

PAUSATF OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER 7/5/21

Chair's Note

HI! Well, we made it through the season! YAY!!!! What started out as a complete halt to any meets, we gradually had a track and field season in HS, some community colleges and in NCAA D1, culminating in the Olympic Trials. We've braved through increased COVID- 19 requirements from each school, masks, vaccinations, COVID tests that our noses will not soon forget, distancing, no fans/parents/friends allowed to the gradual opening of the state and easing of these requirements.

During this time, your Officials Committee has been very busy helping get officials re-certified, trained and developing new ways of recruiting and retaining officials. As of today, we have approximately 206 officials. This is significant as we are down from over 350 officials in the last Olympiad. This is similar to all other USATF Associations in that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic effect on officials from those opting out due to age, health status, fear of COVID-19, difficulty in wading through the new USATFConnect member pages on the USATF.org website and various other reasons. On the bright side, over 60 officials are new, 1st time officials. These officials are tending to be younger and with a lot of enthusiasm for the sport. We have a bright future.

Also, as of today, we have over 130 officials who still have to complete portions, if not all, of the recertification process via USATFConnect. It could be as simple as not uploading a picture, filling in the emergency information, finishing the re-certification application or as complex as finishing the recertification rules review on the [NOC Dashboard](#) page. Please check your status on the <http://www.usatf.org> USATFConnect membership page. If you are one of these affected Officials, you should have received an email from us outlining what you should do. ***If you are having difficulty with any of this process and wish to continue as a certified official, PLEASE CONTACT US. You can reply to this email or email Ajay Padgaonkar, our Certification Chair at Certification@pacific.usatf.org***

Olympic Trials Review

12 PAUSATF Officials participated in officiating the recent Olympic Track and Field Trials at Eugene Oregon. It is one of the pinnacles of officiating track and field that we should all aspire to do. (For me, it was not only an honor to be selected as an alternate, but the realization of a dream when I got the call from Mike Armstrong (our NOC Chair) to come up to Eugene.) For 10 days, we all braved the heat, masking and repeated COVID-19 screenings (I dreamt they were drilling for oil) to see a Men's Shot-Put World Record, American Records in both Men's and

Women's Hammer, and the selection of our American Olympic team (trial by fire). We had a 2-day break in the middle of the meet which we took advantage of by going to see the Oregon sights of Crater Lake, the Oregon Coast and sand dunes, the forests, Pre's Rock (aka the LDR Shrine to one of the patron saints of running, Steve Prefontaine) or just enjoying Prince Puehklers Ice Cream (thanks Rory) or a drink at the Wild Duck (thanks Peanut Harms).



Back Row L to R: Scott Kostka, Jim Manha, John Murray, Sue Murray, John Shirey, Rob Benoy, Rory Osborne. Front Row L to R: Mark Youmans, Charles Murphy, Ajay Padgaonkar, Phil Leake. Pictured Below: Bob Podkaminer



ELECTIONS

From John Shirey, Officials Committee Vice Chair

Pacific Association Officials Committee (PAOC) Election—2021

The Pacific Association Officials Committee holds an election in odd-numbered years to choose officers and other positions to lead the organization. The positions to be filled through this year's election are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, four representatives to the Pacific Association Board of Athletics, and two Members At-Large to the Officials Committee Executive Committee. Terms of all offices are two years and commence at the Committee's Annual Meeting, traditionally held on the last Sunday in August, or August 29 this year.

A Nominating Committee has been chosen for the purpose of proposing nominations for all positions to be filled through the election. John Shirey is Chair of the Nominating Committee and other members are Bill Bartel, Shirley Connors, and Sue Murray.

Click [Here](#) to submit your nomination(s) from now until the nomination deadline of July 16, 2021. Active Members may nominate other Active Members, or an Active Member may nominate oneself. Only Active Members of USATF and the Pacific Association are eligible to be elected to office. "Active Members" are USATF officials certified at any level for the current Olympiad and who are certified in the Pacific Association.

Position Duties

Chair: Maintains communication with President of the Pacific Association and Chair of the National Officials Committee; convenes, chairs, and sets the agendas for meetings of the Executive Committee, which meets 5-6 times per year usually on Sundays; appoints chairs of various subcommittee such as Certification, Training, and Awards; prepares the annual budget for PAOC and authorizes all expenditures.

Vice-Chair: Acts in the absence of the Chair; represents the Chair in any capacity directed by the Chair; carries out projects and programs directed by the Chair such as organizing the PAOC Annual Meeting.

Secretary: Serves as the recording and corresponding officer of the PAOC; serves as custodian of PAOC records; keeps minutes of all PAOC meetings.

Board of Athletics representatives (3): Attend (in-person or virtually) and participate in all meetings of the Pacific Association Board of Athletics, which

typically occur 5-6 times a year on Tuesday evenings, to represent interests of officials; may attend all PAOC Executive Committee meetings, which typically occur 5-6 times a year on Sundays, and the PAOC Annual Meeting.

Members At-Large (2): Attend and participate in all meetings of the PAOC Executive Committee, which typically occur 5-6 times a year on Sundays, and the PAOC Annual Meeting.

Timeline for Election

All nominations for positions must be received by the Nominating Committee by July 16, using the form linked herein which can be completed online. (Nominations can be made only through the Nominating Committee.) The Committee has until August 1 to submit its report of nominees to the Pacific Association Executive Director who is charged with conducting the election. He will prepare the ballot and send it by email to eligible voters by August 8. (Paper ballots will be sent to those who do not have email addresses on file.) Eligible voters are certified officials in the Pacific Association as of June 30, 2021. Eligible officials will have until August 22 to return their ballots to the Executive Director.

The votes will be counted at the Annual Meeting on August 29 and the results announced at the meeting. If none of the offices are contested, the election will be done by a vote of acclamation of those present at the Annual Meeting.

If there are questions about the election process, please direct them to John Shirey at jshirey1@comcast.net.

CERTIFICATION

At last count we now have almost 200 Certified officials. This means a lot as it assures us of at least 2 votes at the USATF Annual Meeting as well as a lot of clout. We are one of, if not the largest USATF Association with the largest number of certified officials. In other words, we lead.

BADGES:

As of this date, our Certification Chair, Ajay has received a majority of the badges for those recertified for this Olympiad. Ajay, who will do a last-minute check before sending them to you all. A good idea is to attend the Annual Meeting at UC Davis so you can get your badge in person. Stay tuned....

AWARDS

We are approaching time for our Annual Banquet at the end of August. If you have noticed anyone at any level of officiating or at any meet who has done an outstanding job this year, we would like to recognize that person for his/her outstanding work. Please fire off an email to our Awards Chair, Leon Glover

lcvlover11@gmail.com to nominate the official with a description of his/her actions in the field. Please take a look at the Awards section on the PA Officials Page <https://www.pausatf.org/officials/officials-awards/> to get a description of the Awards and who has merited and received these awards in the past.

USATF Pacific Foundation

According to John Shirey, Foundation President and our Officials Committee Vice Chair, the Foundation given out awards in the name of our own George Kleeman. George was a HUGE supporter of track and field and was one of the founding members of the Foundation. I'm sure he'd be pleased with the progress that the Foundation has made. The current list of recipients is listed on the Foundation webpage <https://usatfpacificfoundation.org/>. At the upcoming Annual Meeting, there will be a Raffle to help support this fund. To continue and expand this giving, please donate to the Foundation. For more information, please email John Shirey at jshirey1@comcast.net

ANNUAL MEETING

Date: August 29th

Place: UC Davis Football Stadium Aggie Alumni Room

Time: TBD (Possibly 10-3 as in past years)

Our Vice Chair, John Shirey is planning a great meeting. YES, IT WILL BE LIVE AND IN PERSON!!!!!! Be prepared for the USATF Pacific Foundation Raffle, "You Make the Call", Awards, the latest News, Results of the Officials Committee Elections, and a good time to be had by all. Lunch will be provided by UC Davis Track/X-C Program. In addition, you will receive your 2020-2024 Officials Badge. More information will be forwarded as we draw nearer the meeting.

MEETS NEEDING OFFICIALS

2021 Top-5 Youth Meet Seaside High School

2200 Noche Buena St, Seaside, CA 93955

Saturday July 10, 2021 Sunday – July 11, 2021

The Pacific Association of USA Track and Field (USATF) welcomes you to the 2021 Top 5 Meet hosted by Maneuver Athletics. The competition will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11, 2021 at Seaside High School in Seaside, CA (15 Minutes north of Monterey).

Meet Director: Cris Houston pa.youthXC@gmail.com

Officials Coordinator is Carl Bryant ceebeerev@sbcglobal.net

This meet will be subject to 2021 USATF Rules of Competition. Please review the 2021 USATF Rules. Of note: Athletes are not allowed to use cell phones, headsets or any other type of electronic devices while in the clerking area, field of competition or on the infield. Implements may only be used for warm-up during an organized warm-up under the supervision of the event's head official. Athletes failing to follow this rule are subject to immediate disqualification.