



Compiled Committee Reports Annual Meeting – Sunday, 19 September, 2021

Associations Committee Report

Dave Shrock (acechair@usatf.org)

USATF Annual Meeting

Due to the rise in the Delta variant of COVID, and with an abundance of caution, the national office has determined that this year's annual meeting from 2-5 December will be offered in a hybrid model. USATF staff with volunteer leadership will convene in Orlando, while a majority of delegates and attendees will be able to attend virtually similar to last year. Stay tuned for further information.

Associations Presidential Town Hall

President Lananna held an hourlong virtual town hall last week with the Associations Committee constituents addressing many concerns regarding accreditation, membership, Connect membership system, USATF's response to COVID, and accessibility to facilities. If you would like a transcript of this townhall email aecchair@usatf.org

Coaches Committee Report

Dave Shrock (coaches@pacific.usatf.org)

Pacific Association virtual Level 1 School scheduled for MLK weekend 2022

For the immediate future Level 1 Schools offerings will remain remotely via Zoom. We have tentatively scheduled our association school for Dr. Martin Luther King weekend of 2022. Stay tuned for details.

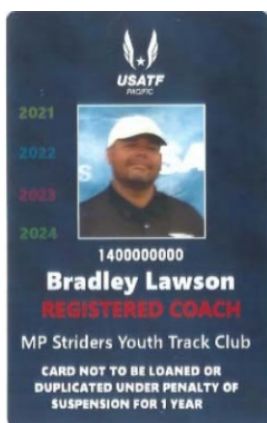
Athletic.net SuperClinic

Unfortunately, also due to COVID-19 we still have no word on our twelfth annual Athletic.net Coaches SuperClinic held at the beginning of February at Sacramento City College. Stay tuned for details.

Practice and Competition During COVID-19

For the most up-to-date information, [click here](#) to check out the USATF COVID-19 website. These guidelines in conjunction with your local health authority's guidelines are your best resources.

Coaches Badges



Thanks to an Associations Grant, the Youth Committee lead by LaDonna Aubert, with the assistance of Cris Houston and Dave Shrock, initiated a coaches badging program to better protect our athletes by identifying 3-step compliant coaches. Since April, 72 coaches have taken advantage of this free program and ordered badges. Additional members coaches who also have a current background screen and SafeSport certificates may apply at: <https://forms.gle/914hcCKbCyL7NypRA>. All cards will be available at the Youth fall coaches meeting Saturday, 9 October at Pinole Valley HS.

USATF Pacific Association Officials Annual Meeting

August 29, 2021

UC Davis Football Alumni Room
Aggie Stadium, UC Davis
10 AM – 2:30 PM

I. 50 + officials attended in person and 20 officials attended via Zoom

II. Call to order (Phil Leake)

- Phil is thankful that we were able to have a track season in 2021
- 12 Pacific Association Officials worked the Olympic Trials

III. YOU MAKE THE CALL (Jim Manha)

IV. How a meet can go wrong (Dave Shrock/ Phil Leake)

- A. The Promoter changed the starting line of 800m race at Sac City meet. Marks were declared “not certified/unofficial” because the alternate starting line had not been surveyed. The promoter was very upset. When asked how he set up the start at the 200 meter mark, he replied “I paced it off.” Comments were made by John Mansoor, Bob Podkaminer, Rob Dewar, Mike Brown and John Busto. Bottom line: the promoter was warned by multiple parties that the marks would probably not count because the wrong starting line was used. The promoter chose to use the wrong starting line anyway.

V. Upcoming Meets

1. Rob Dewar – Sacramento City College
 - a. SCC will not host any meets this next season because the track & facilities are in bad shape
 - b. ARC will not hold any meets this next season for the same reasons.
2. Kenny McDaniel – Sacramento State
 - a. Sac State will host 3 meets: March 19; April 9; April 29
 - b. They promise to take care of the officials
3. UC Davis (Emma Petersen)
 - a. UCD will host the Big West Cross Country Championships on October 29
 - b. UCD will also host the Big West Track Championships in May (2nd weekend)

VI. Future meets in our Association (John Mansoor- Exec. Dir. PAUSATF)

- A. NCAA D1 Cross Country Nov. 12
- B. Nov. 7 – Pacific Association Masters Championships @ Independence HS in San Jose
- C. National Junior Olympics – July 25 to Aug. 1, 2022
- D. Golden West Invitational June 4, 2022
- E. 2022 USATF Club Championships at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

- F. June 11 Pacific Association Championships
- G. June 18 – 19 Top 5 Junior Olympics
- H. June 24 – 26 Region 16 Junior Olympics
- I. July 25-31 USATF Junior Olympics
- J. 2023: NCAA West Region Track Championships
- K. 2024 & 2025: NCAA Western Regional Track Championships
- L. 2024: NCAA Division 2 National Cross Country Championships

VII. **Junior Olympics** – Discussion on the upcoming games were made by John Mansoor

VIII. **Rory Osborne:** Send donations to the Pacific Association Foundation

IX. **Election Results** (John Shirey)

- A. Voter turnout = 35%
- B. Chair – Phil Leake ran unopposed and was re-elected by acclamation
- C. Vice Chair – John Lilygren was elected.
- D. Secretary – Tory Busto ran unopposed and was elected by acclamation
- E. At Large Executive Committee: Scott Kostka & Bruce Makinson were candidates and were approved by acclamation
- F. Representative to the Board of Athletics (3): Robert Benoy, Charles Murphy and Jennifer Oliver were elected.

BREAK 12:10 – 12:49

Lunch was sponsored by UC Davis X-C and Track & Field Progra)

X. **Chair Reports**

- A. Certification Chair's Report (Ajay Padgaonkar) For in depth information on Officials Certification, please contact Ajay
 - 1. Last year, 220 Certified; at last year's Annual, 228
 - 2. Now have 207 certified. 40+ new officials (20 Apprentice; 20 former officials who did not recertify in last Olympiad)
- B. Training Chair's Report (Bill Bartel)
 - 1. Busy year in Training over Zoom
 - 2. Retention of new officials about 40%
 - 3. Working on training season for 2021-22
 - a. Bill hopes to have Introductory classes in the Fall instead of January & February. He would like to do these training classes in person.
- C. Mentoring Chair's Report (Dennis Boyle) For More in depth information on the progress of the Mentoring Subcommittee, please contact Dennis.
 - a. Dennis complimented Bill Bartel for arranging Zoom sessions outside of our Association (Oregon, etc.)
 - b. Dennis was impressed with the capabilities of Zoom & what was achieved this past year
 - c. Dennis discussed his proposal to find assistants to Training, Certification and Mentor Chairs (about 6). Distributed geographically throughout the Association.
- D. LDR Officials Report (Rick Berman)
 - 1. 3 races done; 11 to do – most will be Cross Country. A few will be Road Races.
 - 2. Rick requested that more officials get involved with LDR.

3. The Pacific Association has been asked to help officiate the US 100 Kilometer Championships.
 4. 2022 National Club Championships will be in Golden Gate Park.
- E. Race Walk Officials Report (Jon Price)
1. Only 1 in-person race was conducted in the past 2 years.
 2. Jon is looking forward to the Youth meets in June.
 3. Virtual Clinics were conducted for Race Walk judges in the past year.
 4. Jon hopes to have at least 1 Virtual Clinic in 2022.
 5. 2 Pacific Association athletes were on the 2020 Olympic Track & Field team (Robyn Stevens & Nick Christie)
- F. Emeritus Officials Acknowledgement
1. Jerry Colman
 2. Jim Hart
- G. Chair's Awards (Phil Leake)
1. John Lilygren – for work as Secretary and update of the officials' website
 2. Jim Manha – for work as Stanford Officials Coordinator and work with the Officials Committee
 3. Joe Van Zant – for contributions to Mentor activities
 4. John Shirey – for his service as Vice Chair
 5. Dave Shrock – for general advice and guidance in a number of matters
 6. JR Heberle – for Technical Assistance, his work on Governance and assistance with computers
 7. Dennis Boyle – for his work on the Mentoring program
 8. Bill Bartel – for Training innovations such as Zoom conferencing, recruitment of speakers from other Associations
 9. Ajay Padgaonkar – for picking up Certification following Jim Hume's death
- H. Awards Report (Leon Glover)
1. Major Awards
 - a. Horace Crow Award: Scott Kostka
 - b. George Newlon Award: Bill Bartel
 - c. Dick Barbour Award: John Shirey
 - d. Lori & Sonny Maynard Award: Jim Manha
 - e. Dick Connors Award: John Lilygren
 2. National Awards:
 - a. Mike Brown
 - b. Anthony Davis
 - c. Aliya Dibrell
 - d. Robert Dietrich
 - e. Al Hernandez
 - f. Don Mosbacher
 - g. Suzanne Thompson
 3. Association Certificates

- a. Trish Caldwell
 - b. Rob Dragoo
 - c. Bruce Fairchild
 - d. Nancy Flannery
 - e. Mike Morris
 - f. Linda Patterson
 - g. Debra Sample
 - h. Charlotte Sneed
4. Apprentice Certificates
- a. Laura Barger
 - b. Tori Busto
 - c. Kyle Fujitsubo
 - d. Chantay Jones
 - e. Mica Nash
 - f. Kendal Price

Recognition was made of JR Heberle for receiving the 2020 George Newlon Award

XI.Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Raffle (John Shirey)- Prizes from the raffle were not only from the officials of items the “well equipped” official could use, but also items purchased and donated from those who officiated the Olympic Trials, Southwest Airlines and other retail outlets. Tickets were sold to help the USATF Pacific Foundation. Total amounts will be reported in the Foundation report.

LDR Committee Report

Meeting Notes and PA LDR Update (Sept. 12, 2021)

Please extend a warm Pacific Association welcome to Danielle Domenchielli (PA-USATF Women's LDR Chair) and Rick Berman (PA-USATF LDR Officials Chair).

MUT - A short update - thus far MUT has held two events: the Skyline 50K and the Marin Headlands events.

National 100K (No'to'mon 100K) road racing championships will take place on the American River Parkway in the greater Sacramento area on Oct. 2nd. It will be conducted on a series of 10K loops, plus there will be relays available to augment both the 50K (companion event) and the full 100K (featured championship event).

- both 50K relay and 100K Nationals are part of our MUT Grand Prix;
- so far, the response from PA hasn't been good; Especially the 50K relay (5x10K) should appeal to clubs and road runners/racers in particular.

ROAD RACING –

2021 no GP but some races to get us back into racing.

SACTOWN Ten-Miler next April has now been named the USATF Masters National Championships in addition to the regional Pacific Association LDR Road Grand Prix 10-mile championships.

- One must register through the USATF National Website both as an individual and a team in order to pre-declare a scoring masters team and its finalized roster and to score in the individual national championship. The team must be submitted at a predetermined deadline, usually several days in advance, and changes won't be allowed
- For PA regional scoring purposes, you can mix, match and submit different team athletes for scoring purposes within the Pacific Association. All PA individual and team scoring algorithms will remain unchanged, but these are two independent scoring entities. For scoring purposes at a national event, a masters team is fixed once declared and submitted to USATF, and this will supersede regional association scoring.
- To clarify further, to register for the USATF National 10-Mile masters championship as an individual or part of a scoring team, registration must take place through the USATF national website, and won't be made available through the PA website.
- All masters prize money will come out of the USATF National pot
- Regardless, we will be highlighting this race as much as possible.
- This dual-registration process does not apply to open runners, who will compete in this as a Pacific Association Regional Championship race.
- At her discretion, Danielle D. will be serving as the elite athlete coordinator. She will establish times and likely comparative times for comp entries. For example (I am pulling out numbers now): A Female sub'1:22 half-marathon or sub-17:30 track 5000 are similar times, and this could pull in some younger and talented local college athletes, who have yet to emerge onto the scene nor acquired a road race pedigree.
- A separate start or corral start is being discussed for the Masters National vs. PA Champs and there is the matter of the fastest open runners who may be corralled up front. They may be hand-picked by Danielle D. This is still being ironed out, but wave starts with a five-minute delay were also being proposed. We may also combine elite open with masters competitors or a split column corral (left masters, right elites, etc).
- A recent rule change stipulates that either a chip or gun time can be used in national championships. So in this case it is highly likely that chip time will need to be utilized as the scoring standard for scoring this as a PA race, especially due to these complex variables. Also, the chip time will be applied to age-graded performances.
- Tom Bernhard, will be scoring both the elite open and masters champs races, a yeoman's role.

The Pacific Association is also in need of a new Road Race Coordinator (for Bids, etc.). So if you happen to have anyone in mind please let Andrew Crawford or Irene Herman - the board know. Thank you.

CROSS COUNTRY -

We had a very good turnout at GGP XC, one of the highest ever for officials according to Rick Berman, as well as entered athletes numbers.

The PA will need to raise the costs of entry to the Pacific Association Cross Country Championships on Nov. 22. The SF Parks and Rec department has increased its costs significantly to the PA and other entities, and long story short, Irene proposed raising the pre-registration costs to \$35. There will be race day registration at the PA champs, but it will either be \$45 or more likely \$50 to discourage race day walk-up registration.

The plan is to give away a microfiber towel in lieu of the traditional race t-shirt.

In 2021 the PA XC champs will take place on the traditional two-loop and three-loop courses for the open/masters women, and open men, while the new course iteration will apply to the masters men on up. We may wish to notify our member clubs sooner rather than later since they sometimes "don't like surprises."

Carl Rose will remain as RD for the PA XC Champs and Irene Herman is events manager. Start times for the PA XC Champs will be 9 a.m. (all women), 10 a.m. (masters on up men) and 11 a.m. (open men).

In 2022 Club Nationals will take place in San Francisco and the same courses that were in effect in 2015 will be utilized in 2022, a 6K for women + women's masters, an 8K for 60+ men, and a 10K course for masters men as well as the open men. We expect record-breaking numbers so buckle up.

Also, Irene, Andrew (and others in that purview) will be working toward the development of a more massive start area for the open men in particular. We want to accommodate all teams and the aim is to have one mass start rather than an "A" race and "B" race for the men. There may be a two-coral feature separated by 25 meters, but the goal is to make it happen so everyone feels like they are in the same race and valued as equal competitors.

The one pinch point several hundred meters in remains a sticky issue and that will be the primary challenge to overcome prior to Dec. 2022. The finish line is being redone and will encompass the entire width of the Polo Fields so that should allow for safer finishes in tight races.

Pacific Association Masters Track & Field Chair Report

Submitted by Joy Upshaw, PA MTF Chair 9/17/21

Elections were held in June 2021 for the position of PA Masters TF Chair and Joy Upshaw was elected as the new chair.

Our intention is to have an active PA Masters TF committee committed to serving our membership to the best of our abilities. We are finalizing our PA Masters Committee members/officials for our specific positions to create a fun & strong group!

Due to the ongoing Covid 19 Pandemic, host venues for meets are still difficult to procure. Knowing that we cannot host an official Pacific Association meet this year, we will be happy to host a Masters "Welcome Back" Meet!

It will be held on November 7, 2021 at Independence HS in San Jose. The facility will not accommodate all the track events, such as the Steeplechase and Hammer Throw-(Since it is a high school facility)..BUT , the Power Walk and Standing Long Jump, have been added to the schedule to attract more entries... (those events are in Senior Games, too). At the time of this report the meet planning is still underway. Meet info will be updated periodically. Yay!

> One of the goals of this MTF Committee is to provide frequent, informative communication to the membership, keeping them advised of Masters meets and current news regarding both the Pacific Association and National Masters Committees, as well as other masters-pertinent information.

- > We also intend to formulate an easy-to-use Grand Prix system modeled on the masters Grand Prix conducted by the New England Association. The Grand Prix will begin in 2022.

- > The PA Masters TF Committee has an independent set of Operating Procedures, written in 2001 (rewritten but not voted in in later years) that is not aligned with the Association Operating Procedures. We intend to rewrite the MTF set and bring them up to date and in agreement with the Association's OPs.

- >We intend to send out periodic surveys to the membership to be sure that we are hearing and addressing the PA Masters needs and concerns.
Some future inquiry topics may include:
 - > Holding the PA Masters Championships in different locals within the association. This is in keeping with the USATF Masters TF Committee's wishes.
 - > Would athletes and clubs be interested in additional relays at the PA Masters Championships or an additional meet.
 - > Should the Power Walk (or any other events) be included at the PA Masters Championships (it will soon be included at the USATF Masters Championships).
 - > Serve the clubs of the Pacific Association (Highlight a club in the newsletter/email)
 - > Update MA PA communications : instagram, facebook, etc. (Collaborate with Comcom)
 - > What awards would members like to see the PA Masters Committee bestow (or not) at the season's end

The National Masters Track & Field committee is currently reestablishing relationships with the Association Masters chairs, giving them a bigger voice at the national level, in an effort to build and improve the sport for all our members. They will hold periodic zoom meetings, share ideas and more going forward. The goal is to engage Associations who have not been fully committed to their masters programs and provide them the know-how and support to provide better service to their members. The PA MTF Committee intends to engage with the USATF MTF Committee toward this end. The Pacific Association, being the largest by member numbers, is crucial to helping the national committee succeed. It is up to us to be leaders and make this the best Association for Masters athletes in the organization.

Appendix 1.

Certification Chair Report to the Annual Meeting

Thanks:

1. To the officials – for patience and diligence – with me, new database, complex requirements
2. To Bill Bartel – recert clinics, specialty clinics with out of association teachers, new officials' clinics and help with the follow up
3. To Jim Manha and JR – starter and referee clinic, help at the recert clinics
4. To Joe Van Zant, Dennis Boyle – follow up and mentoring officials
5. To Association leadership and senior officials – guidance in my first year

Statistics:

- Certified Officials:
 - 2020: 228
 - 2021: 207
- **Lost: 65** (25: moved of state, went emeritus, passed away, no interest; 40 no recert)
- **Gained 44** by new apprentices (23) and recertifications (21)
- Lost ~40 more between 2019 and 2020
- Potential for ~70-80 more existing officials by follow through on recertification
- Added apprentices in 2021: 51 took the clinics, 21 followed through to certification
- By Year First Certified:
 - 2021: 21
 - 2020: 18
 - 2019: 7
 - Pre-2018 & up to - 2018: 17
- Apprentices from 2020 & 2019 not recertified: 23

Request for action

1. Urge friends and officials not yet certified to complete the process
2. Upgrades, in particular apprentices – resume, recommendations, tests
3. “Outside the association” opportunities and championships
4. Act with urgency on automated reminders from the USATF connect – Safesport and NCSI
5. Point out any discrepancies in the badges

Appendix 2.

The following is a **PROPOSAL** under consideration by the Officials Committee to add Assistant Chairs to the three existing Chairs for the year of 2022.

ROLE OF THE PROPOSED ASSISTANT *TCM CHAIRS

Assistant Chairs will be selected through the combined efforts of all three TCM Chairs. They will be made up of National and Master level officials and will report directly to the TCM Chairs. Their work will provide a communications link to between membership and leadership within the Pacific Association USATF regarding all three areas. They will represent designated geographical areas, possibly by counties located within the Pacific Association. The Assistants will be well-versed in all three spheres of professional development, i.e., Training, Certification, and Mentoring (TCM). They will assign mentors to new officials and also to veteran officials desiring to achieve higher levels of officiating. They will also notify and answer questions regarding certification and encourage officials to aspire to more advanced levels of officiating. The Assistants, as they gather information regarding the training needs of their assigned officials, will make recommendations for future trainings. Part of their responsibilities will include attending meetings with the three TCM chairs which will take place, as needed, throughout the year. The meetings will be held in an effort to keep the Chairs and Assistants consistently applying accurate information to its membership about all programs throughout the Pacific Association. This concerted effort by the Assistant Chairs will be made to minimize confusion and misunderstandings regarding the functioning of the many aspects of the Pacific Association. They will significantly aid in spreading the work of a few to additional assistants, as it has been in the past, in order to improve our Association.

*TCM means TRAINING – CERTIFICATION - MENTORING

Communications Committee

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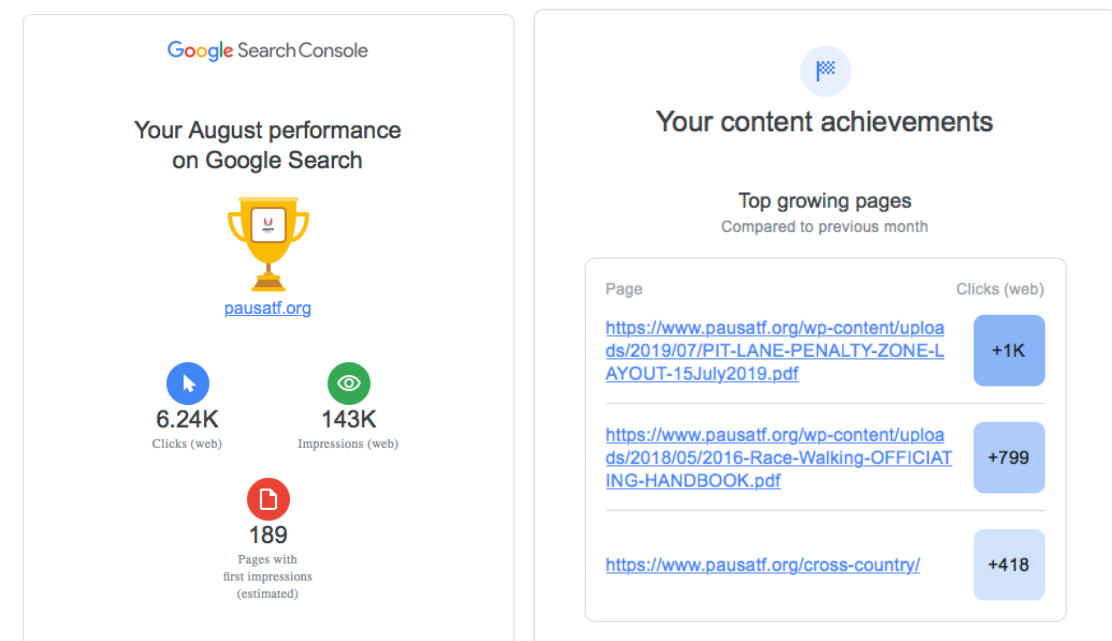
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Scripts for Updating Club and Individual Memberships

Jeff Teeters worked with **Heike Mansoor** at the PA office and the national office to get the scripts working for member and club updates. Hurrah!

Website Update

Pausatf.org has been functioning well. No recent issues have been reported to me, and I thank, as always, **Thomas Vincent** for his oversight. He also provided recent stats (excellent!) on the traffic as obtained from the Google Search Console.



How do people find you?

Top performing pages

Page	Clicks (web)
https://www.pausatf.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/PIT-LANE-PENALTY-ZONE-LAYOUT-15July2019.pdf	1.01K
https://www.pausatf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/2016-Race-Walking-OFFICIALING-HANDBOOK.pdf	862
https://www.pausatf.org/cross-country/	606

Top growing queries Compared to previous month

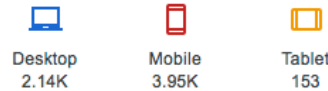
<i>pausatf cross country</i> +271 clicks (web)
<i>race walking penalty zone</i> +254 clicks (web)
<i>pausatf</i> +187 clicks (web)



Learn about your audience

Devices

By clicks (web)



Top performing queries

Query	Clicks (web)
pausatf	415
pausatf cross country	326
race walking penalty zone	254

Google search type

By clicks

Top countries

By clicks (web)

	United States	5.14K
	Canada	184
	India	151

	Web	6.24K
	Image	47
	Video	1

Note #1: the increase views on Race Walking is most likely due to our RW Olympians Robyn Stevens and Nick Christie.

Note #2: the majority of mobile phone viewers leads me to believe that the day may be approaching where we will need to update pausatf.org to a more mobile friendly site.

Social Media

Verity Breen continues with a yeo-woman’s job of keeping our Facebook page lively. We coordinate our efforts to help drive viewers to pausatf.org, and this is another reason for pausatf.org’s stats above. Verity will also be getting our Instagram, Twitter and YouTube accounts active.

More Thank You’s to Our Website Content & Constant Contact Eblast Volunteers

Dave Shrock (PA, Coaches), **Les Ong** (XC), **Michael Davidson** (Youth), **John Lilygren** (Officials), **Tori Busto** (new! Officials), **Jean Pommier** (MUT), **Tom Bernhard** (LDR), **Andrew Crawford** (LDR), **Stephanie Trafton** (Past Secretary, PA Foundation), **Angie Longworth** (Secretary)