



USATF
President
Nominees

BOB BOWMAN

Position: **USATF President**

Nominator: Skip Stolley

Seconders: John Blackburn, Rex Harvey, Philip Dunn, Dick Connors, Gary Westerfield, Bob Adams, George Kleeman, Scott Davis, Ron Daniel, Bill Pollinger, Allen James, Rod Larsen, Charles Sheppard, Cheryl Sunman, Maryanne Daniels; Mark Winitz, Patti Petesch, Dave Snyder

I believe USA Track & Field is at a critical crossroad in its history. We are going through another restructuring at the insistence of the USOC, including a dramatic change in the size and make up of our Board of Directors. We have a new CEO who has come to us from outside track & field. He has some great ideas to re-energize the marketing of our sport and lead us back to the position on the America's sports landscape our sport deserves. And, with this being the start of a new Olympic quadrennial, we need to focus on achieving the success in London that we had hoped for in Beijing.

We have a great opportunity to elevate the status and stature of track & field in the United States that will challenge all of our leaders within USATF. Our success will largely depend on having a President who is a leader that is up to these challenges. I believe I have the background and experience in our sport that is necessary, as well as the professional qualifications that this position demands at this point in our history.

I am proud of the many years of experience I've gained within USATF at the Association, national and international levels. At the Association level, I am the immediate past president of our largest association, the Pacific Association, and served on its Board of Athletics for nearly 30 years. I started my volunteer work as an Association sports committee chair while still a competing athlete in the Southern California Association. I now reside and work alongside my good friends for many years in the Pacific Northwest Association.

Nationally, I have served on numerous national committees. While Vice President of USATF (1984-88), I introduced the strategic planning process to our governing body. As President, I hope to revitalize that process over the next four years with our new Board and CEO to increase our revenues, develop our weaker events, increase membership, provide new levels of support for our Associations/officials/youth/masters/clubs, and to strengthen our relationships with the USOC and IAAF.

Internationally, I have many years of experience within the IAAF, having first been elected in 1981 to the IAAF Race Walking Committee, and then serving as its chair for eight years. I also have been a USATF delegate to the IAAF Congress. There, I introduced legislation to require that at least two women be on the IAAF Council. If elected, I will also lead an effort to bring IAAF World Championship events to the U.S. It has now been 17 years since we last hosted an IAAF major world competition. Since suffering the unprecedented loss of two of our IAAF Committee members at the last IAAF Congress, it's never been more important that we improve our influence there.

I have advanced degrees in engineering and business, plus an extensive management background that will help us meet these challenges and achieve our goals over the next 4 years. While at Intel Corporation I helped elevate it from #4 to #1 in the semiconductor industry – what seemed like an impossible task at the time. Since then, I have served as a consultant to more than 50 companies in the high tech industry.

Now retired, I am in position to devote my full time efforts towards achieving our mutual goals together for USA Track & Field.

STEPHANIE HIGHTOWER

Position: **USATF President**

Nominator: Dr. Evie Dennis

Seconders: Laurie Boemker, A Monique White, Dorothy Dawson, Glenn Latimer, Lionel Leach, Diane Wholey, Darlene Hickman, Ed Gorman, Sue Humphrey, Wendy Truvillion, Dexter McCloud, Alan Kolling, Sharieffa Barksdale, Bob Flint, Rose Monday, Robin Brown-Beamon, Terry Crawford, Danny Williams, Kim Duyst, Annie Bennett

ACTION & ACCOUNTABILITY

Stephanie's strength and passion for the sport has inspired her to run in the race for USATF President. She believes that USA Track and Field deserves dynamic new leadership that can lead the Board of Directors in confronting 21st century opportunities and challenges. At the cornerstone of her platform, Stephanie believes that USATF must focus on adopting judicious governance practices, promote inter-connectivity among all the organizations constituents, implementing sound business practices, facilitate meaningful change, building new partnerships, bridge old divides, adopt bold solutions, zero tolerance for PED, foster international relations and establishing a new standard for transparency.

ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS / HONORS

Stephanie earned collegiate, national and international recognition as a world class track and field athlete competing in the 100 meter hurdles. Hightower held several American and world records and was a member of 1980 Olympic Team before retiring in 1988. As a student athlete at the Ohio State University, she earned Big Ten Conference, Collegiate and National Championship titles. As one of America's elite athletes, she competed on over a dozen national teams representing the United States across the globe.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stephanie Hightower currently serves as Vice President for Institutional Advancement for Columbus College Art & Design. Hightower is responsible for leading marketing and communications, media relations, philanthropy, community relations, alumni engagement and legislative affairs. She is currently involved in directing the college's first comprehensive campaign geared to raise \$12M for capital improvements and endowment growth. She held cabinet level positions with the Mayor's office, where she was responsible for handling sports development.

ATHLETICS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Hightower started her USATF Board service as a member representing Athletes Advisory Committee (AAC) and serving as AAC Secretary and AAC/USOC representative.

She currently serves as the Chair for the Women's Track and Field Committee and is a member of the Board of Directors. She serves on the committee for International Relations, athlete support, and chaired the 2007 CEO Evaluation committee. In 2004 Hightower served as the Women's Track and Field Team Manager for the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, and in 2005 Team leader for World Youth in Morocco, Chief of the Delegation for the 2003 Outdoor World Championships in Paris, head Manager 1999 World Championship Team in Seville and Assistant Manager for the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Position: **USATF President**

Nominator: Karen Krsak, LeeAnn Meyer, Patricia Rico, Ken Taylor

Seconders: Patrick Becker, Edward Koch, Nancy Hobbs, Brian Brown, Steven Cuomo, Richard Lutes, Liza Mascarenas, Harry Simonis, William Nault, Richard Messenger, Rick McGuire, Ron Mascarenas, Stephanie Brown Trafton, Gary Westerfield, James Flanik, Jerry Colman, Rex Harvey, Stevie Keller, Sue Polansky, Gilbert Castillo

Vice President of USATF, Dee's background includes more than two decades of experience and accomplishments as a USATF officer, coach, and official – perfect training for the role of President.

Dee has gained valuable international experience while serving on the IAAF Women's Committee, as the Chef de Mission for the World Championships in Seville, Spain and the World Junior Championships in Annecy, France; as Assistant Manager at the World Championships in Athens, Greece; and as Chief Judge of the high jump at the Centennial Olympic Games. She has also served as the Head Manager for the Goodwill Games and the USA vs. Great Britain outdoor meet.

Nationally, Dee gained a broad base of experience while serving on Budget and Finance, Championship Site Selection, the Olympic Officials Selection Committee, Women's Track and Field Executive Committee, and the National Officials Executive Committee. Since 1993, Dee has represented all of USATF; first as a member of the Board of Directors, and for the past twelve years as a national officer.

Dee served as the first president of the Dakotas Association. Currently an officer, she is also Officials Certification Chair, and has attended at least one Association Workshop every year since 1993. Having served as a junior college coach, club coach, and high school coach, Dee's actions exemplify her commitment to "grassroots."

The women's track and field 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 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.

Dee has been recognized for her outstanding contributions to USATF with the Robert Geigengack Award, National Officials Hall of Fame Inductee, Women's Track and Field Robichaux Award, Andy Bakjian National Officials Award, and the US Women's Track & Field Coaches Service Award.

Respected and appreciated for her integrity, listening and organizational skills, knowledge, and diplomacy, Dee had the talent and ability to continue to contribute experience, energy, and commitment to the goals of USATF and our sport.

ELECT DEE JENSEN USATF PRESIDENT!



USATF
LDR Division
Chair Nominee

Position: **LDR Division Chair**

Nominator: Bill Roe

Seconders: Jack Hazen, Scott Christensen, Glenn Latimer, Michael Scott, Tony Cosey, Elizabeth Phillips, Mark Winitz, Allan Steinfeld, Don Lein, Nancy Hobbs

Fred Finke is currently serving as the Long Distance Running Division chair as well as the High Performance Chair. He 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 both for LDR events and Track and field events.. His current position as the main repository for staff selection information has allowed him to build strong relationships in all the LDR/T&F 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 continue to use his broad working relationships and his personal experience, both in the business world and the running communities, to continue enhance the LDR division.

Positions:

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| USATF LDR Division Chair | 2004-present |
| USATF High Performance Chair | 2008-Present |
| USATF Board of Directors | 2004-Present |
| Running USA Board of Directors | 2004-Present |
| 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:

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| *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

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| USATF Level 3 Certified Coach | 2004 |
| USATF Lead Instructor Certified Coach | 1990 |
| USATF Level II certified Coach | 1987 |
| USATF Level I certified Coach | 1984 |