



Northern California/Northern Nevada Association of USA Track & Field

2021 Officials Executive Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, June 6, 2021

12:00-2:30 PM

Minutes

Attendance: Phil Leake, John Lilygren, Ajay Padgaonkar, Bill Bartel, John Shirey, John Murray, Shirley Connors, Mike Bower, JR Heberle, Jon Price, Dave Shrock

1. Call meeting to Order @ 12:11 PM
2. Chair's Report -Phil
  - a) 12 PA Officials going to Olympic Trials
  - b) Kudos to Certification & Training Chairs
3. Certification Chair Report—Ajay Padgaonkar
  - a) We have over 200 (202) certified Officials
    - Master 61
    - National 31
    - Association 50
    - Apprentice 60 (19 from 2020 and 21 from 2021) – 2/3 within the last 2 years so doing well in moving people to upgrades
    - Ajay is continuing to push for more people to finish the requirements for certification
  - b) He finally received badges but only 85, not all 202 certified. The cutoff date seems to be 2/27/2021
    - Badges were redesigned by Robyn Beamon but need to verify information
    - Need to figure out how to distribute badges. Mail Apprentice badges, Olympic Trials Officials. Hand out most at Annual Meeting.

After reviewing for correctness, we can start distribution. Plan at the moment is as follows:

  - Ajay to carry badges for those going to the Olympic Trials
  - Ajay to mail to 2021 apprentices
  - Ajay to hold the rest for the annual meeting and send out an email to all for whom he has the badges
  - Phil to tell officials to collect their badges at the annual meeting (expected to be in person)
4. Training Chair Report—Bill Bartel
  - a) Recertification and Training Clinic Zoom Meetings

- b) April 17 Training – 12 new officials. Good numbers at clinics but hard to get them all the way through to complete the process.
  - c) Zoom sessions with Oregon Association were popular
  - d) Bill may schedule additional Intro. Clinics. Question of getting attendees to follow through. Ajay said it's the same problem Hume had; required people to complete everything before attending clinic. One thing or another falls through the crack.
5. Mentoring Chair Report- Dennis Boyle
- a) See Dennis' report (Appendix 1)
6. PA Board of Athletics Reports—Jim Manha, Charles Murphy, Bob Thompson
- a) No reports
7. USATF Pacific Foundation Update—John Shirey
- a) Foundation athlete training grants to be named after George Kleeman at the suggestion of the PAOC Executive Committee at last meeting.
  - b) Athlete application period for grants closes June 15.
8. Awards-Leon Glover
- a) No report – not in attendance
9. Old Business
- a) Status of CIF, NCAA, USATF meets for 2021
    - Some new meets were mentioned by Jon Price (Reno Tahoe area All Comers Meets) & JR
  - b) Association Junior Officials Program Chair- (Shirley Connors)
  - c) Officials Evaluation Process to aid Certification reviews and recommendations for Major meet selections (Jim)
  - d) PAUSATF Officials Website Revamp and Update (John L)
  - e) Officials Exec Committee Elections Nominating Committee (John S.)
    - 9 spots are open, including 2 for At Large to the Committee
    - July 16 is deadline for nominations
    - PA Officials can self-nominate
  - f) Certification Sub-Committee (Ajay)
    - No update
10. New Business
- a) Officials Annual Meeting last weekend of August at UCD (Aug. 29)
    - John Shirey suggests we vote on In Person vs. Zoom meeting
    - Vote was to do In Person. Could combine In Person & Zoom
    - Must arrange for COVID safe food (pre-wrapped)

- John Shirey wants to add a USATF Pacific Foundation fundraiser as part of the raffle. Approved
  - Ajay suggested meeting be held on August 28 rather than on Sunday.
  - Suggestions were made to reduce length of meeting in consideration of those who drive long distances to attend, perhaps by eliminating luncheon, with meeting to start at 10:00 am and ending by 1:00 pm
- b) Task Force on aligning Officials Election process to align with Pacific Association Elections. (Dave S.)
- Discussion about whether to change or justify Officials voting remain different from other committees
  - JR wants to table the item until 2022 Annual Meeting because of a project he is undertaking for the Board of Athletics to review Bylaws of all committees for consistency
  - Tabled until Spring 2022
- c) Update on national champs vs. assoc COVID requirements for officials
- NCs require COVID compliance
  - OTs require vaccination and a certificate
  - CA guidelines will change June 15

11. Anything Else?

- a) Next meeting: Annual Meeting Aug. 29

12. Adjournment @ 1:50 PM

Appendix 1

Report from the Mentor Chair, Dennis Boyle

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1. Numbers of officials needing mentoring
  - a. 28 + 12 from April 17 Clinic = 40 new officials in 2021
  - b. 36 from 2020 (received minimal mentoring in Covid-19 times)
  - c. **A Total of 76** who need mentoring – a very large number
  - d. There has been limited opportunities for gaining experience this year but the high schools, and a small number of collegiate meets have been helpful for many.
  - e. I would like to compliment Phil Leake, Bill Bartel, Ajay Padgaonkar, Jim Manha, J.R. Heberle, and Mike Bower, plus others who have assisted with providing a record number of training opportunities for so many new officials. They have selflessly given the time to make this happen.
  - f. Also needing thanks are all those who have given their time to mentor the new officials this past year.

2. **Junior Officials Program** –

As of April 18, 2021, the National JOP Committee has not met. Mike Trego, Chair, has had a family medical crisis involving his son and he has spent about every waking minute to assist him.

Below is a summary of what has occurred this year. I want to thank, Shirley Connors, for her diligent work on behalf of the PA JOP. She will be providing the meeting with a brief description of the year.

- a. We still have two high school twin girls (Clare & Colleen) from San Mateo's Hillsdale High School with their Father Chris who is an Apprentice Official.
- b. Shirley Connors has served as their JOP Mentor this spring
- c. The two JOP officials have worked minimally this spring.  
Communication with the two girls has gone through the father with

little or no contact directly by Shirley who has worked to provide meet experience for them. It has been our experience that providing officiating experience is difficult due to the number of other activities that the high school students must be involved.

### 3. Report on the Mentor Program

There are a number of new officials who have certified this year – at or about 40. I estimate that at least half of the new officials, received a mentor but the other half did not. The new officials were offered a mentor if they requested one. Sometimes, the new official had a mentor in mind, or I found one for them. Due to my own personal time restraints, I was unable to assign a mentor to all new officials. When I requested an established PA official to mentor a new official almost everyone agreed to do so. A wonderful response. In one case, I found a mentor for a new official who found that even though he certified in NorCal and had a residence in SF but also in LA, that he would most likely work the meets in SoCal. I found him a mentor in the LA area.

We are making headway and the system is off to a good start. More needs to be done next year in spreading out work to **Mentor Assistants** in approximately 6 Pacific Association geographical areas. The plan, to provide oversight of an official's career by way of **mentoring/review/advisement**, is still in the planning stages. It is going to take a few years to implement the plan.

I am looking forward next year for continued improvement for our Mentor Program.

Sincerely,

Dennis Boyle, Mentor Chair