

**Region Rep Conference Call
March 08, 2011**

Attendees:

Karen Krsak	Jackie Callender	Mike Hinz
Marlene Atwood	Tom Confer	Andy Martin
Linda Bommicino	Pam Fales	

Conference call began at 8:04 pm ET.

Karen would like the Region Reps to have a quarterly conference call and would like a leader who is willing to put this together. Please think about volunteering to do this. We also need a Midwest Region Rep, so if anyone knows someone, please let Karen know.

Karen asked each of the reps to introduce themselves and tell what they do in their Associations.

Marlene Atwood – Georgia Association Secretary. Sends out communications to membership, attend and scribe meetings. In addition, Marlene is the Sanctions Chair and has been officiating for approx 8 years. Marlene is also a Level 1 coach, as well as an active running coach.

Pam Fales – Managing Director of the NJ Association. Pam handles just about anything that goes on in New Jersey. Pam also has a full time employee who she oversees.

Jackie Callendar – currently does not hold a position in his Association, but is a former President, Vice President, Youth Director, Meet Director. He has held many official positions over 15 or 16 years.

Tom Confer – President of Southern California, previously Treasurer and Youth Vice President. Tom is a High School Coach and teacher.

Mike Hinz – President of Inland Northwest for about 12 years. Mike is a High School and Club coach for 23 years and is retired from the Chemistry Department at Washington State University.

The Region Rep position helps out in the Associations when they are 'not playing nice in the sandbox'. Having held many positions in your Associations, you can give advice and suggestions with your knowledge and experience. Andy does try to have a mini workshop every year in Indy for new people. Last year it focused on membership and sanction chairs.

This year we have had a lot of grievances in a lot of Associations. Karen just learned of another grievance while she was in Albuquerque. Niagara's grievance has come to a conclusion although some do not like the outcome.. Now the Association will just have to deal with it. Border also has some issues as their President resigned right before the annual meeting and there is a lot of dissension. Jackie has had a long conversation with them and Andy. Jackie will follow up as there are still some people who do not want to go along with the group's decision. There is another one Jackie has been working with that should come to a conclusion soon. Tennessee is still up in the air. The National office has communicated back to Lionel what the Youth Committee has to do to move forward. The National Youth Division feels they have evidence of cheating and they are trying to move forward with

disciplinary action in that Association. Jackie will bring Marlene up to date off line, as this is now her region. The President had a lot of communication with Jackie and Karen had a long conversation with two members of Tennessee.

Karen would like to work in some time on Friday morning of the workshop to have a meeting with the Region Reps before the noon AEC meeting in San Mateo. This would probably mean everyone would have to come in Thursday evening to be available for a Friday morning meeting.

Discussed communications from the Region Reps to the Associations they cover. Andy will send the Reps the email addresses of the Presidents and Secretaries so they can communicate with them. Marlene would like to send out a newsletter that could go out to her Associations for things that pertain to secretaries and presidents. Andy will look to see how we can set them up. Jackie also would like to have a quarterly conference call with the members of his Region. Karen has requested that there be minutes from those meetings. Andy will need the dates and times of the conference calls and he will set the Reps up with a call in number. Karen will be interested in people who do not participate because they would be missing an opportunity and Karen can have a personal conversation with that President. If it's not a useful tool, Karen wants to know why they think it's not.

Region Meets – one of the responsibilities of the Region reps is establishing and setting up the Regional Open T&F championship. It has been successful in the past in the NE, West and South. The MidWest struggled the most. This is one of the reason we wanted to go to 7 regions. We haven't really defined these meets in the past, which is why Andy published the criteria. If you can't get a meet put together this year, it is okay as it is late for this year. The meets are a tune up event for the National Club Championships which will be held in NYC this year. The Regions now are directly aligned with the Masters regions, so it will work well to combine with the Masters is desired. Andy put a link in his document to the names of the Masters Regional Reps. Devon Martin, Chair of Club Council, wants to be involved as there is an issue of jurisdiction. Andy will talk with Devon. The Region meets are open to individuals, not just Clubs. Send any info you are planning on the meets to Andy asap. Question as to whether we had to offer all events, like the steeplechase and the hammer. Andy would like to include these whenever possible, even it it causes additional expense for facility.

Money – administrative money is available to help associations within the region in terms of conference calls or your need to travel or newsletters. It should not be used to travel to support the track & field meets. Andy believes it is \$1,200 per Region. It could also be applied for the extra hotel night at the workshop, or to travel to the Regional meet to help conduct and oversee the meet. Make sure to keep receipts and send in the Reimbursement form to Richard Messenger. The Associations Committee usually pays for the first night lodging when you come in early to the annual meeting. For the annual meeting each committee is only allocated \$4,000 and Karen tries to use it to help the officers and region reps.

Region Reps are appointed yearly and will have an evaluation process. Karen wants the Reps to look at what you believe your responsibilities are, and what is fair that you think you should be evaluated on. This will allow Karen to develop a questionnaire to send out to the Associations to provide feedback to Karen.

Jackie suggested we consider doing training and guidance on parliamentary procedures and grievances. Also, finances are always a challenging topic. Karen asked Jackie to send these suggestions to Ron and Jim.

Submitted by
Linda Bommicino, Associations Committee Secretary