved for our Association to honor his induction into the **USATF Officials Hall of Fame**. It was a very nice affair. The group photo will be one to hold onto for our personal archives. I also thought that acknowledging the passing of officials and other members of the USATF was nicely done. There were some surprises for me.

The next day was a bit chaotic for me. **SafeSport Training** prevented me from getting a front row seat at the **Clinic D: Vertical Events Officiating**. It was totally over-subscribed! I got a front row seat at the next session **Clinic E: Throws Safety**. It was also over-subscribed! Looking back on the day, many of us wondered why so few clinics were offered and why the few that were scheduled, were done so that they overlapped. Maybe there was something there that made sense of it, but it wasn't evident to any of us who questioned the structuring of the clinics.

I did, over two days, attend the two **Officials' General Sessions** where we observed the business meeting of the NOC Committee. The NOC meeting was very receptive to observer questions which made it feel a bit more relaxed in its format. I liked that. The meeting impressed upon me the magnitude of the work that is completed each year by this Committee. I had not realized the extent of their work until attending this Annual Meeting. After the closing session on Sunday, I headed home.

Observations/suggestions: (1) It felt like family at the meeting – wonderful! Strangers didn't remain strangers for long; (2) Recognition programs were tasteful and respectful; (3) The Grand Sierra was a great place for the annual meeting; (4) The committee chairs must oversee that they have an adequate public address system. They must instruct their committee members to speak up; (5) Refreshments – beverage and snacks – would have been nice, especially since the sessions were so long; (6) When scheduling of sessions, clinics need to avoid overlap.

I appreciated being able to attend this year – it was after all in my backyard . . . almost. I am proud that I was able to serve as a delegate, as well, and am grateful for the financial support that the position provided. I am looking forward now to next year's Annual Meeting – with a bit more experience!

From: Jim Hume

To: Irene Herman

Subject: 2019 USATF Annual Meeting Report

- ✓ *2019 was a Law & Legislation year. While I did not attend any of their meetings, I heard of no significant changes.*
- ✓ *2019 was NOT a rules year, and no significant changes were made to the rules.*
- ✓ *There is talk of USATF raising their membership fees. I expect that to take effect with 2020. One is no longer able to sign-up for multiple years, but that is promised for 2020. There is no reliable information on the amount of the fee increase.*
- ✓ *Maintaining a current NCSI Background check is a given.*
- ✓ *The “new” SafeSport is only available on-line or at the USATF convention. If you take the training “on-line,” the USATF website membership files are NOT updated. If you receive the training at the convention, the membership file is updated in a day or three.*
- ✓ *USATF has a redesigned web site, but not all aspects of the web site have been redesigned, specifically the official’s part of the website.*
- ✓ *I spent most of my time trying to find information about the post-Olympic games ReCertification. While nothing is in stone, it appears that:*
 - *Apprentice, Association, National, and Master Level officials will take the same rules review, a review of the USATF book. At this point, the NOC leaders agree that since there were no significant rule changes in 2019 that the 2019 and the 2020 rule books will be acceptable for the rules review. There is still a discussion on how many questions will be on the review. The rules review will be available on-line or on paper. The Pacific Association will offer officials both choices.*
 - *In addition, Master Level officials, referees, combined event coordinators, implement inspectors, and other specialty certifications will have additional rules reviews/tests to take.*
 - *Race Walk will still have its own Rules Review.*
 - *Mention was made of a new official’s pin, this one in color, but nothing is written in stone yet.*
 - *Mention was made of a new Nike official’s polo shirt, this one red, but nothing is written in stone yet.*

Submitted,

Jim Hume

Report on Attendance at USATF Annual Meeting in Reno, NV
December 5-8, 2019
Submitted by
John F. Shirey

As a delegate to the USATF Annual Meeting representing the Pacific Association, my primary focus was on attending the sessions relating to officials. That included attendance at both National Officials Committee (NOC) general sessions on December 6 and 7. One of those sessions included a lengthy presentation about SafeSport.

Since I am the Chair of the NOC Evaluations Subcommittee, I also had the responsibility of presiding at the open Evaluations Subcommittee meeting on December 5 and to give a presentation at the NOC general session on December 6. A copy of the notes used at both sessions for my presentations summarizing the accomplishments of the Subcommittee in 2019 is attached to this report. I also wrote a report that is included in the NOC Annual Meeting Report which is available for anyone to read online. On December 7, I attended the Certification Chairs meeting to speak briefly about evaluations and to answer their questions.

One of the benefits of attending the Annual Meeting as an official is being able to attend training clinics. Clinics I participated in included one featuring various situations requiring judgement calls by officials and/or referees and one on safety precautions in throwing events.

Other sessions attended included the Opening General Session, the Pacific Association Delegate Meeting, the Night of Legends Banquet, and the Closing Session.

A highlight of the Annual Meeting for me personally was my induction in to the USATF Officials Hall of Fame with several friends and officials from the Pacific Association in attendance! I also received a NOC Chair's Award and was a finalist for the Horace Crowe Award for Outstanding Field Event Officiating.

2019 USATF NOC Annual Report Evaluations Subcommittee

- Evaluations were completed for eight major meets—two more than the year before. Those meets were the Youth Indoor and Outdoor championships, the U20 and Junior Olympics meets, the Masters Indoor and Outdoor championships, and the Senior Indoor and Outdoor championships.
- About 545 evaluations were completed on 400 individual crew members for seven meets by 78 chief officials. Another 86 evaluations were completed for chief officials by 74 crew members (50 individual chief officials), and 46 evaluations were completed for chief officials by 13 referees (42 individual chief officials).
- The grand total of 677 evaluations completed for the season represented a 50% increase over the year before.
- Another change made this season is that when crew sizes are more than three officials, two officials are now asked to evaluate their chief official. Referees are asked to evaluate chief officials they supervise at a meet.
- The evaluation instruments were edited and reformatted with a few questions deleted and others reworded for clarification and elimination of problematic language.
- Rubrics, or definitions, were added to the answer choices for all rating factors to bring about better uniformity and consistency in responses by raters. We think this reduced the number of disputes.
- The overall recommendation made in the evaluation that is sent to the NOC Selection Committee was simplified.
- Comments are no longer required (but still encouraged) for every rating factor, but comments are required for the overall recommendation made in the evaluation and when a lower rating is given on a rating factor.
- Guidelines for chief officials in communicating expectations to their crew members before a meet were developed and will be distributed for all meets during the 2020 season.
- A system of PIN numbers was developed so that each official receiving an evaluation could use that personalized number to access his/her evaluation online shortly after it was completed by the rater and posted. This system helps assure privacy of the

information. Officials are now notified automatically when their evaluations are available online.

- The disputes process was changed to clarify that only the recommendation to the NOC Selection Committee made in an evaluation could be formally disputed.
- 10 cases of disagreements over evaluations, which is only 1.5% of all evaluations conducted. 6 of those cases resulted in formal disputes being filed. In one case, the dispute was dropped. In another case, agreement was reached between the parties and a revised evaluation was filed. The other four cases ended in no agreement being reached, and rebuttals were filed along with the original evaluations.
- On the recommendation of the Subcommittee, the NOC has adopted a policy of retaining evaluations for officials for three years to coincide with the period of time meet experience is submitted for application to work major national meets.
- Kudos to Mark Heckel for his long hours of work and dedication to the organization. As a backup to Mark, one member of the Evaluations Subcommittee, Dick Boyd, has been trained by Mark and now assists in the processing of evaluations.

Problems were encountered in 2019 that need to be addressed, as follows:

- The lists of officials assigned to specific meets were not always provided timely so that email notifications could be made in advance to crew members, chief officials, and referees assigned to do evaluations. (This was not an issue with the major meets assigned by the NOC.) Assignment lists did not always include email addresses and 10-digit USATF membership numbers for all officials.
- Last-minute reassignment of officials to other positions at meets presented confusion when those reassigned officials had already been given specific evaluation responsibilities.
- Like the last point, problems occurred when officials who had been given specific evaluation responsibilities prior to a meet were, for whatever reasons, not able to work at that meet. Their responsibilities often did not get reassigned to their replacements.

This year's Evaluations Subcommittee was comprised of Dick Boyd, Ron Clarke, Carolyn Hill, Patty Mitchell, and Mike Trego.

We need to always keep in mind that the purpose of the evaluations program is to improve the quality of officials and officiating across the country—not to penalize officials or to create more work for chief officials, referees, or officials.

Youth Chair Report: Carl Bryant:

Overall the Annual Meeting was a positive experience for me. I developed a better understanding of the mission of USATF regarding the youth.

I have better understanding of my position as Youth Chair and a clearer picture of responsibilities of the positions in the chain of command. I came away with some ideas how to better recognize our youth athletes for their accomplishments.

I had an opportunity to develop some camaraderie with other new Youth Chairs as well as with members of the youth executive board. The one on one time with Kim ([Athletic.net](#)) was very helpful. I learned more regarding advancement rules.

Friday 12/6/19 There was a bit of unclear communication regarding clearing the air about some things that were never addressed by the C.E.O. or the President. I think it's ridiculous to have to take a refresher for Safe Sports every year (every 2 years would okay).

Youth General Sessions: Thankful for the opportunity to attend and represent the Pacific Association. I nominated our Association for the Bill Hargrove Award (New Mexico won).

2019 USATF Annual Meeting Report

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Youth

As a first time attendee of the USATF National Meeting, I am without frame of reference for prior meetings, however based on my vicarious experiences I was pleasantly surprised at the pleasant, orderly discourse of the national proceedings. The GSR venue in Reno was conveniently located within the PA. The weather cooperated (relatively), at least for those traveling from the PA. Travel from many other parts of the US were difficult with many arriving late. I spoke with a delegate Friday morning, just arriving from New England, who had been scheduled to arrive in Reno on Wednesday evening, almost 36 hours behind schedule.

Initially, I was disappointed that the “Youth Workshop” had been condensed into the schedule of the Annual Meeting. After attending the first day, I had a different view and would have been disappointed to have spent an extra day in Reno to attend. The format for day-one of the Youth Workshop is included in the [YOUTH WORKSHOP PRESENTATION](#). A majority of the time was used to detail the roles and responsibilities of youth administrators at the association level, regional coordinators, zone representatives and the YEC (Youth Executive Committee). From the discourse, it became plainly apparent that these roles and responsibilities were being repeated because far too many youth administrators are either ignorant or defiant of procedures in place to ensure fair competition and representation within the Youth Division.

While it is important this educational process take place, the annual meeting may not be a proper venue. This information is readily available in the [Youth Program Training and Development Manual](#).

The YEC also focused on the “chain-of-command” which has been implemented to deal with often contentious youth issues. It is clear that when issues arise, many don't know the chain of command and quickly refer the issue to the YEC without invoking the resolution process. For youth issues, the chain of command is:

ASSOCIATION ISSUE → Association Youth Chair → Regional Coordinator → Zone Representative → YEC

This chain-of-command should be used for all waivers for Junior Olympic Events, with the YEC having exclusive authority over entry waivers in to Junior Olympic competition. The experiences of the PA are not unique with other associations/regions having had athletes waived into JO competitions through an improper process. At regional meets, athletes have had bogus results entered to tie them for 5th place which allows them to qualify, without displacing another athlete. The PA experienced this issue in 2018.

One of the highlights of the Youth Committee meetings, was the presentation by keynote speaker, Dr. Willie L. Williams. His presentation was centered on his book: [“Building Concrete Bridges for Youth”](#) which highlights his development of the Distinguished Young Gentlemen of America youth mentoring program. His presentation was an effective effort to focus those in attendance on their purpose in their positions: mentoring and empowering youth to become the best they can be and in turn ensuring the future viability of the sport.

Documents provided at the Youth Workshop, were also given to participants on a key stick which is available at the link below:

[YOUTH KEYSTICK DOCUMENTS](#)

REPORT from the 2019 USATF Annual Meeting

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As the PA-USATF Race Walking Committee Chair and Delegate, I attended all the national Race Walking Committee meetings during the annual meeting December 5 - December 8 in Reno, as well as the following meetings: Youth Administrators Workshop (Thursday morning and part of Friday afternoon), Law & Legislation Committee (Thursday afternoon), Opening General Session (Thursday evening), Pacific Association Caucus (Friday morning), Officials General Session (Friday morning until the Race Walking session started), Officials Referee Scenarios (Friday afternoon), Officials Hall of Fame Banquet (Friday evening), Awards Breakfast (Saturday morning), Youth (briefly Saturday morning), Officials Throws Safety (Saturday afternoon), 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. **Key dates are highlighted in yellow.**

Pacific Association Race Walkers received national awards at this year's annual meeting. Robyn Stevens won the Women's Master Race Walker of the Year title and came in third in the Open Grand Prix for Women's Race Walking and third in the Women's Masters. Karen Stoyanowski won the Women's 60-64 Masters Age Group. Mark Green's Race-Walk Team, Pegasus, tied for first place among the Men's Teams. Congratulations!

The USATF rules were changed such that the name of the Pit Lane is now the Penalty Zone, following the same change in World Athletics (formerly IAAF) rules.

The Site Selection Subcommittee of the National Race Walk Committee received no bids for races in 2020 or beyond. Discussion by email and text during the meeting is leading to a potential bid to make the **Pacific Association's 10-kilometer Race Walk Grand Prix** a National event. Robyn Stevens, Jon Price, and Joe Berendt will work with Dave Shrock, Irene Herman, and Charlotte Sneed on completing the lengthy application for this to happen. The likely date is **Sunday, September 27, 2020.**

Robyn will also work with individuals involved with organizing the San Jose Turkey Trot about adding a 5-kilometer road race walk to the elite races at that event on Thursday, November 26, 2020 as a USATF National event.

Carl Bryant provided the following dates for Pacific Association and related Youth meets that include race walks:

May 23-24, Memorial Day Weekend (race walks likely on **Saturday, May 23**) – **Youth meet in Riverbank (Modesto area).** This could also be the date for the Pacific Association 3,000-meter

separate women's and men's Grand Prix Race Walks, pending approval by the board that oversees this meet. The 15-16 and 17-18 aged youth would walk in the open events, followed by younger girls and boys in a combined 1,500-meter race walk. During warmups for the 3,000-meter race walks there would also be a clinic for youth race walkers.

[In other discussions it was stated that the Pacific Association Open and Masters Track and Field Championships, with which we normally have the Pacific Association 5,000-meter combined women's and men's Grand Prix Race Walk, will likely be on Sunday, May 31, at the College of San Mateo.]

June 6-7 (race walks likely on Saturday, June 6) – Shor-Sheppard Youth meet, location TBD, probably in either the Sacramento or Bay Area

June 13-14, Pacific Association Youth Championship (race walks likely on Saturday, June 13) – Beth and Jon Price will miss this one, because they were selected to be part of the race-walk judging and umpiring crews at the National U20 meet, likely in Florida at that time.

June 26-28 (race walks likely on Saturday, June 27) – the same day as the 20K Olympic Trials in Oregon - Pacific Association Junior Olympics Top 8 Qualifier, perhaps at Modesto Junior College.

July 9-12 (race walks likely on Saturday, July 11) – USATF Region 14 Junior Olympics Top 5 Qualifier (at location within the USATF Central California area) for the USATF National Junior Olympics on July 27-August 2 in Jacksonville, Florida.

To the extent possible, the Pacific Association is trying to avoid conflicts with events at which our race walkers plan to participate. For the elite athletes, Robyn Stevens has indicated the following dates for the athletes to possibly get times that will help them qualify to compete in the Olympic Trials on June 27 or the Olympics on August 6 and 7 in Japan:

March 21,

March 29 (USATF 20-km World Cup Trials and USATF 20-km National Masters, Whiting, New Jersey),

April 4,

May 2/3 (World Cup Team Race, Minsk, Belarus),

May 16, and

May 30. (The conflict with the Pacific Association's Open & Masters track meet on May 31 is unavoidable.)

Other dates of note include:

USATF 50-km Championship, Saturday, January 25, 2019, Santee, California

PA-USATF 1-mile Grand Prix Championship (separate women's and men's races), Saturday, February 22, 2020, University of California, Berkeley

Huntsman World Senior Games, October 12-14, 2020, St. George, UT

2019 USATF Annual Meeting Report - Robyn Stevens

I sat in on a couple LDR meetings and all of the AAC meetings.

In the AAC meetings we discussed the future of athlete unionization and resources currently available to athletes such as Athlete Biz. The National Office came in and spoke about Tokyo and the qualification system — Marathon and the Race Walks are supposed to be in Sapporo but USATF staff informed us that the organizing committee has not yet finalized information for the satellite village in Sapporo or transportation for athletes and family between Sapporo and Tokyo. Most likely family will have to take care of themselves. Athletes also discussed issues related to, and are protesting, Diamond League events being removed.

While attending the LDR meetings and also from what I know is going on in Race Walk division of LDR I learned that due to the new SafeSport requirement of ALL helping staff and volunteers needing to be SafeSport certified along with the athletes and coaches involved has created some complications with getting bids on hosting our various National Championships. LDR are able to get some corporations to sponsor National Championship distances but they are still in need of a 15km and ½ marathon through 2024. Easier if can get bids for multiple years. Race Walk is in need of a host for the following: 5km, 10km, 15km, 20km after 2020, 30km, 35km after 2020 (replaces the 50km), 40km, and 1-Hour.

Race Walk specific with collaboration with our LDR committees:

- 5km and 10km — I approached our Pacific Association Chair of Race Walk, Jon Price, about placing a bid for our 10km Pacific Association race that is usually hosted in Carmichael during the October or September months as a simultaneous National Championship and Western Region Championship. We've also discussed ideas—with help from our LDR Pacific Association Chair, Andy Crawford—for bringing more of the National Championships to the West Coast for Race Walk (due to how expensive it is for our nation's most elite athletes to even be able to attend our own National Championships outside of our big three: 50km, Indoor 3,000m, and 20km, which typically are the only races that provide travel funding and prize purse—BECAUSE there is no or not enough funding made available for our elite race walkers.
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- An idea for bringing the 5km National Championships to the West Coast and even a road 10km for multi-year bids is to host it alongside the Silicon Valley Turkey Trot. For years Carlsbad would do something similar when Jefferson Perez was competing. What we would do is have the race walk in a separate corral divided by a barrier alongside the runner's course so that runners and race walkers are on our own course (to meet the course regulations for race walk... which can't be more than a 2km loop). Alternatively, we simply start our race before or after the runners race. Further discussion to be had, and follow up, with the help of Andy Crawford and Jon Price who are both on board to see about making this possible and happen. By working with the LDR race schedule we can attract more funding for the race walks simultaneously and deepen a field of

interest in the discipline of race walk—the idea and goal being that more runners would be familiar with doing both and having both more accessible for increasing their athletic strengths and resume for making Olympic and National teams.

Due to the bidding process being extensive and a \$500 non-refundable deposit, Jon Price, Irene Herman and I agree that bidding for multiple years beginning in 2021 is more reasonable option for our Association. Tim Seaman will most likely be hosting a 10km National Championship on the track during 2020 anyway. Note, however, it's been rumored that the deposit can be waived (and has been in the past).

- 30km because we're not sure Gary Westerfield of Long Island will continue to host the event
- 35km will likely replace the 50km post 2020, so, we need bids for 2021-2024+
- 40km
- 1-Hour
- For 2021-on we need bids for 20km

For Race Walk we need a better point system for the National Grand Prix so that end of year awarding of Grand Prix actually makes sense and truly reflects the order of our top athletes. Nick Christie's idea is for 1st place to worth more. For example 1st thru 3rd place needs to be a point system more like 10-8-6 (minimum) instead of 10-9-8 because this current point system de-values 1st place.

We also need to address our committee not being as in tune to their athletes overall standings on the World Ranking platform. Another issue being discussed is having too easy of qualifying standards for our Olympic Trials, which de-values our discipline and sport. For example, the top 7 women in the USA are faster than our 5th ranked guy this year, yet, women not allowed to compete in the Olympic Trials whereas Men who are hours slower than our Nationally and Internationally ranked women will get to compete in Olympic Trials by drop-down (to fill the field) because there are not enough men under the Standard—Too clarify, our current top 7 women are all under the Men's Olympic Trials Standard of 5:15:00. Meanwhile, only 5 men are under the OT standard.

Another topic discussed for Race Walk is the Pan Am Cup Trials, which will be on March 28th — Protecting our previous year's champions and an auto-qualifying system for the first couple of spots for Team selection. This will probably not be implemented for the 2020 Cup Trials but it is something in discussion for post-2020 Cup and World Team Trials due to a misunderstanding of the system (wording).

Confirmed 2020 dates for Race Walk National Championships are:

- 25 January - 50km Olympic Trials, Santee CA. Open 20km,10km and International field or races are available at a separate start-time than the Trials race.
- 8 February - Millrose 1-Mile National Championship, New York at The Amory
- 14-15 February - 3,000m Indoor National Championships, Albuquerque, New Mexico

- 28 March - 20km World Cup Trails, Whitting, New Jersey
- 2-3 May - World Team Championships, Minsk, Belarus
- 28 Jun - 20km Olympic Trials, Springfield, Oregon

....in the future I'd like to get our USATF Race Walk committee more familiar with (and in tune with) our World Athletics (IAAF) World Challenge schedule because currently and in the past our 20km Nationals have regularly been hosted during the the Taicang World Athletics Challenge where our most elite American Race Walkers can obtain a lot of points for world ranking as well as give us an opportunity to compete with faster competition to encourage more personal bests and records.

I am working with Jon Price on our Pacific Association Race Walk Gran Prix schedule.

2019 USATF ANNUAL MEETING, RENO, NEVADA – Report by Fred Baer

TRACK & FIELD (Men's and Women's Committees)

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Concern: AAU has been taking away our youth members since they do not require SAFESPORT or background checks for coaches.

Notes & concerns about proposals to raise USATF dues.

Willie Banks, new USATF IAAF Council Rep / notes IAAF name change to World Athletics:

A new World Championship assessment team has been created.

There will be an assessment group for out of stadium events.

Diamond League has made changes.

They have eliminated one event from each event group from the streamlined DL meets for 2020:

Sprints: 200 meters; Jumps: Triple Jump (Willie's event); Throws: Discus Throw; Distance: Steeplechase.

Willie is not happy about the elimination of the popular triple jump from the 90-minute TV window.

World Athletics (IAAF) has only 25 per cent of the vote in the Diamond League structure.

There will also be ten meets on the GOLD level of the Continental Tour. Nine are currently set.

A tenth meet is planned for the USA, possibly in California.

There will also be Silver and Bronze level meets.

Each level has a total prize money minimum: Gold: \$200K; Silver \$75K; Bronze: \$25K,

--They would like to develop a tour in the NACAC Region.

The 2023 World Athletics Championships will be in Budapest, Aug. 26-Sept. 3.

Mike Riley/Tracktown reported on 2020 U.S. Olympic Trials.

The new stadium in Eugene will open May 16 with the Pac-12 Conference Championships.

Recap of 2019 major meets (with reporters at respective men's & committee meetings:

IAAF World Championships, Doha, Qatar (reports by Ken Brauman & Bonnie Edmondson)

Pan Am Games, Peru (reports by John Green & LaTanya Sheffield); The next PAG (2023) is planned for Chile.

PAG U20 championships held in San Jose, Costa Rica (reports by Kim Dismuke, Central Ariz. CC, & Pam Spencer Marquez)
USA vs. Europe, Minsk, Belarus (report by Wendy Truvillian & Dena Evans) -
- meet came off well; US took 4 athletes per event.
IAAF World Relays, Yokohama, Japan (report by Linda Lanker, Spokane CC,
at both meetings)
Thorpe Cup (report by John Turek)
NACAD U23 (report by Ester Gabriel)

Timeline for 2020 International Competitions:

World Indoor Championships, March 13-15, Nanjing, China
World U20 (Junior) Championships, July 7-12, Nairobi, Kenya
Thorpe Cup (USA vs. Germany multis) probably mid-July in Knoxville.
NACAC Championship dates & locations, t.b.a. (probably end of August).
Olympic Games, Tokyo, Japan:
 July 22, Training Camps opens, Narita, Japan
 July 24, OG Opening Ceremonies
 July 27, USATF Personal Coaches Housing opens
 July 31, OG T&F Competition begins / Ends August 9.

Duffy Mahoney, High Performance:

USA will now have its own athletic trainers at training centers/areas in Chula Vista, College Station, and Orlando.

Olympic Games are early. USA must submit entries by June 28. June 29 will be the last IAAF rankings update – USA could gain additional entries.

JUNIOR & HIGH SCHOOL FOCUS GROUP (of M & W Track & Field):

Athlete eligibility for World U20 Championships: Must be age 16 by first day of competition; cannot turn 20 in same year.

USATF Junior Nationals will probably be June 18-19 at site tba.

That would overlap with first day of U.S. Olympic Trials

World U20 (Juniors) start July 7 in Nairobi, Kenya

High School Reports by National H.S. Senate & Jim Spier on high schools/
National Scholastic Sports Federation..

Report by Fred Baer on U.S. community and junior colleges

More information available on:

U.S. COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRACK COACHES ASSOCIATION meetings on
Thursday and Saturday, chaired by Fred Baer

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From Joseph Ols,

I attended the opening and closing meetings, and all of all of the MTF meetings in between (incl the joint MTF / LDR meeting), plus the MTF Exec Committee meeting beforehand.

- Thurs 10am - 1pm MTF Exec Committee
- Thurs 1 - 2:30pm Private 1-on-one lunch with my friend, age-group Decathlon competitor, new USATF Board Member Dolf Berle
- Thurs 2:30 - 3:30pm MTF Anti Doping
- Thurs 5 - 7pm General Session
- Thurs 7 - 8pm Welcome Reception
- Thurs 9 - 11pm USATF Bowling Tournament
 - Won 3rd place, Co-ed, with PA teammate Stephanie Trafton
- Fri 7 - 8am Pacific Assoc Meeting
- Fri 8 - 11am MTF General Session
- Fri 11 - 12:30pm MTF Anti Doping
- Fri 5 - 6pm MTF Western Region Meeting
- Fri 6 - 9pm Safesport Training Course
- Sat 7:30 - 9am Awards Breakfast
- Sat 10 - 1pm MTF General Session Meeting
- Sat 2 - 4pm MTF/LDR Joint Session
- Sat 4 - 6pm MTF Exec Meeting
- Sun 8 - 10am Closing Session

I actively listened all meetings, paying attention at all times, and often actively participated with comments, questions and insights.

Joseph Ols

Chairman – MTF PA USATF

Liaison Corporate T&F – MTF USATF

USATF Annual Meeting

5 - 8 December 2019

Men's LDR Report

Andy Crawford

Law & Legislation

- Proposal on the table to add another athlete to the USATF board
- Confidentiality issue has been tabled
- Athletes being sent to Annual Meeting should be actively engaged
- Active Athlete meaning proposal: change from "engaged" to "competing"

Substance Abuse

- SF Bay Area Cyclist was posting workouts on Strava. Someone noticed they were abnormally good. He got investigated and arrested for PEDs.
- Salazar case: Having a coaching staff member using PEDs (non-athlete); having PEDs on site at a training facility; testing non-athletes for detectability limits. These are all additional 'gotchas' that athletes and others should be aware of.
- Testing is expensive; the costs are covered from somewhere (prize money, entry fees, etc. are all negatively effected).
- CBD: World Anti-Doping Agency removed Cannabidiols from prohibited list in Sept 2017. USADA clarifies that all natural and synthetic cannabidiols, THC, and cannabinoids that mimic the effects of THC are prohibited in-competition.
- USADA clarification: "While cannabidiol (CBD) is not prohibited, athletes should be extremely cautious because it's nearly impossible to obtain pure CBD extract or oil from the cannabis plant. Anyone who buys a CBD oil, extract, or other CBD product should assume that it is a mixture of CBD and other prohibited cannabinoids."
- Runner's High: Not only endorphins but also in part due to anandamide. Anandamide is almost identical to THC.
- Vaping warning: FACT - The oils produced while vaping stay in one's lungs FOREVER and CANNOT BE REMOVED.
- Sales pitch from PRRO Allied Membership to support clean sport at smaller events

Olympic Qualifying Procedures

- IAAF did accept Gold Label for US OTQ Marathon, so it will be the first 3 across the line that go to the Olympics.
- 220 Men and 424 Women have qualified and registered for the OTQ Marathon as of today. Many more to come after CIM and Houston. This is already more women alone than M+W combined from last time.
- Due to increase in participation, the course in Atlanta has been adjusted.
- \$315 for airfare and double occupancy hotel for 3 nights, or can do single occupancy without airfare. This is for ALL qualifiers (no "A" and "B").
- atlanta2020trails@atlantatrackclub.com NOW is the time to ask questions; they have the bandwidth NOW (not later, closer to the event). website: atlanta2020trials.com

2020 Olympic Marathon is moved to Sapporo (potentially)

Collegiate Running Opportunities

- collegiaterunning.org
- Races and prize money for college students
- Eligibility rules changes in 2013 to allow for prize money acceptance; more specific details on the website

Shoes/Technology

- IAAF was going to ban the Vaporfly shoe a few yrs ago, but did not
- The present rule is probably going to be proposed to be changed.
- Rule says "The type of shoe must be readily available". It does not say any specific shoe, so therefore if a similar type of shoe from another manufacturer is readily available, then the shoe is question is fine.
- IAAF/World Athletics is trying to have some specific attributes that are regulated.
- How to regulate? At ALL levels: age-group, etc. We should never write a rule that we can't enforce!
- Lots of discussion about how to manage this, and if USATF should regulate/limit shoe technology at this point in time: is this the "breaking point" where we need to do this?

Female Athlete Health (Mental Health/Pyschological Health)

- Education - educate coaches on what's helpful and not; educate athletes on what's acceptable and not; educate on the actual information and how to communicate it properly.
- USATF Level II coaching certification course is incorporating this into the curriculum. Investigating adding it to Level I certification course in some manner, too.
- Youth and T&F is addressing this more than LDR.

MUT

- Rules: IAAF reworded some Mountain and Trail rules, and are reorganizing the MUT rules structure
- Jean Pommier (Pacific Asssoc.) proposed to change the word "measured" to the word "determined" as MUT races are not accurately measured
- Allowing Pacers now, so no need for the safety runner rule, so proposing to delete that section

The proposal to remove 20k, 25k, and 30k from track record eligible distances was rejected. Those distances will remain record eligible.

Men's LDR

- Idea: Every person that signs a waiver at a USATF sanctioned race automatically becomes a USATF member (or "member") (for free, at some level), and then we have their info to market to, etc. Also, USATF can say we have XXXXXX members, which will help us garner monetary support from National sponsors. The value to the new members is community, being a part of it all, and information - it's not a tangible tschotzi - but that's not what people want any more (maybe?). One challenge for USATF membership is that lay people think they can't be part of USATF, or that USATF is only for fast/olympic people. This would totally change that mindset!

- 2020: Drake 1mi - 4 yr bid accepted; 20k; 25k Grand Rapids
- 2020: no 10k bids; no 12k bids
- Blake Bolton will be World Half Marathon team leader

XC

- 2019 Club XC Nationals: As of Dec 7 morning: 691 entries for open men (76 teams), 453 open women, 498 masters men 40+, 272 masters men 60+, 371 masters women; total 2215
- 2020 Oct 18 Masters 5k XC Championship at Franklin Park in Boston
- 2020 Dec 12 Club XC Championships at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco
- Joint Sub-Committee to select Club XC Championship site. 3 from club, 3 from XC. Rank 17 different variables.
- 2021 Club XC Championships bids from Bend, Lexington, and Tallahassee. Tallahassee selected. Bend was going to change venues, but didn't have contract in place with new venue in time. Bend was interesting, and encouraged to bid again. Tallahassee course is a dedicated xc course: roll course morning of race, building a permanent amphitheater and a permanent finish line. Great XC course.
- Request for separate XC Masters budget line: to get another sub-committee person added, and to get drug testing funding.
- Creating a "Best Practices" document for developing a XC course
- If anyone wants to help with Masters XC, send email to crosscountry@usatf.org. Preferably someone younger (40's...).
- We need younger applicants for coaching nationals teams. Preferably those with experience being on a national team, etc. There is a coach's application on the cross country page on the new USATF website. It's actually under "disciplines."
- Elite athletes want a true XC series (at the National level). Andy Crawford will work with this sub-committee, and most likely PA XC Championships will be on this 3-4 race series. Need support for athletes (prize money, accommodations, transportation).

Ideas to Bring Home to PA:

- Have RR members vote on "RGP Race of the Year" and give the race a plaque
- Have PA XC Champs do the PRRO clean sport thing
- National Championship Races in the PA....which races want to host?
- Put name in hat for World Team leader maybe
- 10k Championship....what's it take to host? Opportunity for west coast/PA
- Follow up with Will and Garret about Will's membership idea
- Follow up with Deena and Garret about National Elite XC Series

Women Joint LDR Meeting

- I. WLDR Awards Process : David Katz and Sara Hall for service and running.
- II. 2019 Championship Review
 - a. 9 championships, 1 more than men. Can review on line if you want to see the list and winners.
- III. 2020 Championship bids
 - a. Will have NYC 5k, gabe river 15k, TCM 10 miler, 20k in new haven, ATL OT Marathon, maybe a 7 mile and/ or 12 k, half marathon will be had in 2021.
- IV. Olympic Marathon Trials Update:
 - a. Biweekly calls with ATL, tweaked course to make it more runner friendly
 - b. Have 600-700 people running the race!!!!
 - c. Water bottle tables is the biggest challenge, probably ½ mile long!
 - d. IAAF (for next quadrennial) is still looking at keeping the top 3 work ranked athletes to the Olympics (vs our Olympic trials... boo). This means that we won't have OT marathon, it will just be who runs the big races in Europe and Asia. Boo.
 - e. Once the OT winners are determined, they will go to eugene for training. (Didn't get the whole details on this).
- V. AAC Update
- VI. Shoe controversy : David Katz IAAF has a separate committee to review what is acceptable for shoes. IAAF has changed their name to World Athletic Association.
- VII. Female athletes / Coach relationships: Mary Caine story.
 - a. Executive meeting discussed this in depth on Wednesday.
 - b. What can we do as an organization attach this issue, of psychological abuse of athletes, etc. How can we educate the coaches? How can we educate the athletes as to what to expect and what is reasonable to expect being treated.
 - c. Train staff to determine what is too thin, how is it thin healthy or thin sick.
 - d. How to deal with coaches who abuse their athletes. Grievance element is critical.
- VIII. 2020 World Half Team Selection
 - a. This committee selects team for world half marathon that is held every 2 years. Offer 20k championships, top 3 are given the chance to world marathon championship. And then go to other sanctioned events. Using distances of 20-25k to select.
- IX. Records Update :
 - a. 16 records are ready to ratified (Women) we approved
 - b. 20k, 25k, 30k are being taking off the record on the track. Master's want to keep it as T&F record event.
 - c. World Athletics didn't have 5k road as a record until last year. So WR is slower right now than the American record. May have a situation where WR could be help on American soil, but not be the AR.
 - d. Some other discussion about 50k on track and some other gibber gabber.
- X. Rules and Regulations L & L
 - a. IAAF council vote is tabled (who can vote)
 - b. Active Athlete- what the definition is is tabled as well
 - c. Proposals for president and chair of the board- these have been tabled.
 - d. Board isn't getting materials early enough to review before the board meetings.
 - e. Also talk of adding a committee (investment committee,
 - f. Approved to increase athlete board members to 33%
 - g. Athletes who file grievance want to have their legal fees paid by USATF, this created suggestion to amendment to wording to some of the guidelines about paying fees, etc.
- XI. Other Reports

- a. Diversity and Leadership- how to empower diversity.
- XII. New Business
 - a. Trying to build a better relationship with some of these large road races to promote bringing the elites/ championships to their town.

OT Marathon gold level status update. Lots of work went into making this happen.

Guaranteed that we will have the first 3 people across the line will be going to the Olympic. 220 m, 424 women running. Still have CIM and Houston qualifiers.

Change 4 loop to 3 loop 8 mile loop with final 2 miles out and back. This will help with lapping and the narrow turnaround. Runner's will have fluids every 2 miles on the course. 2,6 will be personal, 4 and 8 will be general fluids. Atlanta TC is marketing as Americas' marathon. Have a citizens marathon, 5k, and half marathon the following day. Will have local watch parties for all of the businesses that are on the course. Have a "start-team", each member of the staff are assigned to the athletes to keep in constant contact. \$315 air, 3 nights double occupancy room. Or decline the flight and keep a single room.

Atlanta2020Trials@atlantatrackclub.org.

Most logistically challenging fluids station drop off that we have had to work through.

PRRO Allied Member- an effort to clean up the sport and do more drug testing at events. When your race joins, then you are in the pool of races that may have drug testing done, pre-competition testing of the athletes that are selected. Scan and attach the PRRO Allied member document.

College Student LDR Championships: Trails, Roads, XC, etc. collegiaterunning.org is the association. For someone who has expended their eligibility, or who is in a community college, etc. Div 1 has changed \$\$ acceptance eligibility to their athletes for off season prize money. (this was in 2013 that the rules was changed).

Women's Psychological Health- was brought up in the Women's executive meeting.

How to communicate to athletes in a productive way. Add this to the Level 1 Coaching Certification. Level 2 has it already.

Review with athletes what is acceptable communication from their coaches.

Eating Disorders are a mental health issue.

Have an avenue to report abuse.

How are the associations addressing these issues? Strategic planning exercise. Strategy hasn't been addressing the grass roots issues such as these.

Women's LDR: Session II

Looking for more Championship races for the 2020 season. Looking for a 10k and a variety of other races.

\$20,000 minimum purse, would really want to see \$40k. also support with rooms, and some travel stipend (up to 10 deep).

US senate is passing a law that will give the US the right to sue an athlete if they are caught doping. (if a country brings athlete over to us soil and that athlete is doping and wins \$\$). Gives a way to be less powerless against state sponsored doping. This allows USADA ability to test foreign athletes that train on US soil.

Masters LDR Committee

The Exec. is working on a new prize money requirement for USATF Masters Road Championships. Our current requirement of \$10,000, is deterring many events for bidding as they see no way of recouping the funds as a typical championship has less than 200 entrants. Three events from 2019, the 5K, 8K and 15K will not be on the schedule for 2020. However, we have received a multi-year bid for a 12K starting in 2020 and a bid for a Mile race starting in 2021. Max informed the Committee, that he has secured some new Masters sponsorships that hopefully will allow us to subsidize the prize purse in the future.

Paul Carlin and I are in the process of taking over the process of determining future age-grading standards for road races starting in 2020. Using Ken Young's ARRS Single Age Records and my own database, I have already compiled all the raw data needed to revise the standards. We hope to release the standards within the next couple of months.

Rules Committee

As this was an L&L year, most of the work done by the Committee was assessing and integrating the new World Athletics (IAAF) Competition Rules into the USATF Rules. The only issue of interest was related to WA no longer recognizing Track LDR records from 20,000m - 30,000m (Item 58). As the Masters LDR rep to the Committee I strongly opposed USATF complying with this new rule. The Committee agreed and the rule was rejected.

Masters LDR Divisional Road Runners of the Year

	Female	Male
40-44	Roberta Groner	Abdi Abdirahman
45-49	Deena Kastor	Kevin Castille
50-54	Fiona Bayly	Sean Wade
55-59	Marisa Sutera Strange	Nat Larson
60-64	Joan Samuelson	Roger Sayre
65-69	Suzanne Ray	John Barbour
70-74	Jeannie Rice	Gene Dykes
75-79	Jan Holmquist	Doug Goodhue
80-84	Libby James	Harry Carter
85-89	Katherine Beiers	George Hirsch
	Paul Spangler Award winners	
90-94	Betty Lindberg	Nathaniel Finestone

Masters LDR Overall Road Runners of the Year

Female	Male
Jeannie Rice	Sean Wade

Masters Hall of Fame - LDR

Actives	Edie Stevenson Sean Wade
Legends	Dave Oja Paul Aufdemberge

Otto Essig Award Winner
(For Meritorious Service to Masters LDR)
Doug Goodhue

12.06.19 - 11:00 AM to 12:50 PM

Written By John Rembao

Testimonial about how one high school worked with their school to get resources.

The school created a team of people who care about students with physical and mental challenges and are determined to tackle problems:

Transportation: got a van dedicated to para-athlete - school provided one

Equipment: team borrowed a wheelchair from para organization

Coaching: individual already coaching track and student to his throws group

Coach: Treated the student as an athlete. Got members of the team to support the student.

Counselor: supported the student and coaching staff

Engaged administration by showing how being a part of sport would help the student

CAF grants <https://www.challengedathletes.org/>

Coaches education material is available. Online course training modifications for para-athletes.
\$25

NFHS has materials as well.

Year in Review (USATF opening ceremonies video) did not include many para-athletes.

An event announced last year, people thought it was a national championship for para-athletes.

No one heard of the event and it was not approved because they were trying to piggyback on another championship. It needs to be a separate event.

Young man, Joel Gomez, in San Diego, visually impaired 4:03 miler, 15 years old, one 400m at state meet (1 Joel Gomez 10 Canyon Cr. Acad. 53.37), a silver medal at Para Pan-Americans.

Also a musician "running blind" on youtube.

Male junior para-athlete of the year.

Coaches award to: former director of high performance - Cathy Sellers (is now consulting)

Catherine Sellers, sellers10@live.com, 719.235.1686, 530 Red Cliff Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 (GREAT CONTACT FOR SOLVING PARA CHALLENGES)

Three people at USATF who support para at the National Office

There are only 15 association para chairs out of 57 associations

Discussion about creating subcommittees in:

Officials Certifications process -

Coaches education -

Robin at the national office. Richie suggested that Robin strongly opposed to any changes to the rule book. Robin spoke: Advocated for 20 years for youth para-athletes are included. Robin indicated that USATF is not the governing body for para-athletics. ParaUSA is in power and wants to control the situation. Hosted two para championships. Para Olympic committee - USOC or USOPC is in control. Help Robin and the office to take the battle to USOC To USOPC. Also encouraged para to take a focused positive approach to solving the inclusion issue. Collectively make some strides together. Cathy Sellers speaks to competitions for athletes that already exist. Robin: use the resources and people who can help.

Ambulatory can integrate into competitions. Youth athletes if ambulatory as well.

A multisport championship does exist. \$50 expense to register.

There was talk that someone is going to sue USATF because disability laws.

Develop subcommittee with lawyers involved. *The conversation got hot. People accused Richie (committee chair) of not doing his job because he is not getting change done.*

AAC rep - talked about insurance and how the laws are different for each state. USATF does not control competitions, just USATF championships.

Additional spot on coaches advisory (Coach Cruz at Chula Vista was recommended).

Best practices states:

Ohio and Texas leading the charge

California has done a good job. CA started adding events to the state meet in 2016.

Minnesota strong wheelchair group

12.07.09 - 4:00 PM to 5:50 PM

Richie read para bylaws (available in USATF bylaws)

A suggestion that bylaws be rewritten (bring up to date)

Awards committee - reliable go-getters on Tom's committee (selection and process)

Confirmation of official spot on coaches advisory (coach Cruz) - needs to get on coaches registry

Parachairs - reports:

Wisconsin presented to Youth Committee to do XC championships. Host a para meet along with meeting but found out over spring that it was not going to happen. Created instead a para xc invitational (Wisconsin association). Mother nature and NCAA regional XC made it not possible to run because of course conditions. The invite was canceled. Now looking at two different types of venues, one xc (not including wheelchair athletes), and one paved course. No dates provided. 5k and possibly longer. Got a sanction through USATF. The course at Kenosha or Wakasha Wisconsin.

Steve Long Island Chair - Hosted Regional JO's last year. Had para events.

Memorial day 400 athletes (end of track season)

Recommending a Cross country series between New York and Wisconsin.

Intellectually impaired meet from Long Island chair. Athletes can integrate into existing competitions.

Trophies and medals with the word para is a brand issue.

Adaptive USA Track & Field:

Adaptive USA Track & Field - 25 meets. Dates coming out at the end of the month (December)

<http://atfusa.org/>

Follow WPA rules.

Classed before they get there. 2 classifications: national (preliminary), desert challenge (international classification).

Multisport meet:

Level 1, beginners

Level 2 sanctioned meet with USATF, qualifying meets, hand timed

Level 3 high level meets where youth and adults can get national records. More sanctioning process, officials, and weights and measures, electronic timing. NJ, Atlanta, Florida, TX, Chicago, Austin, Desert Challenge, Junior Nationals.

Chair from Florida:

Is new and is trying to find spaces for athletes and coaches.

California: hard to tell the athletes class (create mechanism to identify classification)

Tom: Adaptive Sports USA event <https://adaptivesportsusa.org/>

Needs help with volunteers to serve

US Paralympics - Sherrice

3 major national championships

Next year June 25-27 at breck high school teamusa.org/paralympics

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Judo/Features/2013/January/02/The-Paralympics>

1st in the medal count and one world record set

World championships 4th - one world record, shot put, t47 100w,

Next 30 days - how Officials training will be communicated (mid-January)

The point of contact is undecided but can go to Sherrice.

65 athletes - 10 had never been to an international event. 4 high school kids. 14 4th place finishes.

Coaches to these championships are by invitation only (much of the Chula Vista staff)

Diversity and Leadership Committee: Para events were put on the schedule but no follow-through. 2021 try again. Alan Kolling is the contact for 2020.

Arcadia - added the shot, discus, 100, 200, 400, ambulatory and seeded.

CIF recognized for providing resources para coaches and competitors (instructional videos on CIF site). <https://www.cifstate.org/inclusive/para-athlete>

CIF Rules

https://www.cifstate.org/inclusive/para-athlete_sports/2019_State_CIF_Wheelchair_and_Ambulatory_Track_and_Field_Division_Contest_Rules.pdf

Cathy Sellers suggested that requests go out to Associations to post resource links onto website pages. (Cathy Sellers) sellers10@live.com, 719.235.1686

Group wants to provide Learn by doing clinics

Resources:

<https://www.teamusa.org/about-the-usopc>

Adaptive Track & Field - level 2 & 3 clinic videos are more advanced.

Broke up into work groups:

Provided bylaws to one chair to update the language.

Awards committee

Officiating certification recommittee

2019 USATF Annual Meeting Report

Charlotte Sneed (president@pacific.usatf.org)

It was a pleasure to have the USATF Annual Meeting within the Pacific Association. It was an honor to have addressed the delegation during the opening ceremonies to welcome the delegation from across the United States to the Pacific Association in Reno, NV. With an association covering such a large area, it is easy to forget areas such as Reno as part of our association. The Grand Sierra Resort provided a high quality venue for an excellent event.

The top update which took place the evening prior to the commencement of the meeting was the restatement of Vin Lannana as President of USATF.

For this attendee, the 2019 meeting was a new experience. Having attended in the role of Pacific Association Youth Chairperson at past meetings, attendance was focused on youth workshops and meetings. This year as the PA President, my attendance was far more diverse, focusing on attendance at Association Committee Meetings and workshops.

A significant concern arose during the meeting when multiple persons were struck with an unidentified illness, suspected to be caused by food-borne-illness. Many attendees were struck with gastrointestinal distress, dizziness, fever and other symptoms. One PA attendee was hospitalized for a short period due to this issue. At last report, more than 115 meeting attendees were affected.

With the USATF Annual Meeting scheduled to return to the Grand Sierra Resort in 2020, it is imperative the cause of the illness, which marred an otherwise exceptional event, is identified so there is no repeated incidents in 2020.

2019 USATF Annual Meeting Report

Dave Shrock - National Associations Committee Chair • USATF-Pacific Coaches Chair

Associations Report:

The Associations Committee held its Workshop on Thursday, 5 December with over 200 attendees, eleven from the Pacific Association. Topics varied from financial reporting best practices to creating GrandPrix for building membership were presented. Initial survey results indicate that Thursday is preferred over Wednesday for the workshop with topics presented seen as valuable.

SafeSport: The SafeSport Committee and national office provided three in-person SafeSport Core trainings, and reviewed new Safesport requirements moving into 2020. The Mandatory Volunteer Waiver program which includes roles such as pit rakers, implement retrievers, heard and block crews; aid station workers and course monitors in non-stadia events has been a success in it's first year of use.

Technology: The national office rolled out its revised national website 21 November and has tirelessly been working to re-establish broken links and improve navigation.

Coaching Education report:

In 2019, 47 Level 1 Schools were held with an overall attendance of over 2000 coaches.

Two Level 2 schools are scheduled for 2020. The primary school will be 6-10 June at the University of Texas, Austin with a second school scheduled for the IMG Training Center in Florida over the winter break.

The coaching committee is in the process of revamping the Level 3 program to fill gap between IAAF Level 5.

Continued discussion on youth coaches not having the coaching education requirements for the Coaches Registry. In response the Youth Committee supports the implementation of a 6 hour on-line/in-person Developmental Coach program.

Food poisoning during the Annual Meeting:

Unfortunately over 120 meeting attendees succumbed to food poisoning, with four having to be hospitalized. Sources have been narrowed down to either the Johnny Rocket restaurant, casino buffet, or the Friday evening official's banquet.

The national office has been aggressively pursuing this incident involving the Washoe County Health offices.

In addition many members complained of second hand smoke irritating respiratory concerns and allergies.

Planning ahead:

Thursday-Sunday, 3-6 December: 2020 USATF Annual Meeting which will be an election year where we will choose our organization president, several BoD members and all national committee chairs.