

**National Officials Committee  
2013 Annual Meeting  
December 6-7, 2013  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Minutes**

Chair Krsak called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Secretary Hott announced a quorum is present.

Motion and second to make adjustment to the agenda as necessary. Motion carried.

Secretary Hott announced the minutes from the 2013 NOC annual meeting are posted on line. Motion and second to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Polansky presented the 2013 financial report and the 2014 budget. Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Track Town USA spoke thanking the officials committee and the officials for their support of the events sponsored by Track Town USA. Track Town USA also reminded the officials of the events to be sponsored by Track Town USA—2014 USATF Jr. meet, 2014 IAAF World Jr. meet, 2015 USATF Jr./Sr. Outdoor championships, the 2016 Olympic Trials, and the 2016 IAAF Indoor World championship.

**Old Business**

Christina Corl, outside legal counsel for USATF, reported on some legal items that USATF is aligning with best practices, specifically the volunteer agreement all officers must sign.

Don Berry presented proposed changes to Section 9.B.1 of the NOC Operating Procedures. Motion and second to approve the changes. Motion carried. See Exhibit A for language of change

Don Berry presented proposed changes to Section 12 A and 12D of the NOC Operating Procedures. Motion and second to approve the changes. Motion carried. See Exhibit B for language of change.

Motion and second to approve the NOC Operating Procedures as amended. Motion carried

Vice Chair Bocock and Hall of Fame committee chair Polansky presented plaques to the finalists for the Lori Maynard Award, the James Gray Award, the John Davis Award, the Charles Ruter Award, the Horace Crowe Award, and the Andy Bajian Award and announced the members of the Hall of Fame class of 2013. Chair Polansky also reminded the officials of the Hall of fame Banquet to be held the evening of December 6, 2013.

**New Business**

Malinda Wheatley thanked the officials who took the Para Officials training and test. The number of officials certified as Para Officials increased greatly in 2013.

Connor Sports reported on the Traction Track surface Connor Sports is representing.

John Bahakel provided an update on the Law and Legislation committee. He is still working with the committee to gain approval of the amendments to USATF Bylaws and will provide an update at the next session of the meeting.

Chair Krsak reported on the USATF Volunteer Committee which is composed of the chairs of each USATF committee. These chairs have met three times in 2013 to discuss items concerning the committees and USATF as a whole.

Chair Krsak reported that background checks on all officials who work with youth will probably be required in the near future.

Vice Chair of Training Rob Buzaitis reported on Ready Reference Cards used by the officials in Great Britain. These are small cards summarizing the rules which are easily carried by officials. The content of these cards will be posted on line so that officials can print them if desired.

David Katz reported that John Blackburn, Bob Podkaminer, and Eric Zemper have been named ITO's for the next Olympiad. He also reminded the officials of the IAAF Jr. Meet to be held in 2014 in Eugene, OR.

USATF Treasurer Ken Taylor reported that USATF had a very good financial year in 2013. He also reported that USATF increased their contribution to the NOC by almost \$2000.

### **Officer's Reports**

Chair Len Krsak highlighted his report. He has attended three officials' clinics across the country in 2013. He also reported the Official Selection Committee's work for 2013 is finished. He thanked the members of the committee. 475 applications for the 2014 meets were received. 21 of these were incomplete and discarded. Approximately 200 officials were selected to officiate the 2014 meets with 20+% of these officials being first time selectees. Chair Krsak's entire report is on line as a portion of the 2013 Annual Report.

Vice Chair of Certification Jimmy Stuart reported there are 6300 certified officials at this time. This is more than the number at this time in the previous Olympiad. There are presently approximately 2000 new officials certified. Vice Chair Stuart's entire report is on line as a portion of the 2013 Annual Report.

Vice Chair of Training Rob Buzaitis recognized those who have helped write the new training materials which are now posted on line. Vice Chair Buzaitis's entire report is on line as a portion of the 2013 Annual Report.

Vice Chair of Rules Mark Kostek reported there are few rule changes this year. He highlighted a few of the changes. He asked Bob Podkaminer to speak on the NCAA rule change regarding requiring Pole Vault box collars. Vice Chair Kostek's entire report is on line as a portion of the 2013 Annual Report.

Vice Chair of Awards Gordon Bocock reminded those who have not purchased tickets for the Hall of Fame banquet to do so immediately. Vice Chair Bocock's entire report is on line as a portion of the 2013 Annual Report.

Motion and second to recess until 2:00 pm December 7, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion and second to come out of adjournment at 2:00 pm December 7, 2013. Motion carried.

Bob Podkaminer reported on the agreement to partner with the NCAA for the USATF Officials Committee to provide central resources for all officials, to provide on line registration and training platforms for officials, and to provide consistent messaging and delivery of materials to officials. Jeff Jarnecke, NCAA director of championships reported that the NCAA Track and Field championships in 2015 will select officials from the list of registered officials only. Dave Yeast, representative of ABIROR, explained ABITOR's role in this process to be the computer system that hosts all the materials, registration, etc. The registration page will be on line February 1, 2014. This partnership still has some issues to be finalized, but this system will definitely move forward at this time.

Laurie Boemker reported 40 new NTO's have been appointed for the current Olympiad. Those appointed are: Douglas Allen, Michael Armstrong, Tiffany Banks, Gordon Bocock, Randy Brown, Joseph Bullock, Nicole Bullock, Roger Burbage, William Buttermore, Rob Buzaitis, Lloyd Cornelius, Kim Cross-Boyce, Leslie (Kim) Dismuke, Larry Dixon, Paula Everdell-Brown, James Flanik, Robert Gidari, Lloyd Garcia, Theodore Hayes, William Hickman, Thomas Hott, Sue Humphrey, Karen Krsak, Len Krsak, Justin Kuo, Kathleen McLymond, Richard Messenger, Charles Murphy, John Murray, Dennis Olafson, Mary Onken, Fred Newhouse, Raymond Pierre, Susan Polansky, Dan Reynolds, Patricia Rouse, Stanley Scott, Robert Springer, Paul Stelly, Anthony Wayne.

Bruce Leasure reported on an on line concussion training. The web site for this training is: [cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/online\\_training.html](http://cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/online_training.html)

### **Sub Committee Reports**

John Bahakel, chair of the NOC L&L subcommittee, reported on the three issues approved by the USATF L&L committee. Item 14 Approved as submitted, Item 15-Tabled, Item 16-Approved as amended Unfinished Business

Keith Mitchell, chair of Uniforms and Equipment subcommittee, reported on items available from the web site.

Val Foss, chair of the Nominations subcommittee, announced that 2014 is an election year with the offices of Treasurer, Vice Chair of Awards, and Vice Chair of Certification positions open. She will communicate this information and deadline dates via the Officials' Newsletter.

George Kleeman, chair of the Level 3 Referee subcommittee, announced the number of Level 3 Referees in each discipline.

Rich Schorenstein, chair of the Best Practices subcommittee, reported on the new Best Practices documents available on the web site and also thanked those who worked on the documents.

John Murray, NOC Representative At Large, reported on the on line evaluation system being developed by the three NOC Representatives At Large. The on line system will be in use for the summer national championships.

Delores Murray, chair of the Appeals subcommittee, reported on the appeals made by officials who were not selected for the 2013 national championship meets.

Barb Palma, representative to Women's LDR committee, reported that Women's LDR is sending an official representative to the Para Athletes committee and suggested the Officials Committee do the same.

A representative from the Active Athletes Committee asked what the athletes could do to help the officials. She suggested the pre event instructions. Rich Schorenstein pointed out that that information is included in the Best Practices section of the official's web site. The officials also asked the athletes to share what they needed from the officials.

John Murray, representative to Men's Track and Field committee, reported no information from that committee that affects officials.

Linda Melzer, representative to Operational Services, reported on the associations that will have their voting rights suspended in 2014 if not in compliance with all USATF criteria.

Laurie Boemker, representative to Women's Track and Field committee, reported on her attending the Women's Leadership Clinic in Birmingham, England. There is a decline in participation by women coaching and participating in track and field internationally. She also reported there are discussions about having a similar clinic in the United States.

Officials' Coordinators representing various 2014 meets mentioned the meets and made application forms available.

A Q & A session covering items that could be addressed by the Executive Committee was held.

Motion and second to adjourn at 4:15 pm. Motion carried.

## **Exhibit A**

### **SECTION 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE**

**A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE:** The NOC shall vote for three (3) candidates from whom the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be submitted to the Nominating and Governance Committee for selection as the NOC Board of Directors Representative.

**B. Elections:**

1. **Schedule of Elections:** The general election of nominees for consideration as the NOC Board of Directors Representative shall take place every four years at the Annual Convention during the year prior to ((of)) the Summer Olympics (4<sup>th</sup> year of the Olympiad)

## **Exhibit B**

### **SECTION 12 MEETINGS**

**A. Annual Meetings:** (~~Regular Meetings of the NOC shall be held at the Annual Meeting of USATF.~~)  
The committee shall hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the USATF Annual Meeting. The committee may hold special meetings if called by the Chair, at his or her own initiative or by

twenty percent (20%) of the committee's membership, upon thirty (30) days written notice. There will be a published agenda available at least 24 hours prior to the committee's first scheduled session. Additional items added to the agenda shall not include any item where action of the committee is necessary, unless 75% of the members of the group then present agree. All meetings of the committee and its executive committee shall be open to all USATF individual members. No part of any meeting shall be closed unless seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the committee or the executive board, at its sessions, present agree to close the session.

**B Authority:** Any business of the NOC may be transacted at regular meetings.

**C. Special Meetings:** Special meetings of The NOC may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Executive Committee. Notice of said meetings and the reason(s) for it shall be transmitted to the members of the NOC by the Secretary at least fifteen (15) days (except at a Convention) prior to any such meeting. No business, except that for which the meeting was convened, may be transacted.

**D. Quorum:** (~~For the official transaction of any NOC business at any regular meeting of the NOC, fifteen (15) members (including three (3) officers shall be present to constitute a quorum. )~~ ) A quorum for any committee meeting shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of its members (including three (3) officers of the committee shall be present.