

Position: *USATF President*

Nominators: Terry Crawford, Dr. Evie Dennis, Dave Johnson, Deena Kastor and Ed Koch

Seconders: Dan Browne, Glenn Fortune, Rose Monday, Kountez Moore, Lynn Cannon, Jon Drummond, Alan Roth, Erica Wheeler, Robin Brown-Beamon, David Greifinger, Sue Polansky, Chris Turner, Willie Banks, Scott Davis, Cynthia Doyle, Ron Mascarenas, Jackie Callender, Dorothy Dawson, Elizabeth Phillips and Meb Keflezighi

It has been four years since I went before you in Albuquerque as a candidate for president. I offered myself to you as one of five individuals running for this office. You elected me, and for that I will always be honored. It was with a sense of great pride and optimism that I made a commitment to do the best job I could during my term.

The intervening four years have been as challenging as they have been rewarding. None of us could have foreseen the struggles externally with the USOC and IAAF. I believe I have led with integrity and reason, and made mostly informed, effective decisions. Certainly after occupying this office for four years, there are a few decisions I would now make differently, and a few -- fortunately very few -- appointments I would have to think twice about. But, for the most part, I am satisfied with our progress as an organization. Many of you have told me you agree with me and more people than the number whose names I could use nominated me or seconded my nomination. That is truly gratifying.

As a candidate for a second term as president, I believe I continue to bring an unusually strong blend of qualifications and experiences to this office, now coupled with the experiences of the past Olympic quadrennium. As president, I have continued to be a consensus builder, forging solutions to complex problems facing our sport and this federation. I have continued to be an innovator, initiating or working with others to initiate new programs and enhance existing ones.

I have continued to work hard to be an effective communicator, a task made more challenging by the increased access you have to me through e-mail. A conservative estimate is that I have received over 50,000 e-mails during this term, and although a good number require no response, many are asking questions or requesting information, and require further action. I hope you feel I have been accessible and communicative, through this and other mediums.

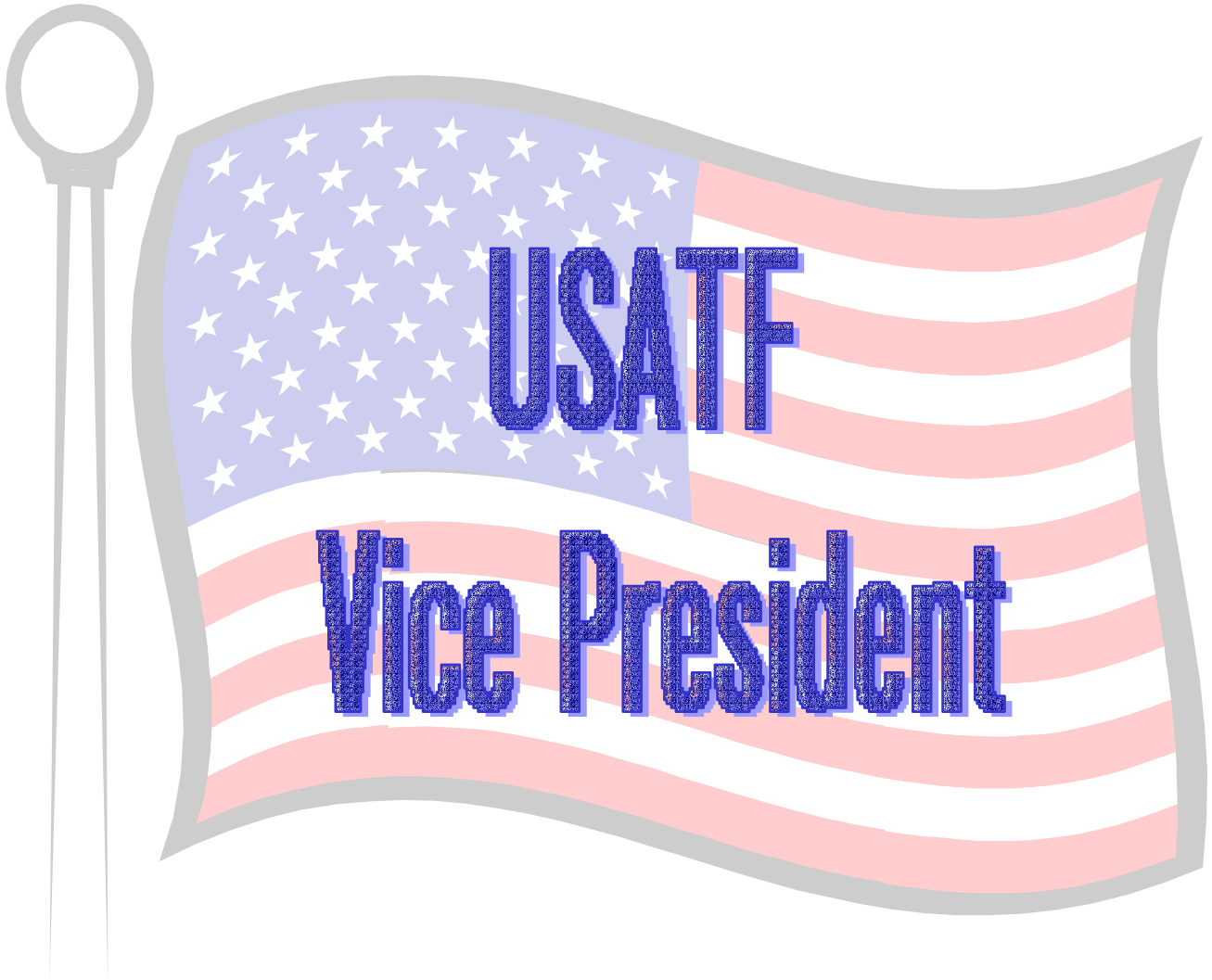
Most importantly, I continue to be active in nearly every facet of our sport -- in both leadership and "worker bee" roles. I continue to work with my local Association and my club, to coach at Western Washington University, to direct and officiate at a variety of events, and to be an active and involved international team leader. I continue as well to have the time and the energy to devote to the job and, thanks to a small but growing freelance business, the flexibility to enable me to see to the responsibilities and demands of the job as the need arises.

What do I see for next four years? What will I continue to work on as priorities as your president? Many needs and tasks, large and small, come to mind. But these strike me as particularly important:

- Building on the success in Athens via improved programs for our elite athletes and coaches.
- Fostering a "zero tolerance" attitude in our sport toward those who would cheat -- via drugs or any other means.
- Continuing to improve the treatment of officials at our national championship events.
- Expanding further the services to our members and local associations.
- Enhancing the diversity of our leadership, our Associations, our coaches, and our officials, to match the dynamic diversity of our athletes.
- Establishing new and productive relationships with the USOC and the IAAF.
- Pursuit of a firm financial future for our federation, including strengthening current sources of income and building new ones (including the USATF Foundation).

In conclusion, I continue to have a very positive outlook on our sport and about our organization. I remain open to all suggestions about how to use the commitment and skills of our athletes, coaches, officials, and administrators to build a better sport and a more effective and efficient organization. Even with the debt we were saddled with in 1996-97 being retired, we still have an infinite supply of ideas and a finite set of resources. But, by being creative and focused, I continue to believe we can accomplish as much as we hope and dream.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.



Darlene Hickman

Position: *USATF Vice President*

Nominators: Patricia Rico

Seconders: Chris Turner, Angie Taylor, Cynthia Doyle, Ed Koch, Sandra Farmer-Patrick, Evie Dennis, Robert Fontaine, Patrick Pretty, Vince Peters, Glenn Fortune and Patti Petesch

I have been involved with Track and Field for almost 30 years. I have witnessed the evolution of The Athletics Congress into USATF. I have been an officer on the Board of Directors for some time now. I know we can accomplish much more if I continue. I will not become complacent with what and where we are in USATF. My areas of concern:

- the drugs that are available over the internet and doping temptations that surround our athletes
- people that tempt our athletes need to be identified and there must be consequences
- programs to help our athletes to become the new leaders
- look at our diverse membership and look at what we can do to better represent our membership and involve more people
- provide coaches with a better flow of information to us and from them

The experience gained through my active involvement in Youth, Race Walk, Women's T&F, LDR, Masters T&F, Coaching Education, Development and Associations makes me uniquely qualified to confront the challenges facing USATF.

I have accompanied World Youth Teams to Poland, Junior Teams to Cuba, Spain, Wales, Canada, and Senior Teams on International trips to Norway, Scotland, and Japan as a manager, an assistant, as the Team Leader and as Chef of the Mission. I have experienced and observed the politics of the IAAF since 1984, both close up and across the table. I have been an International RW Judge and traveled since 1984 to Mexico, Portugal, Canada and Puerto Rico. I accompanied my husband to Monaco while he held a position on the Anti-Doping Commission and for 3 years I was able to attend many of the Anti-Doping meetings and discuss a variety of matters with Istvan Gyulai, IAAF General Secretary and Arne Ljungqvist, IAAF Vice President. I attended the IAAF Congress in Paris and observed the politics and gained insights as we worked with our USA candidates on their election. I was able to attend in the company of the IAAF the Edmonton World Championships and the Paris World Championships.

From my position of National Secretary, I have watched the politics of our Board of Directors evolve. My experience includes Youth club coach, administrator, management support staff and an official. I have been a meet director for national and international events, including the Women's Olympic Marathon Trials and the Seattle Goodwill Games. I have officiated meets from association level to the Olympics.

Locally I am the chair of the Seattle Sports Advisory Council and a member of the Sports Field Review that advises the Park Department. I am an active member of our Pacific Northwest Association and active in our High School track & field program. Our PNTF athletes are active in our programs and participate in the governing. We work together to get things done.

I am someone who looks for creative solutions, who is willing to listen, and who acts. I believe in working together to accomplish what needs to be done.

If you want a listener, a tireless worker, a leader and when appropriate a follower, with passion when it comes to track and field—then you want to consider voting for Darlene Hickman for Vice President.

Dee Jensen

Position: *USATF Vice President*

Nominators: Karen L. Dennis, Mark Kostek, Harry L. Kitchener, Anne Timmons and George Williams

Seconders: Frosty Anderson, Bob Bowman, Freddi Carlip, Jim Carlisle, Jerry Crockett, Terry Crawford, Scott Davis, Evie Dennis, Jack Hazen, Bob Hersh, Sue Humphrey, Jim Murphy, George Mathews, Ramona Pagel, Sandra Farmer-Patrick, Alan Roth, Connie Price-Smith, Rich Torrellas, Cedric Walker and Diane Wholey,

As Vice President of USATF, Dee serves on the Board of Directors, IAAF Women's Committee, Women's Track and Field Executive Committee, and National Track and Field Officials Committee. She is recognized for her organizational skills, willingness to listen, ability to make tough decisions, and being level-headed.

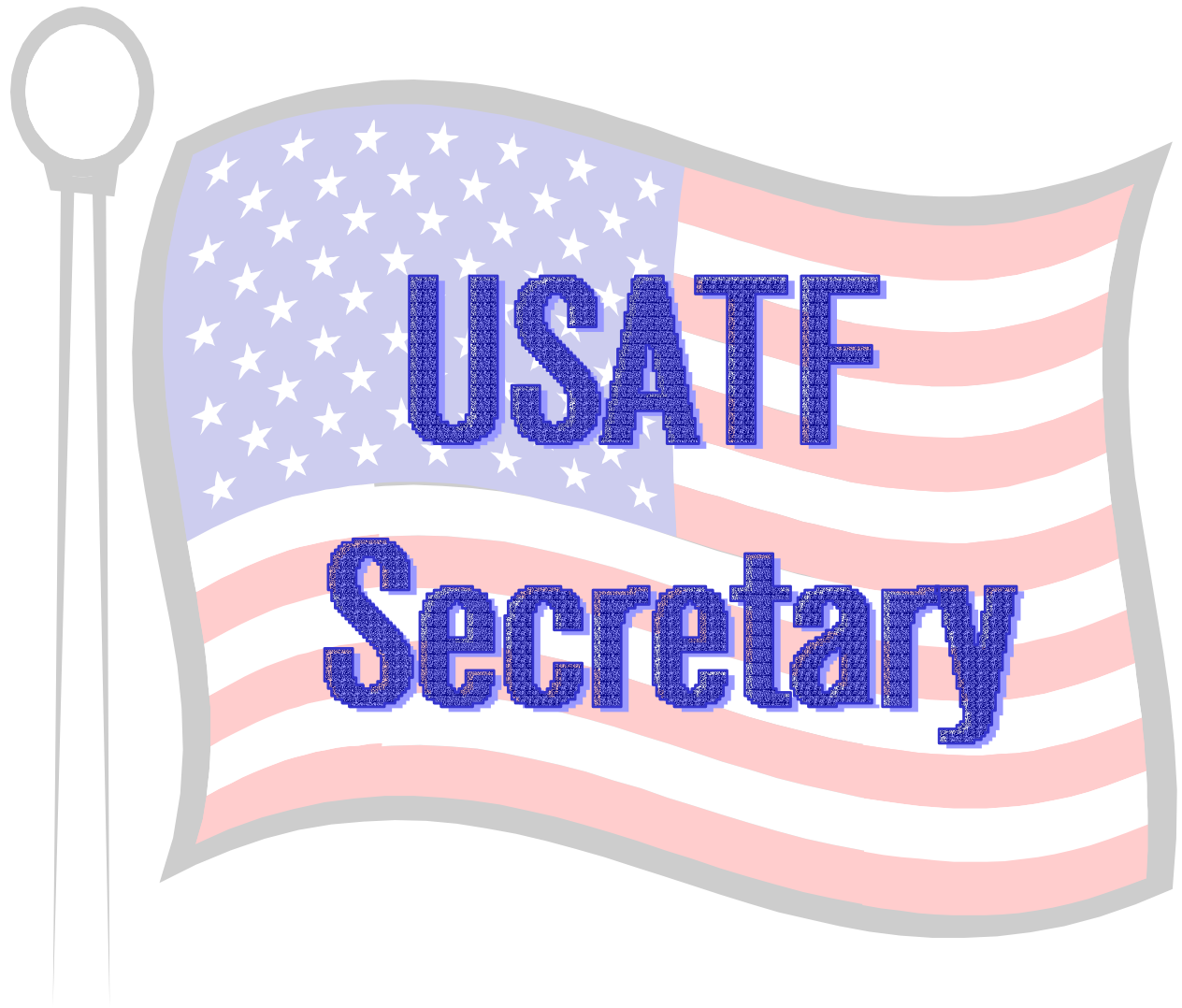
Dee has served internationally as the Chef de Mission for the World Championships in 1999, Junior Championships in 1998, Assistant Manager for the World Outdoor Championships in 1997 and as a Chief Judge of the high jump at the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996. She has also served as the Head Manager for the Goodwill Games and the USA vs. Great Britain outdoor meet.

Active in USATF since 1983, Dee gained experience representing our diverse constituents while serving on the Board of Directors-At Large, as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, and the Olympic Officials Selection Committee. Past committee memberships include the National Track and Field Officials Executive Committee, U.S. Women's Coaches Association Executive Committee, Championship Site Selection Committee, Affirmative Development Committee, and numerous subcommittees for Women's Track and Field.

Dee has been recognized for service to USATF with the Women's Track and Field Robichaux Award-1999; Presidents Award-1996; Andy Bakjian National Officials Award-1993, and the US Women's Track & Field Coaches Service Award.

The women's track coach at the North Dakota State College of Science for twenty-eight years, Dee has been a Vice President of the NJCAA Coaches Association, and was inducted into the NJCAA Track & Field Coaches Hall of Fame in 1998. Her teams have produced eight national champions and more than fifty national place winners. A frequent field event referee for NCAA Division I and II, Dee is respected for her diplomacy, decisiveness, and having the athletes' best interests at heart. She is an IAAF Level II Area Technical Official.

An advocate of grassroots programs and development opportunities for all athletes, Dee has served as a club coach for youth, and is meet director of a large high school meet in her community. The first president of the Dakotas Association, she has participated in Association Workshops each of the last eleven years. Wherever Dee is working for track and field, her main focus is always our athletes. She brings experience, energy, integrity, and commitment to the goals of USATF.



Lynn Cannon

Position: *USATF Secretary*

Nominators: Allan Steinfeld, Harmon Brown, Carla Coffey, Anne Timmons, Sandra Farmer-Patrick

Seconders: Brad Hackett, Frank Greenberg, John Chaplin, Maryanne Torrellas, Curt Clausen, Larry James, Terry Crawford, Stephanie Hightower, Carol McLatchie, Bob Adams, Evie Dennis, Sue Humphrey, Darlene Hickman, Jeri Daniels-Elder, Barb Kousky, Ramona Pagel, Shirley Crowe and Craig Poole

Having served USATF at the national level as an athlete representative, sports committee chair and representative to the USOC, I would like to make good use of this experience to serve as an officer of USATF.

As an athlete, I had the privilege of representing the US in international competition throughout the 1970's. After retiring from competition, I represented athletes as a member of both the USATF and USOC Athletes Advisory Committees serving as an officer in both in the 1980's.

From 1988 to 2000, I served as Chair of the Women's Track and Field Committee. In that capacity, I helped manage national competitions and international teams working with officials and meet organizers as well as coaches and athletes on a regular basis.

For the past twelve years, I have represented USATF as a member of the USOC Board of Directors. During my term at the USOC, I have twice been appointed by the USOC president to chair standing USOC committees and also served as Assistant Chef de Mission for the Olympic Team in Atlanta. I served a term on the USOC Executive Committee as well. With the recent restructuring of the USOC Board there will no longer be a representative from each sport hence my position with the USOC will no longer exist.

I now seek the office of secretary of USATF. It is my hope that my background and experience with both USATF and USOC will be a valuable asset to our officer corp. I have been responsible for recording minutes, composing and distributing newsletters, drafting legislation, drafting white papers, organizing agendas, and framing issues for discussion. I hold a masters degree in Education with an emphasis in Computer Literacy and am comfortable with technology and the internet. Most recently, I have served as USATF Joint Development Coordinator and as such have drafted and distributed notes and information regarding the work of the committees in the Joint Development Group via the internet. I also helped create High Performance Centers to provide feedback to coaches and athletes at competitions - this feedback is founded on the use of computers and cutting edge technology.

I have been a member of the USATF Board for many years and am very familiar with how the board operates. I have worked closely with several USATF presidents and the CEO on a variety of issues over the years. It is my opinion that ours can be a most effective Board if policy issues are well framed for discussion so decisions can be clearly rendered. I believe strongly that a Board of Directors should focus on "big picture" policy and direction for the organization bringing together the constituent groups by instilling in each a sense of shared purpose and leaving to each both the responsibility and authority to implement organizational policy.

I sincerely thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss any issues. My email address is: LCannon@direcway.com.

Sue Polansky

Position: *USATF Secretary*

Nominators: Edward Koch, Christopher Turner, Robert Hersh, Gary Westerfield, Elizabeth Phillips

Seconders: John Blackburn, Barbara Chambers, John Chaplin, Terry Crawford, Bob Flint, Joe Gentry, Stephanie Hightower, Nancy Hobbs, George Kleeman, Perry Jenkins, Karen Krsak, Linda Melzer, Ginger Mulanax, Kountez Moore, Alan Roth, Michael J. Roth, Murray Sanford and Steve Vaitones

The role of Secretary in USA Track & Field is indeed a unique and challenging one. It is of utmost importance for the Secretary to keep records of all meetings and to put the facts presented at these meetings into an accurate working document that can serve as a permanent record of proceedings. The Secretary provides a vital avenue of communications between the CEO, the officers of USATF, the members of the Board of Directors and the general membership through minutes of meetings and through other forms of communication. Setting up this solid line of communication is necessary in order to maintain a strong working relationship between all the groups who make up USATF.

I will bring many years of expertise and experience to this position having been the Administrative Secretary of a large labor union and welfare fund for twenty-seven years, having served a Secretary to the Metropolitan Association, the New York State Track & Field Officials Association and the Nassau Track & Field Officials Association.

In addition, I can provide a universal perspective to the position since I am involved with every aspect of our organization. I have officiated track & field since 1984 and, as a Master level official, have officiated at many national championships and international meets including Open, Youth and Masters meets, NCAA Championships, the Olympic Trials, the Goodwill Games and the Olympics. I am aware of that our elite athletes and coaches require financial and administrative support in order to train and compete at the highest level. I am aware that our colleges and universities play an integral role in the training of our finest athletes. I know the needs of officials and the necessity for an open line of communication between officials, athletes, coaches and the Board of Directors.

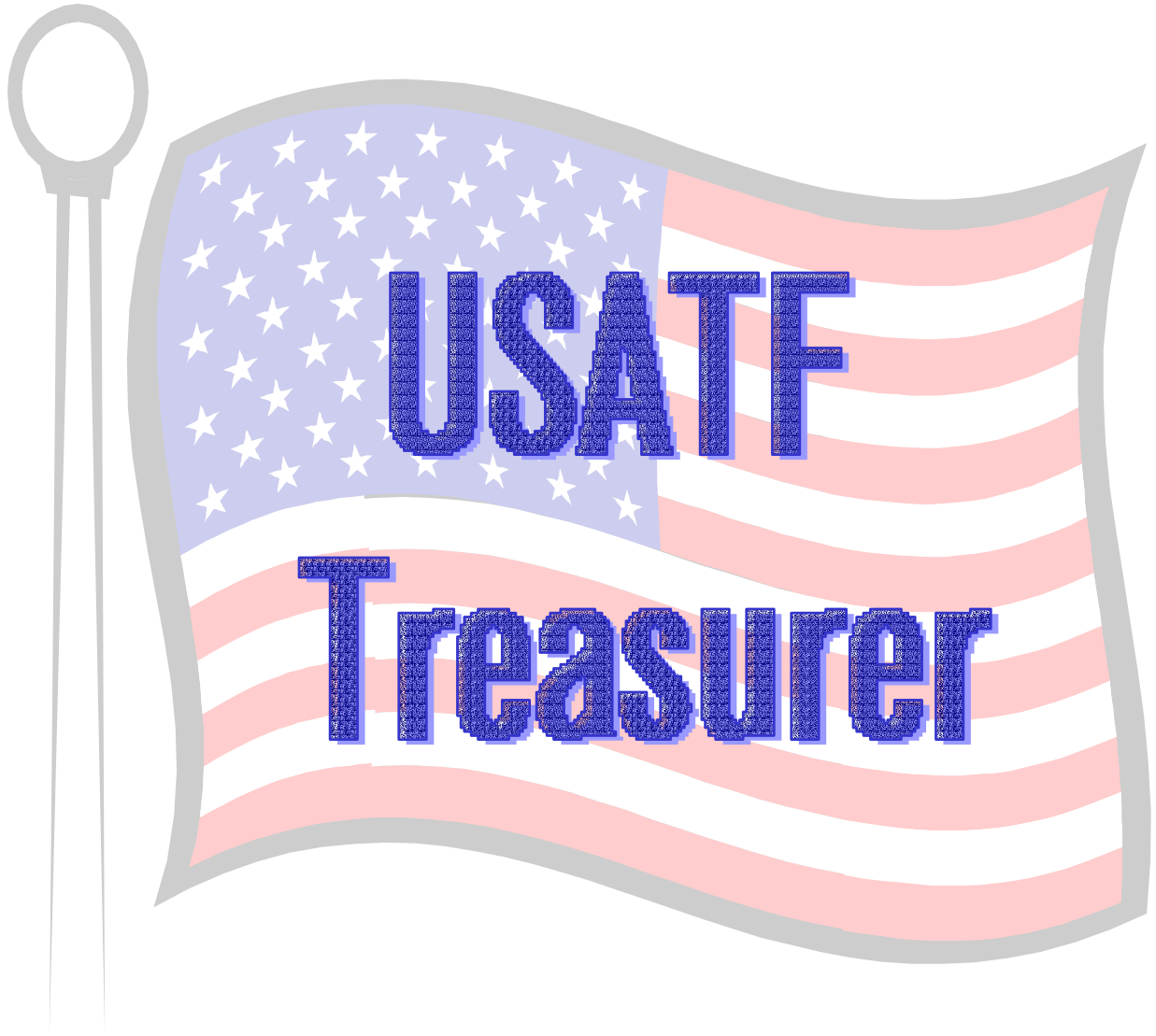
I have been involved in long distance running for thirty years and served as Women's LDR Chair for almost ten years in the Metropolitan Association.

As a founder and first President of USATF Long Island, USATF's newest member Association, I have had much experience working at the grassroots association level developing programs such as the Youth Outreach Program, fund raising, increasing individual and club membership and developing and nurturing a love of the sport. Long Island is proud to have developed strong programs in track & field, long distance running, race walking, athletics for the disabled and ultra running. I have a deep commitment to our Youth and Masters' programs.

My belief in the mission of USATF is strong. I can bring a wide array of experience with and a deep commitment to all aspects of our sport. With hard work, a little luck, and even a sense of humor, I hope to keep the avenues of communication wide open and help strengthen our organization and our sport.

Positions Held: Founder and President of USATF - Long Island, Treasurer-National Officials Committee, Secretary - Metropolitan Athletics Congress, Women's LDR Chair - Metropolitan Athletics Congress, Secretary - NYS Track & Field Officials Association, President and Secretary of Nassau Track & Field Officials Association

Honors: USATF President's Award - 2003, USATF -LI Bruce Mac Donald Award for Lifetime Service - 2003 - Associations Committee Horace Crow Award - 2002, Officials Committee Andy Bakjian Award - 2001 - Nassau County Trailblazer of the New Millenium Award - 2000, Town of Oyster Bay Woman of Distinction Award - 2002.



Edward R. Koch

Position: *USATF Treasurer*

Nominators: Bill Roe, Patricia Rico, G. Larry James and Rose Monday

Seconders: Dee Jensen, Darlene Hickman, Elizabeth Phillips, Christopher Turner, Alan Roth, Patrick Pretty, Madeline Bost, Bob Hersh, William Pollinger, Sue Polansky, Mary Rosado and David Katz

Ed Koch has served as USATF Treasurer during the current Olympiad and seeks re-election. He is uniquely qualified to be USATF Treasurer because of his professional background and his experience in USATF and our sport.

Ed has been a CPA since 1977 and an attorney since 1980. He has a Bachelors degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, a J.D. from the University of Virginia, and a Masters in Tax Law from N.Y.U. He understands the accounting, financial, and tax issues that affect a non-profit organization.

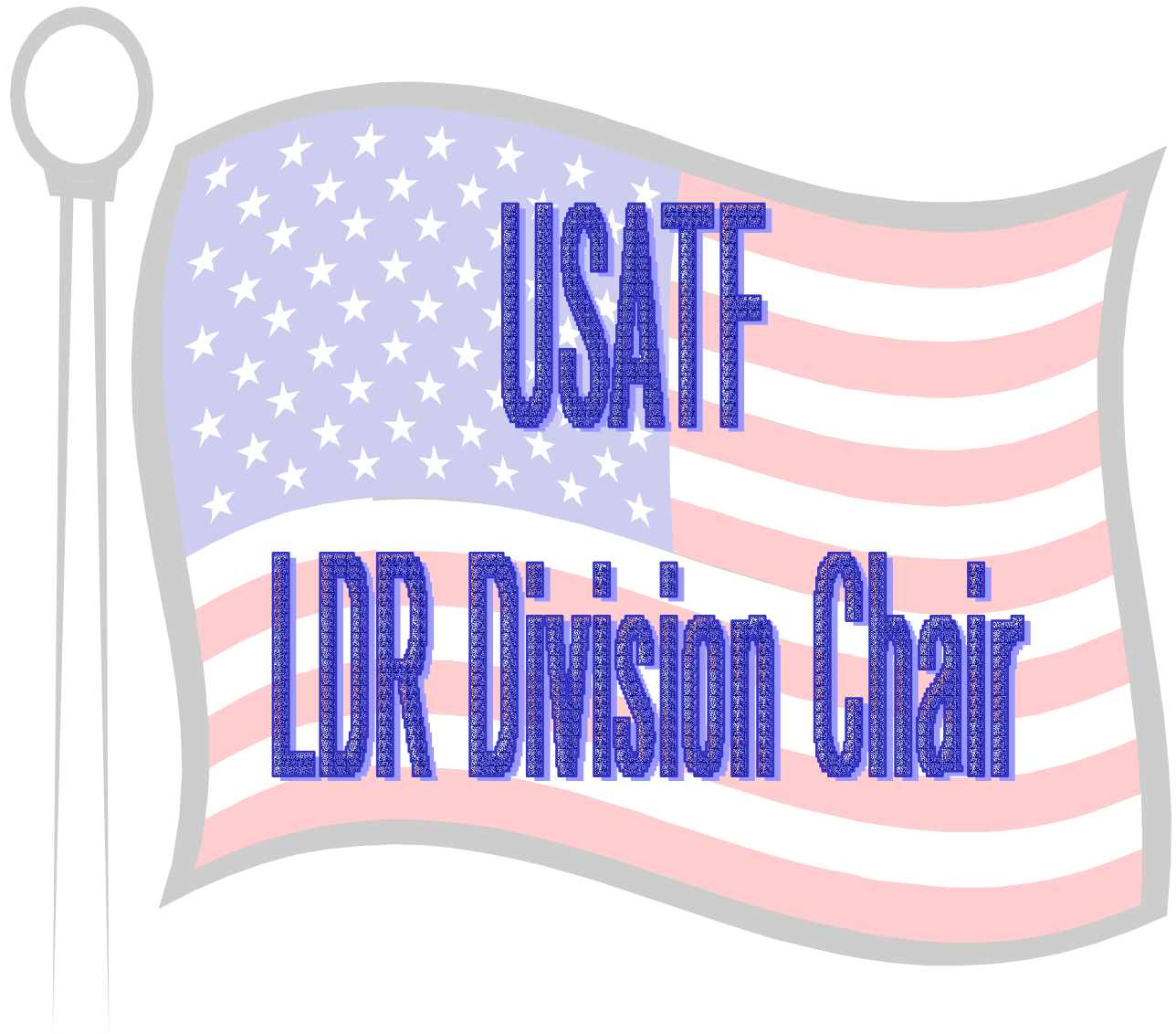
As an athlete, Ed competed in high school and college in the 440 and 880, winning a Penn Relays silver medal in the College Championship Freshman Mile Relay. After college, he continued to compete as a club athlete locally in everything from the 100 to the marathon, plus the long jump. He competed at the open, submasters, and masters levels, although injuries have restricted his participation in recent years.

As a master-level certified official, Ed has served in numerous local and national events. He is the Chief Clerk at the outdoor IC4A's, and Associate Chief Clerk at the Penn Relays. In 1996, he served as an Olympic official in Atlanta. This year, he served as Chief Clerk at the USATF Indoor Championships, and as a clerk at the Olympic Trials in Sacramento.

Ed has also served our sport in many other capacities. Locally, he served as an Association officer for twelve years (including four as President), and co-founded a track club that hosts New Jersey's oldest summer track & field series. The club won many NJ titles in the women's and sub-masters divisions over the years, and has developed many outstanding youth athletes, especially in Junior Olympic race walking events. One recent such athlete has gone on to adult success, ranking in the national top ten in the Men's 20 km and 50 km Race Walk in recent years.

Nationally, Ed served as the Law & Legislation Chair during 1989-2000, and before that served as the Insurance Committee Chair in the late 1980's. He has also served on various other committees and task forces since the 1980's. Of particular significance, he served as Chair of the Restructuring Task Force. He won the USATF President's Award in 1985, the USATF Giegengack Award in 1999.

Over the years, Ed has shown an ability to work with the many USATF committees, constituencies, and the national staff. As Treasurer during the past four years, Ed played a major role in USATF's efforts to build a strong financial foundation to strengthen the organization and the sport. Given the opportunity, he will seek to continue to do so over the next Olympiad.



USATF

LDR Division Chair

Fred Finke

Position: *USATF Long Distance Running Division Chair*

Nominators: Bill Roe, Jim Estes

Seconders: Alan Roth, Harry Simonis, Robert G. Fine, Elizabeth Phillips, Steve Vaitones, Carole Langenbach, Norman M. Green, Jr., Jerry Colman, Julius Shine, Dave Oja, Murray Sanford and Patrick Pretty

Fred Finke has actively served the USATF since 1985. During his tenure, not only has he served as a coach on several international teams and with many cross country and road racing events, he has been a force in the area of staff selections and evaluation procedures for the selection of coaches of international teams. His current position as the main repository for staff selection information has allowed him to build strong relationships in all the LDR areas of our sport as well as develop a good working relationship with the athletes and the track and field committees. His unique position of having worked with both the men's and women's committees, as well as many of the elite athletes, has allowed him to develop good working relationships across the spectrum of Men's LDR, Women's LDR, Men's and Women's Track and Field, Masters, Officials, MUT and Road Racing. Finke hopes to bring his broad working relationships and his personal experience, both in the business world and the running community, to enhance the LDR division.

Positions:

USATF National Coaching Staff Selection Coordinator for International Teams	1998-Present
USATF Long Distance Running Executive Committee	2002-Present
USATF Member of Executive Committee USATF Cross Country Council	1998-Present
USATF Coaching Education Certified Lead Instructor	1987-Present
USATF Men's LDR Chairman, Florida	2004-Present

Background in Athletics:

*Meet Director for USATF National Cross Country Championships	1999
*Head Coach World Cross Country Championships, Marrakech, Morocco	1998
*Meet Director, Great American	2002
*Head Coach of the USA Men's Team, Tokyo	1993
*Coach of the South Team, Olympic Festival	1990
*Meet Director for the World Cross Country Trials, Tallahassee, FL.	1991
*Jury of Appeals, Mountain West Conference	2002-2003
*Former National Secretary of Scholastic Track and Field Coaches of America	1998-2000
*Selected to Attend the First USATF Level II School, Olympic Training Center	1987
*Recipient of "Outstanding Achievement" by the USATF National Office	2004
*Recipient of "Outstanding Contributor" to National Cross Country	2003
*Florida Sport Hall of Fame inductee	2001
*USATF Certified Official	

Certificates And Licenses

USATF Level I certified Coach,	1984
USATF Level II certified Coach	1987
USATF Lead Instructor Certified Coach	1990