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A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT STEPHANIE HIGHTOWER

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What a week in Indianapolis! I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2009 USA Track & Field Annual Meeting. After a week of hard work, meetings, listening, discussion and even a dash of quality socializing, we find ourselves truly at the dawn of a new era for this organization.

With the passage of a second round of bylaw amendments, USATF stands ready to implement the programs that can and will take our sport to a new level of excellence across the board. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the Law & Legislation committee for their many months of work and every USATF member who took part in the Annual Meeting and who took the time to understand, reflect upon and, ultimately, pass the bylaw amendments. Our committee chairs, who have enough on their plates working with our constituent groups, went above and beyond in presenting the changes to their groups and ultimately leading the charge for passage.

All of you have put us on a course for an incredible future.

As we have come to expect, the USATF staff did an outstanding job of organizing an Annual Meeting that provided something for everyone. The “Customer Service Culture” espoused by Doug Logan when he took over as CEO was on full display.

Indianapolis marked the first Annual Meeting for our new Board of Directors. I speak for the Board in thanking every individual who participated in the Coffee with the Board and CEO sessions, held on Thursday and Saturday. Hearing directly from our members about their ideas, concerns and questions already has helped the Board to better do our job. As we pursue our new Strategic Plan, the feedback we get will be directly applied to fulfilling the goals of that plan. And I pledge that we will continue hosting these sessions regularly under my presidency and chairmanship.

This Board considers transparency and openness to be a critical component of governance. Remember, you can follow the Board’s work on the USATF Web site, where we post all our minutes. Those minutes, as well as Board member biographies, can be found at <http://www.usatf.org/about/committees/BoardOfDirectors/>

I hope everyone takes the next few weeks to relax and appreciate the great work you all have done in 2009 – we’ve got even more to do in 2010!

I wish all of you a Joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year.

Yours in Sport,

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