

**NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING – SESSION # 1
DECEMBER 2, 2005 – RIVER TERRACE ROOM
HYATT REGENCY – JACKSONVILLE, FL**

Meeting call to order at 9:00 am by Chair Linda Melzer.

The roll was called by secretary Len Krsak. A quorum was present.

First item of business, G. Kleeman discussed/explained L & L changes and proposals from the officials committee. A motion was passed to suspend regular operating procedures to accomplish the following:

1. Re-number operating by-laws, motion passed unanimously.
2. Correct, chairs of committees, motion passed unanimously.
3. Membership at 14 years of age. Discussion occurred, Dick Connors suggested young people become eligible, motion passed unanimously.
4. Membership to committees, motion passed unanimously.
5. Officials can have membership in multiple associations, but can only be certified in one. Discussion occurred, Elbert Reed motion to accept seconded by Barbara Palm motion, passed unanimously.
6. Elect the Vice Chair of Awards same time as the Treasurer and Vice Chair of Certification. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Amend duties of committees into by-laws. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Change order of business & operating procedures for annual meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

All above changes were introduced and passed individually.

L. Melzer discussed officials L & L proposals that were not accepted.

1. L & L rejected food & per diem.
2. 4-f-1 encouraged acceptance.
3. Selection letter, to be mailed by September 15th of each year if site determination has been made.
4. Item 48 (4-h-1-b) L. Melzer said was unacceptable and item should be rejected. As M & W Track & Field should not have a say in selecting officials. Discussion took place W. Rings, asked if there were any suggested changes, answer was yes. Lynn Cannon suggested negotiating with M & W Track & Field. T. Hott recommended Splitting Item 47. L. Melzer asked for a motion to pull Item 48 on Saturday night's Session. F. Adler discussed when selection letter should be mailed. T. Hott clarified Issue.

T. Hott informed group Item 45 was rejected as presented, L & L revised it with re-wording. Discussion took place, E. Koch explained situation and would try to correct it. G. Kleeman asked to consider ramifications.

L. Melzer asked T. Hott to re-present items to L&L.

Secretary's Report --- Presented by secretary L. Krsak. Secretary asked to suspend reading of the minutes, explained copies of minutes were available on the sign in table plus mailed to all register officials attending the annual meeting. Reports discussed were 2004 annual meetings minutes, executive board meetings minutes and 2004 mid-year executive board minutes. Motion to accept report by D. Berry

seconded by B. Buttermore. Motion passed unanimously. Secretary also addressed group regarding complying with requested responses.

Treasurer's Report --- Presented by S. Polansky. Discussed budget, comparison of budget, proposed 2006 budget of \$19,000.00 Vs \$18,000.00 for 2005. There were no questions. S. Polansky asked for a motion to receive report, Motion given by F. Thomas seconded by J. Flanik. Motion passed unanimously. S. Polansky asked for a motion to receive 2006 budget report. Motion given by J. Hickman seconded by G. Kleeman. Motion passed unanimously.

Awards Report --- Given by G. Bocoock. Gordon thanked J. Grey for help and information received. 378 Outstanding Service Awards were issued to local associations to present. 11 people were nominated for the Andy Bakjian award, nominee's were cut to 10. Eighty two individuals returned votes, thirty five did not respond. Nominee's were F. Adler, L. Bailey, A. Boyajian, E. Callahan, S. Chaisson, L. Glover, W. Jackson, G. Mulanax, M. Sanford and F. Thomas. Winner to be announced Saturday December 3, 2005. Horace Crowe Award to L. Dowell presented by C. Ruter, accepted by B. Springer. Charles Ruter Award to F. Adler & B. Buttermore, presented by C. Ruter. John Davis Award presented to B. Langenbach, accepted by B. Springer, presented by G. Bocoock.

Former John Davis Award winners were presented pins by G. Bocoock, 2001 W. Eggers, 2002 F. Orsak, 2003 M. Sanford, 2004 Y. Grimes and 2005 B. Langenbach.

Chair Awards, were presented by L. Melzer, recipients were D. Berry, W. Eggers, K. Mitchell, R. Harvey and G. Kleeman.

G. Bocoock announced USATF President's Award winners, E. Baxter, W. Eggers, F. Fink, J. Grissom, V. Peters, E. Phillips, N. Seifert and L. Seifert.

L. Melzer reported on NCAA proposal to enhance selection of officials for championships. B. Podkaminer followed up with discussion and explanation. Also announced Div II funded a stipend for the 2005 championships. Div I & III were turned down. NCAA is considering a officials improvement clinic.

L. Melzer informed members housing for J O'S will be taken care of for 2006 as well as the Masters championship. Youth Athletics championship will provide housing & meals.

Vice Chair – Certification --- Presented by J. Flanik. Jim stated current number of certified officials at 5700. Estimated 6000 by year end. Average age 48 yrs, national level 56 yrs, master level 61 yrs, emeritus 76 yrs. Objective for certification chairs re-certified all 2000-2004 Olympiad officials. Jim explained how and when on line certification will take place. Estimated cost for new system \$5,000.00. Also, re-defining definition of an emeritus official.

Rules --- report given by G. Kleeman. All rules reviews have been re-written. One test per level your at, exception Race Walk & LDR.

93 Items were submitted to the rules committee. G. Kleeman discussed Items #3, #7, #8, #15, #16, #19, #23, #36, #46, #49, #50, #59, #66, #67, #75 & #76.

B. Podkaminer tied in with the rules presentation, announced new ITO'S, J. Blackburn, G. Kleeman and E. Zemper. Also said the NCAA last made major changes to their rule book in 1987. Any suggested changes to NCAA rules must be submitted by May 1st of each year.

S. Sharp presented legalities of running an event regarding injuries and lawsuits. Also made presentation to the Track Coaches Association. Shelby stated preventable injuries are the ones libel, “reasonable”, use common sense and good judgement.

L. Melzer announced afternoon clinic schedule.

Point of information 188 members attended 1st general session.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm to be continued Saturday December 3, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Krsak
NOC Secretary