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National Track & Field Hall of Fame Restructuring  
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## **National Track & Field Hall Of Fame Restructuring Committee**

The third year of restructuring has produced significant progress toward finalizing the procedures for nominating and electing inductees to the Hall of Fame. Further refinements amended the process by which candidates are placed on the ballot, the screening of credentials, and the list of voters. These will be presented as proposed by-laws and operating procedures to the Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

- 1) The four separate screening panels created to review the qualifications of candidates and select the slates are chaired by Jill Geer (Modern Athletes), Dave Johnson (Veteran Athletes), Teri Jordan (Coaches), and Bill Roe (Contributors).
- 2) Nomination is now pro forma following a scouring of the lists of Olympic and World Championships competitors, national champions, and American record holders. Athletes are scored on a set of tables devised by the committee. The resulting scores serve to place an athlete into a consideration pool for the panel to then select a slate. Nomination is still accepted by the former means, and will automatically place the nominee in the consideration pool for that year.
- 3) The research involved to produce the tables and biographical charts has resulted in a proper vetting of candidate credentials.
- 4) The electorate has been pared down from some 600 voters to a more manageable 200, but has produced a much higher response rate for the past two elections.

Current plans include electing one coach and one contributor in each two-year period, alternating the two slates each year. Recent and veteran athletes will continue to be elected annually, with a strong desire to rectify the omissions of deserving athletes from among the veterans group.

The Hall of Fame will operate under using the following timetable as a guide:

- May 1: receipt of paper nominations
- June 1: mailing of all information to Screening Committees
- July 1: receipt of screening ballots

- Aug 1: mailing of final ballots to Voters
- Sept 1: confirmation of ballot results
- Sept 15: notification to inductees and press release

The Hall of Fame lost a great friend and ardent supporter with the passing of former Screening Panel chair Helio Rico. His efforts are greatly appreciated and his counsel will be equally missed.

Submitted by Dave Johnson, Chair

## **National Track And Field Library Advisory Board**

The National Track and Field Hall of Fame Historical Research Library is housed at the Amateur Athletic Foundation (AAFLA) in Los Angeles. The collection is now known as The National Track and Field Research Collection.

We are developing satellite libraries because of the large number of duplicate books available. We have added the following libraries to our satellite list:

- Oregon State University Library
- University of Athens Library
- Pacific Northwest Library
- Sports Illustrated Library
- Northern Michigan Library

We are actively searching for other institutions to house a satellite library. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact the chair.

The Library Advisory Board is pleased to announce the 2006 Ken Doherty Memorial Fellowship winner: Dr. Joseph M. Turrini, Associate Professor, Auburn University. His topic: The Dash for Cash; American Track Athletes and the Creation of Professional Track & Field.

The Fellowship is announced by the AAFLA. The winner announced in November by the AAFLA and at the USATF convention.

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Chair