

**NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING – SESSION #2
DECEMBER 2, 2006
INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
SAGAMORE 7
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

Linda Melzer resumed the NOC second session at 3:35 PM.

Executive Board members present were Linda Melzer, Gordon Boccock, Rex Harvey, Jim Flanik, George Kleeman, Len Krsak

Also present Parliamentarian Don Berry.

First order of Business:

Additional Selection Committee Report --- Joe Gentry, selection committee member explained the selection process. Joe stated 93 applications were discarded, as they were unreadable. Joe also explained what the committee looks for on the application, basically pertinent information regarding USATF Meet experience.

Nomination/Elections --- Chair Andrew Wiley presented the candidates up for election. One individual for the Certification Chair position and five individuals for the Treasurers position.

First position to be voted on, Vice Chair of Certification. Nominee Jim Flanik, there were no additional nominations from the floor. Dick Connors motion to close nominations seconded by Chester Bradley. Motion passed unanimously. Question for vote was call for by several individuals, Jim Flanik was re-elected by acclamation.

Nominees for the Treasurers position each had three minutes to state their credentials and resume for the position. The order of speech's given was alphabetical. The candidates were Joyce Burrows, Alabama – Patrick Lavelle, New England – Jim Mc Kee, Kentucky – Paul Morency, Maine – Kenneth Taylor, Mid-Atlantic. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Majority of the room called for a motion to close nominations by George Kleeman. Motion passed unanimously.

First round of voting took place. Result no one received a majority of the vote. Don Berry , Parliamentarian explained second round voting procedure according to USATF Bylaws, namely the top two voter and ties run-off for the position.

Top two individuals were Patrick Lavelle and Kenneth Taylor. In the run off vote Kenneth Taylor was elected Treasurer.

After elections results were announced Parliamentarian Don Berry motioned to destroy ballots and it was seconded by Dick Connors. Motion passed unanimously.

While the votes were being counted the following individuals gave presentations on up coming 2007 meets in 2007 looking for Officials.

Don Berry, USATF Masters meet in Orono, Maine

Dick Connors, NCAA Div I Outdoor Championship meet Sacramento, CA
Denise Hutchins, Endeavor Games, Edmond, OK
Bob Marcus, USATF J O's Walnut, CA
Win Eggers, USATF Youth National Lisle, IL

Equipment/Facilities Report --- Given by G. Kleeman. George stated 46 people attended E & F meeting conducted on Thursday, November 30, 2006. Also discussed the weight implement issue. U S A sets the standards and specifications for the implement worldwide.

Discussed allowances and tolerances in weighting and measuring equipment.

G. Kleeman also announced two new NTO's Pat Pretty from Wisconsin and Rod Larsen from Florida both took and passed the review conducted at the Annual Meeting. George stated the NTO position is an administrative one not an officiating one. NTO's, will be evaluated by Heads of Event and Referee.

Appeals/Grievance Report --- Given by Chair Ray Fitzhugh. Ray stated four letters were received during year 2006, three regarding selection and one questioning an evaluation. Ray introduced his committee i. e., Stan Scott, West Texas – Ron McLean, New Jersey – Delores Murray, Southern – Dick Connors, Pacific – and Jan Price, Potomac Valley. Ray also explained how the committee responds to individual with questions.

Evaluations Sub-Committee --- Chair Murray Sanford informed officials' evaluations are requested from the following meets i. e., Senior Indoor Championships, Senior Indoor Combined Championships, Senior & Junior Outdoor Championships, Junior Olympic Championships and Masters Outdoor Championships. Murray stated, the last two years emphasis was to obtain evaluations from Youth Meets.

It was noted that since evaluations have been implemented protest at major meets have cut down.

Chair Murray Sanford will inform individuals of their evaluation if they contact him. When event heads complete evaluations they are not to broadcast the information, it only goes to the evaluation Chair and the individual. Also the information is not to be shared.

Entertainment --- Chair L. Melzer arranged for the Park Family Singers to entertain membership with Christmas songs. The Park Family Singers delivered an outstanding version of Jingle Bells with a track theme. The words to the song will be put on the Officials web-site.

Master's Referee Report --- Given by Jim Skelly. Jim announced and thank his committee i. e., Pat Levelle, New England – Fred Adler, Metropolitan – Ron Althoff, Ohio – Dee Jensen, Dakotas – Dick Moss, Georgia – Ken Gibson, Kentucky – Rex Harvey, Iowa and Stanley Underwood, Tennessee. Jim reported 23 individuals to date have been certified as Master Referees. It was also expressed that the application form must be correctly completed, with emphasis on past referee experience and background listed.

Web-Master/Communications Sub-Committee --- Report given by Chair Carolee Stephens. Carolee named her committee i. e., Rob Buzaitis, Michigan – Mark Heckel, Three Rivers – Jim McKee, Kentucky – and Jimmy Stuart, Southwestern. Carolee also discussed new Officials web page, designed by Jimmy Stuart. It was stated the web page has general Officials information and the list Server has current news and up dated information. The new electronic newsletter will be sent out every other month and replaces the paper copy.

Carolee also announced Race Walk Officials have been selected for the 2007 Championships.

Uniform/Merchandise Report --- Presented by Keith Mitchell and Win Eggers. Both Win and Keith thank their committee i. e., Gloria Lewis, Southern – Adam Sanford, Metropolitan – and Jim McKee, Kentucky. Keith also thanked the Certification Chairs for their quick response when requested information is needed. Explained the new fabric “ Dry Wick” material did not do well when constructed into the NOC (red-white-blue) paneled shirt. It gathered at the seams. It was also stated that new Dry Wick shirt would not be available until the new logo is available. It was also brought to the attention of the membership, an individual can not order two different sizes of shirts, have them embroidered and than send back the one that doesn’t fit. This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Keith also stated the Uniform Committee is looking at a bucket hat, which would become part of the official uniform.

Men’s Track & Field --- No report given

Women’s Track & Field --- Report given by Dee Jensen, discussed IAAF Women’s Committee and some of their issues and projects. It was also reported that the Women’s Decathlon and Sprint Hurdles issues have stalled. IAAF goal is to increase the number of Women certified as Officials.

Men’s LDR Report --- Report given by Harold Leonard, stated the Men’s Olympic Marathon Trials will be held in New York City. Also discussed several rule changes regarding Men’s LDR.

Women’s LDR Report --- Report given by Barbara Palma. It was stated the Women’s Olympic Marathon Trials will be held in Boston, as part of the Boston Marathon. Barbara also discussed the Women’s LDR development program.

Master’s LDR Report --- No report given.

Race Walk Report --- Presented by Gary Westerfield, Gary re-capped 2006 Race Walking activities and 2006 Annual Meeting notes, i. e., rule changes, Officials assignments for 2007 and up coming training programs.

Cross Country Report --- No report given.

L & L Report --- Report given by Tom Hott, Tom stated 2006 was not a L & L year and their meetings were short. Only four items were to be voted on at Sundays last session. Fourteen items were withdrawn. Tom did, state if you want to serve on a committee you must be a member of USATF. 2007 will be an L & L year at the Annual Meeting primarily dealing with re-structuring.

Member Services Report --- No report given.

Officials Exchange Program --- Raymond Pierre discussed the exchange program with England and stated additional information is available on the web-site.

Old/ Unfinished Business --- John Murray discussed the liability insurance program presented at last years Annual Meeting (2005). John suggested the NOC Committee obtain the insurance. Response was each Association can determine whether they want to purchase insurance for their Officials in their Association and purchase it on their own.

Chester Bradley motioned to have the NOC Executive Board investigate insurance programs seconded by Bruce Coleman, motion passed unanimously.

Irene Herman gave a brief presentation regarding the insurance program presented at last years Annual Meeting (2005). Presentation ended with no decision positive or negative.

Athletics For The Disabled --- Denise Hutchins reported training program for Officials would be developed in the future.

New Business --- Charles Ruter discussed and informed membership on how to order a History Book on Officials. Also discussed make up of the book.

Chair L. Melzer ask the membership if there was any other business to be conducted or discussed. Receiving no response Linda asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion given by Dick Connors and seconded by Murray Sanford. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Point of information 161 individuals attended the second session of the General Meeting conducted on Saturday, December 2, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Krsak
NOC Secretary