



Pacific Association Board of Athletics Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026 7:30 PM Pacific

- Attendees:
Charlotte Sneed, Jr Heberle, Jason Mawdsley, David Sander, Cris Houston, John Mansoor, Irene Herman, Brendan Gregg, Phil Leake, Ajay Padgaonkar, Fred Baer, Mike Brown, Dante McCarthy, Meia Tezeno, Robert Benoy, Eric Stuart, Sheree Parker, Tim Lee, Ed Hollshwandner, Dave Shrock
- March Meeting Minutes–Approved
- Treasurer’s Report–Approved
 - Investments: Merrill Lynch holdings performing well despite market volatility; 10-year strategy remains solid
 - Foundation transfer: \$250,000 transfer to foundation pending; awaiting new treasurer appointment
 - Membership tracking: On target; Junior Olympics may increase numbers as athletes qualify
 - Indoor meets financials: Breaking even as planned (~\$17,000-18,000/day venue cost); 80% entries from high school demographic
 - Revenue strategy: Goal is membership growth rather than profit; successfully adding high school members
- Bylaw Review Committee Update
 - Committee members: Cris Houston, JR Heberle, Don Collins, Dave Shrock, Jackie Callender (National Accreditation)
 - Scope: Updates ensure compliance with USATF Regulation 7; first year bylaws reviewed as part of accreditation process
 - Major changes: Most substantive revisions in grievance and dispute resolution sections; election process unchanged due to National regulations requiring 30-day balloting
 - Review needed: Housekeeping and renumbering work ongoing; committee requests feedback via email to any committee member
 - Operating procedures: Separate document update planned after bylaw completion; committee chairs should review current procedures
- Pacific Association Foundation
 - Board changes: Michelle La Sala (treasurer, Napa/Big Sur Marathon director) and others departing; seeking new treasurer
 - George Kleeman grants: Spring track & field grants for open athletes launched on social media
 - Junior Olympics grants: Requirements established; awards in July but distributed after meet in September

- Marathon grants: Planned for fall cycle; 10 awards anticipated
- Grant history: 10 Junior Olympics grants awarded in 2025
- Upcoming Championship Competition Events
 - NCAA
 - D1 XC Championships: November 13, 2026 (Friday) at Haggin Oaks, Sacramento
 - D2 XC Championships: November 21, 2026 (Saturday) at Haggin Oaks
 - Management: New team assembled (SRA unavailable due to CIM National Championship two weeks after D2s); Brendan involved but getting break from full management
 - Parking contingency: If wet conditions, busing from American River College as in past two years
 - NCAA Indoor Track: Conversations in Arkansas about national championship, likely 2028-29; would attract ACC (Stanford/Cal), Big Ten (UCLA/USC/Oregon/Washington) conference meets to Reno track
 - Other XC meets:
 - Section cross country November 14
 - Pacific Association championship November 15 at Golden Gate Park
 - MUT Series
 - Discussion to be continued in September 2026 due to unavailability of potential meet production staff
 - 2028 JO Cross Country Bid: Working with Tri-Valley Tourism on bid for Dublin area at Los Positas Golf Course;
 - event never held in California in 45 years despite state having 10,000 youth members
 - Backup venue: Reno Golf Course (hosted Mountain West Regional) interested if Tri-Valley doesn't materialize
- 2026 Junior Olympic Championship meets
 - Primary meet: June 26-28 (Friday-Sunday) at Monterey Peninsula College
 - Long throws venue: Hartnell College (Salinas) hosting hammer and javelin (~20-25 minutes from MPC); javelin Friday, hammer Sunday
 - Facility costs: MPC secured at \$5,700 for three days; Hartnell paperwork in progress
 - Officials stipend: Seeking donations to fund \$100/day stipend; \$1,500 already committed
 - Venue features: MPC has 3,000-seat stadium, covered athlete areas (no tent purchase needed), ample parking; Hartnell has excellent javelin runway
 - Tourism support: "See Monterey" actively assisting with website, hotel blocks, and promotion
 - Meet information: Flyers and athletic.net shell to be posted this week
 - Combined events: July 11-12 at James Logan High School

- 2026 USATF Annual Meeting
 - Dates: December 3-6, 2026 (Thursday-Sunday)
 - Location: Portland, Oregon (likely Hilton and sister hotel; Nike expected to have major role)
 - Delegation: Committee representatives needed by September; youth representation especially important
 - Region 14 status: Pacific fighting to remain independent region due to size; combination with other regions would create confusion
- In Memoriam
 - Officials lost: Five officials passed away in 2026 (highest number since current officials chair tenure)
 - Recent losses: Chuck Buettner (celebration of life held May 18), Dickie Iwamiya (June 20 at Buddhist temple in Lodi), Bob Rush (June 6 in Redwood City)
 - Notification: Committee chairs reminded to report officials' passings to Ajay for National notification
- Future Meetings
 - September 15, 2026 at 7:30 PM
 - November 17, 2026 at 7:30 PM
- Meeting Adjourned (8:50 PM)