

**NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING – SESSION # 1
DECEMBER 1, 2006 – GRAND BALLROOM 4
THE WESTIN HOTEL
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Chair Linda Melzer

A roll call was dispensed with as a quorum was present.

Executive Board members present Linda Melzer, Sue Polansky, Gordon Bocock, Rex Harvey, Jim Flanik, George Kleeman, Len Krsak, also present the parliamentarian Don Berry.

First Order Of Business:

Secretary's Report --- Presented by Len Krsak, Secretary asked to suspend reading of the minutes, explained copies of minutes have been posted on the Officials web-site and also available on the sign in table. Reports discussed were 2005 Annual Meeting minutes, 2005 Executive Board Meeting minutes, March 2006 Conference Call minutes and the 2006 July Executive Board Meeting minutes. No additions, deletions or corrections were noted. Motion to accept report as given was made by Charles Ruter, and seconded by Fred Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report --- Presented by Sue Polansky. Sue stated 2006 beginning balance at \$69,731.40. Income to date (11/1/06) \$18,561.04 produced mostly from certifications. Expenses to date (11/1/06) are \$32,015.76. Current balance as of (11/1/06) is \$56,276.68. Projected revenue carryover from 2006, is \$25,000.00. Anticipated 2007 income is \$47,050.00, and projected revenue for 2007, is \$72,050.00.

Sue stated the NOC Committee should anticipate higher expenditures for 2007 from the following Committees, the Training Committee and the Hall of Fame Committee. There were no questions regarding the report. Sue asked for a motion to receive the report. Motion made by Sam Gomer and seconded by Jim Flanik. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Melzer thank the following host Associations (Boston, Indianapolis and North Carolina) for there hospitality and treatment of Officials during the 2006 National Championship Meets.

Newsletter --- L.Melzer explained due to the expense of printing and mailing there will be no more paper copies published. Future publications will be available via the web-site. Last paper copy published was October of 2006.

Selection Committee Activity --- L.Melzer stated 93 (2007) applications were returned due to wrong addresses. Many had certification number or USATF membership number in the wrong place. Four were returned unsigned. 410 applied for the Championship Meets. The selection process was also explained. An example was given of the number of officials that will be needed for a given event.

Training Committee --- Rex Harvey introduced Rob Buzaitis as the Sub-Group Chair, also thank everyone involved with training for their help. Rex explained that Training is now set up with five Groups responsible for the following:

Championship/Convention Group, Chaired by Shirley Connors

- Clinic set up
- Setting up a database to evaluate clinics
- Review and select clinic topics
- Investigate conducting clinics at other venues

Initial Training Group, Chaired by Dave Bowers

- Train new Officials before and after certification
- Develop a survey on initial training programs
- Evaluate proficiency for each skill and level

Continuing Education Program Group, Chaired by Mike Armstrong

- Develop a casebook
- Keep record of up dated rules
- Keep up on advance technology

Advancement Training Group, Chaired by Susan Petrelli

- Specialized training
- Up date training material in a skilled area
- Study training modules from Associations
- Work and communicate with Certification Chairs

Out Reach Training Group, Chaired by Michael Maryott

- Exchange program with foreign Officials

R. Harvey stated officials selected for the exchange program must be seasoned and have a long career ahead of them. Program started in 2006 with England will continue in 2007, featuring field event Officials. In coming (2007) England Officials will officiate at the Master's Meet in Orono, Maine, August of 2007.

R. Harvey encouraged Officials to attend clinics being conducted at the Annual Meeting and also stated additional money will be needed from the budget for training programs during 2007.

Certification Report --- Presented by Jim Flanik. Jim stated 7300 individuals are currently certified for the 2005 – 2008 Olympiad. Objective is to have 10,000 certified by the end of this Olympiad (2005-2008). Current approximate break out 5300 Males and 2000 Females. All rule reviews (tests) are now on C D's, mailed to all Certification Chairs during 2006. Jim explained new certification process is now on line and ready for implementation. The Ohio Association was the first to go on line as a test. Another 5 Associations are to be added by year end (2006), with all Associations using new system by yearend (2007).

Rules Committee Report --- George Kleeman informed membership 2006 is a rules year at the Annual Meeting. G. Kleeman discussed 28 items that directly effect officiating and gave a brief report on other items being discussed in the Rules Committee. G. Kleeman also thanked his Sub-Committee for their efforts during 2006 i. e., William Boyd, Virginia – Jack Brisacher, So. California – William Buttermore, Ohio – Carroll DeWeese, Michigan – and William Price, Potomac Valley.

Bob Podkaminer discussed NCAA rules and changes for 2007, i. e., runway markings clarified, design of hammer and discus cages, honest effort rule eliminated, clarified protest procedures and uniform violation enforcement. Also stated NCAA rulebooks were available as of October 2006.

Awards Report --- Gordon Bocoock explained new criteria for receiving future awards. Information will also be posted on the Officials' web-site. First awards presented were the Chairs Awards by Linda Melzer. Award winners were Patrick Lavelle, Alma Price, Charles Ruter, Robert Springer, Jimmy Stuart and Tony Wayne.

John Davis Award winner, Denise Hutchins
Charles Ruter Award winner, Jim Carlisle
Horace Crow Award winner, Chester Bradley
Andy Bakjian Award winner, T B A at the USATF Awards breakfast

G. Bocoock stated 2006 was the 25th year the Andy Bakjian Award will be presented. 24 nominations were received and the 10 finalist were announced, i. e., Fred Adler, Andrew Boyajian, Keith Mitchell, William Mongovan, Kenneth Morton, Richard Moss, Ginger Mulanax, Robert Podkaminer, Daniel Reynolds and Fred Thomas.

L. Melzer announced that anyone wishing to distribute meet applications for 2007 meets can do so at the next session on December 2, 2006.

L. Melzer announced that all candidates running for election will have three minutes for a speech to profile themselves.

Nomination Report --- Report given by Lil Mahoney in place of Andrew Wiley. L. Mahoney stated as of this date only one candidate has been nominated for the Certification Chair position, Jim Flanik. For the treasurers position six candidates were nominated, one withdrew Robert Podkaminer, the five remaining candidates at this time are Joyce Burrows, Alabama – Patrick Lavelle, New England – James McKee, Kentucky – Paul Morency, Maine – Kenneth Taylor, Mid-Atlantic. L. Mahoney also stated nominations from the floor will take place prior to the election.

Hall of Fame Report --- Presented by Sue Polansky. Sue announced members of the Hall of Fame Committee i. e., Chester Bradley, Ken Caouette, Dick Connors, Gene Edmonds, Ken Gibson, Dee Jensen, George Kleeman and Pat Levelle.

S. Polansky stated goal of Committee was to develop criteria, procedures and application form. Introduction of the first to be installed will be at the 2007 Annual Meeting. For the first year nominations due 5/1/07, committee get info 5/15/07, ballots must be returned by 8/21/07. First few years several individuals will be inducted, there after three or four per year. Slate of candidates will go to the NOC Executive Board for approval. Voting members will be everyone on the NOC Committee.

Criteria for induction i. e., Active Official, Emeritus Official, Deceased Official, 20 years of officiating, officiated at all levels of competition, been an award winner, acted in a leadership role. The nominator and two seconders must sign the application form. The nomination application was review during the presentation. All information will be posted on the Officials web-site.

Technology Report --- Given by Mark Heckel. Mark discussed Tech training for Laser Measurement training and Electronic Recording. Also explained process on how Electronic officials will be certified. Currently the Tech Committee consists of Mark Heckel, Jim Hume and Jim McGloin.

Affirmative Development Report --- Report given by Yvonne Grimes. Yvonne detailed committee goals i. e., to assist Association with suggestions and information regarding officiating population concerns, with a new brochure.

Y. Grimes stated seven Sub-Committees have been formed, each being responsible for approximately 8 Associations to follow up on the affirmative development program. It was also mentioned 28 individuals attended the Affirmative Development Clinic conducted at the 2006 Annual Meeting.

Due to time constraints L. Melzer call for a recess of the first General Session at 11:50 AM. Meeting to resume at 3:30 PM on Saturday, December 2, 2006.

Point of information 176 individuals attended the NOC's first General Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Krsak
NOC Secretary