

**AEC Conference Call
March 06, 2011**

Attendees:

Karen Krsak	Jackie Callender	Andy Martin	Alan Roth
Marlene Atwood	Tom Confer	Richard Messenger	Ruth White
Willie Banks	Pam Fales	Patty Petesch	
Linda Bommicino	Mike Hinz	Pat Pretty	
Katherine Branch	Ed Koch	Bill Roe	

Conference call began at 8:04 pm ET.

Association's Workshop – will be in San Mateo at the Marriott. The hotel will provide a free airport shuttle. Saturday night entertainment will be a bus into San Francisco to Pier 39, Fisherman's Wharf. This is the first time since 2004 that we will be out West. The hotel is very nice and within walking distance of transportation. The hotel rate will be available both before and after the workshop so people can take advantage of the discount and enjoy some extra time in the area. The Workshop is the weekend before the World Championships in Korea. August 19-21, 2011. Jim and Ron are already working on agenda items from last year's survey results. If you have anything you would like on the agenda, please get it to them.

Regional Panels for Grievances – Most Association by-laws do not state that the panel members have to be members of USATF. A non member probably would not have any bias, so that is a plus. The National by-laws do not have the procedure specified as to what is done if a panel member is objected to. What they have done at the National level is to just remove that person and put someone else on the panel. But at the Association level, they may only have a limited number of people. What if there is no one else available? Have the Association's put their grievance panels in place? Is the conflict valid? Associations have to deal with the problems in a timely manner. If Associations don't have the panel ready to go, we will always have this problem. We may need to add an accreditation standard that would require the panelists to be submitted to National on a yearly basis. This must be resolved as we talk about it again and again. If Associations are not resolving their grievances in a timely manner, we need to have an escalation process. Once we have the panelists names from the Associations, we could inquire if they would like to serve on a Regional panel. If they are members, they can be verified; if they are not members, it would be more difficult to ensure they are valid names, so we would need to know who they are and why they were selected. We must get all 57 Associations to say what they're going to do and then do it.

Organizational Services – Herb Nichols is the new Accreditation Chair. There are four people left on the subcommittee, but they do not have an athlete. Herb had been the chair of the Nominations subcommittee and that is now being chaired by Winnie. The Board is concerned about the MAC situation. It is a very tough situation right now and it remains to be seen if they can turn their financial situation around, which is critical. Willie's concern is that MAC clearly follow through with the agenda that's been set for them, but he is not so sure that that is being done right now. Willie also reported that no candidate has been selected yet for CEO. Look for a press release. Willie believes we will have someone in place by the end of March.

Membership Cards – Andy sent an email to explain why the membership cards were late. Basically, the benefit inserts caused a problem which was not anticipated. And the fulfillment

company stopped communicating with us. We will also be looking into permanent membership numbers. Now that the youth are doing on-line entry, this is now feasible.

Website – Andy has made progress on the Association's template based on the new content management system. It will be as user friendly as possible.

Associations Manual – there may be a couple of chapters ready to be posted, and the full manual should be ready by the workshop. Andy will need assistance with the Officials chapter.

Sanctions – They have not been able to schedule an in-person meeting of the Sanctions task force, so they will schedule a conference call instead.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting is March 27, 2011.

Submitted by
Linda Bommicino, Secretary