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Subject: NOC Chairs Report
Mid Year Executive Board Meeting

Since the Annual Meeting of December 2009 I have had two meetings each with Doug Logan and Stephaine Hightower. Both have been very approachable and realize the efforts and hard work the officials do for USATF and all others levels of track & field. Doug has attended several Association clinics this past year including the one conducted by the Ohio Association in January of 2010. In addition Brian Brase the official's liaison with USATF headquarters has been great to work with. He has been instrumental in setting up the head officials compensation program and has covered additional officials expenses that have not been picked up by LOC's.

Both Indoor Championships (Open & Combine) were well officiated even though some officials could not make the indoor meet due to difficult weather conditions. At the combine event meet officials outnumbered athletes. Food and lodging for both of these meets were more than adequate. For the Indoor meet (3) alternates were used and for the Combine events (1). As of this date no alternates are needed for the Outdoor, however this is subject to change.

I have had to address several different people issues. There are some Associations where individuals just don't get along, usually due to people in charge not doing their job or paying back someone for past differences. There are others who think they should be in control of everything i. e., clinics, meets, certification, number of officials at meets and who works meets. I try to handle these situations one on one and diplomatically as possible.

I have been informed that this year's (2010) Annual Meeting is to be one day shorter. As a result schedule adjustments must be addressed i. e., less sub-committee meetings scheduled. Possible remedy, have sub-committee conduct conference calls prior to the annual meeting and just give reports at the General Sessions. Cutting annual meeting time is due to expenses among other reasons.

There will be 3 hotels involved with this years annual meeting, being held at Virginia Beach. All meetings will be conducted at the convention center which is 7 miles away. USATF would like for the officials, which represents the largest block, to stay at the Cavalier Hotel and also have the Hall of Fame & Award dinner at the hotel. All other functions will be at the convention center.

Bob Tice is doing research on why passed certified officials have not re-certified for this Olympiad. The reasons are varied & numerous. In addition "Best Practices" are now available on line. Hopefully they will get some use.

Len Krsak NOC Chair

