

**NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE  
OF  
USA TRACK & FIELD**

**2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT**

**Daytona Beach Hilton  
Daytona Beach, FL**

**November 28-December 2, 2012**

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Executive Board Meeting  
2012 Annual Meeting Agenda  
Daytona Beach, Florida  
Thursday, November 29, 2012  
11:00 AM To 12:50 PM**

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**National Officials Committee**  
**2012 Annual Meeting Agenda – General Session # 1**  
**Daytona Beach, Florida**

**Friday, November 30, 2012 9:00 AM – 11:50 AM**

Meeting called to order	Len Krsak
Roll Call	Tom Hott
Motion called for adjustment to agenda	Len Krsak
Elections	Organizational Services (Ed Koch)
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Chair	Len Krsak
Vice Chair of Awards	Gordon Bocock
Vice Chair of Certification	Jimmy Stuart
Vice Chair of Training	Mark Heckel
Vice Chair of Rules	George Kleeman
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**Officials General Session # 2**

**Saturday, December 1, 2012**

**2:00 PM to 4:50 PM**

Continue with Sub-Committee Reports	
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New Business	
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Adjournment	

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Len Krsak

Selection Letters -- all Officials selected for the 2012 USATF Championships received their assignment letter by the first of January 2012. For the Indoor Championship, 8 officials had to be replaced, 6 declined their assignments and 2 had family emergencies. For the Indoor Combined 18 individuals were selected and 8 had to be replaced. The Junior Championship had 6 decline their assignments and for the Olympic Trials we had 3 decline, all alternates.

The officials' coordinators for all championships did an excellent job assigning officials and sending pertinent information in a timely manner.

Certification process -- the new certification processing system was a major undertaking and took longer than expected to get up and running. Processing certifications using the new system started in late April and except for a few minor flaws has worked very efficiently. This new system will be a great asset regarding the re-certification of all officials for the new Olympiad (2013-2016).

Membership -- officials keeping current with USATF membership after the initial year of re-certification for an Olympiad continues to be a problem. Discussions with USATF's Staff, Associations Committee and Organizational Services Committee to resolve this situation have taken place. The goal is to establish a solution to this matter within the first quarter of 2013.

Olympic Trials -- the meet was well officiated with few protests occurring. The hammer event was contested in Beaverton, OR, NIKE's Hdq's. NIKE provided uniforms for officials working the Trials i.e., shirts, shoes, jackets and a baseball type cap.

The NOC mid-year Executive Board meeting took place in Columbus, Ohio. Minutes from the meeting have been online for the past several months. Tom Hott was selected to represent the NOC on the Selection Committee for 2012. The Selection Committee will only be selecting officials for two meets in 2013 instead of the usual three as the Indoor Combined Championships in 2013 will be contested along with the Indoor Championships in Albuquerque, NM, March 1-3, 2013. In addition, finalists for all major NOC Awards were chosen, with the winners to be announced at the Hall of Fame Banquet at the Annual Meeting.

Three individuals were selected to be inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2012 at the Annual Meeting. They are Gene Stemm, Southern California, Kelly Rankin, Oregon and Jerome Perry, North Carolina. Sue Polansky and Gordon Bocock have been hard at work planning another Hall of Fame Banquet and eventful evening.

Management contacts -- there have been several meetings with USATF management throughout the year with Max Siegel, CEO, Stephanie Hightower, President and Board members Ken Taylor and Kim Haines. All discussions have been positive and beneficial. All realize the officials play a very important role in the organization.

2013 National Championship meet applications -- both Indoor and Outdoor were sent via e-mail the first of September to all National and Master Level officials. Using the internet to send applications the past two years has saved several thousands of dollars.

"Best Practices"-- there are now 95 plus items in the library covering every facet of officiating a meet. Rich Schornstein has done a remarkable job in keeping information current and relevant.

Year 2012 concludes the term for the following NOC officers: Chair, Secretary, Vice Chair of Rules and Vice Chair of Training. Lil Mahoney has done a good job in getting the nomination information and form posted on USATF's officials' website and to all committee members. All of the above mentioned positions are for a four year Olympiad period (2013-2016).

A special thanks to George Kleeman whose term in office is ending. George has served this committee exceptionally well for many years in a variety of positions. His expertise and knowledge of track & field has helped guide this committee for many years.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Tom Hott

**National Officials Committee  
Executive Board Meeting  
2011 Annual Meeting Agenda  
St Louis, MO  
Thursday, December 1, 2011  
11:00 AM To 12:50 PM**

Meeting called to order at 11:01.

Len Krsak

Reading/Approval of Minutes

Tom Hott

Gordon Bocock moved, second by Don Berry, to approve the minutes of April 18-20, 2011 Executive Board meeting.  
Motion passed

Treasurers' Report

Sue Polansky

The report is on line and in packet. George Kleeman moved, second by Don Berry, to accept the Treasurer's report.  
Motion approved.

Treasurer Sue Polansky reported on projected income and expenses in the next Olympiad in an attempt to balance budget over the 4-year Olympiad.

**Officers' Reports**

Summary of Reports ..... Entire reports to be given at the General Session

Chair

Len Krsak

Chair's report is on line.

Selection for 2012 meets is completed at this time. 520 applications, 500 qualified. The selections will be posted after last officials' general session on Saturday.

Brian Keaveny, President NCCWMA, asked for time to address the committee. He is asking the committee to provide him with a list of officials to serve on a panel of officials that will be a pool to work WMA meets.

NCCWMA regional meet is in Canada in 2012.

Outdoor WMA World Champ in Puerto Allegro, Brazil in 2013.

The committee asked Jim Flanik to compile a list of officials and provide it to Brian.

Vice Chair of Certification

Jimmy Stuart

Vice Chair's report is on line

Jimmy will present new certification proposal to Certification Chairs and to the NOC at the second general session

Vice Chair of Training

Mark Heckel

Vice Chair's report is on line.

Mark thanked everyone for contributing in the Training Committee meeting.

Clinics at 2011 Annual Meeting – Shirley Connors

Friday 2:00-4:00

Putting It All Together: National Championship Event Protocols

Creating the Ideal Start Team

Saturday 10:30-12:15

The Importance of Proper Set-up in the Vertical Jumps

Throws—Preparing for Safety



### Vice Chair of Rules

George Kleeman

Vice Chair's report is on line.

Rule change proposals are on line.

Rule review for 2012 will be based on any rule changes approved at the annual meeting in 2011 and NCAA interpretations.

### Vice Chair of Awards

Gordon Bocock

Vice Chair's report is on line.

Official's Awards Banquet is on Friday, Dec 2. Mr. Bocock still has a few tickets available.

### **Sub-Committee Reports/Discussion**

#### Special Projects

Bob Tice

NCAA Conference Championships and national championships information is on line

He is putting together a collection of experience stories and is asking for input.

#### Uniform

Keith Mitchell

Billy Walters will be at the meeting and will have materials with him

#### Best Practices

Rich Schorenstein

Best practices library is on line

Rich is asking officials work on awareness of the library

Rich is asking for new or recommended changes

Rich is suggesting head officials at championships review the best practices documents and suggest changes.

#### Nominations

Val Voss

No elections this year

2012 elections will be for chair, secretary, rules and training

Don Berry moved, second by Sue Polansky, to accept all reports. Motion passed

### **Old Business**

#### Hall of Fame Ring

The Hall of Fame Sub-Committee has a potential design for ring. This design will be presented to the Hall of Fame sub-committee for discussion.

#### Training Video

A training video needs to be on-line. It will need to be more targeted as to content and quite short segments. It needs to be a searchable format.

#### Association Clinic Kit

Perhaps NOC can offer clinics in selected areas or regions across country. In addition, NOC is trying to design a "kit" that associations can use for clinics

### Recruitment and certification of officials

Discussion of recruiting, marketing, and encouraging using USATF officials at various non-USATF meets.

Jimmy Stuart moved, second by George Kleeman, to approve rules, regulations, and procedures document and transition document for new certification program. Motion passed.

Gordon Boccock moved, seconded by Sue Polansky, to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed.

George Kleeman moved, seconded by Mark Heckel, to return to open session. Motion passed.

George Kleeman moved, seconded by Mark Heckel, that the Executive committee will recommend to the NOC that Ken Taylor be nominated as our representative to the USATF Board. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

Mark Heckel moved, seconded by Sue Polansky to adjourn. Motion passed.

**National Officials Committee  
December 2 & 3, 2011  
St Louis, MO  
Officials General Session  
Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order at 9:05 am

Len Krsak

Tom Hott, Secretary, announced a quorum was present.

Reading/Approval of Minutes

Tom Hott

Motion to approve minutes from 2010 Annual Meeting. Motion seconded. Approved.

Treasurers' Report

Sue Polansky

Motion to accept Treasure's Report. Motion seconded. Approved.

Motion to amend agenda in order address items out of order. Motion seconded. Approved.

Geyer Larkin, representative from Ludus Tours, presented a report on tours to the 2012 Olympic Games in London and the USATF Olympic Trials in Eugene, OR.

Ken Taylor, USATF Board of Directors, reported on the USATF financial outlook which is very good for 2012.

Kim Haynes, USATF Board of Directors, thanked the officials for their time and hard work officiating at all levels of USATF meets.

**Officers' Reports**

Chair

Len Krsak

The Chair's report is on line. Chair Krsak commented on the process for selecting the officials for the national meets to be held in 2012. 522 officials applied to work one or more of the meets. 22 applications were invalid. 145 officials were selected for the Olympic Trials, 101 for the Junior Championships, 74 for the Indoor Championships, and 18 for the Combined Event Championships.

Awards Vice-chair

Gordon Bocock

The Awards Committee report is on line. Mr. Bocock presented plaques to the finalists for each of the awards presented by the NOC—Lori Maynard Award, James Gray Award, John Davis Award, Charles Rutter Award, Horace Crowe Award, and Andy Bakjian Award. He also recognized the Hall of Fame inductees for 2011.

Doc Patton representing active athletes brought greetings to the officials.

Shelby Sharpe commented on applications for officiating meets. He warned officials to not sign any application that release meet management from liability or that hold an official responsible for negligence or misdeeds of others. He cited the application for a national Masters meet as an example of an application that contained verbiage not official friendly.

Brian Keaveny, NCCWMA President, brought greeting to the officials. Brian spoke of an initiative to create a panel of officials for WMA international meets. He asked officials to volunteer to be members of this panel if interested.

Chair Krsak asked Jim Flanik to be the point person for this initiative and Jim agreed to do so.

Brian announced the 2012 NCCWMA outdoor championships will be held in St. John, New Brunswick August 9-12 and the 2013 WMA Outdoor Championships will be held in Puerto Allegre, Brazil.

Brian is working with the NOC Training Committee to organize an officials exchange in 2012 with the thought that the USATF officials would work at the NCCWMA meet in St. John.

Certification Vice-chair

Jimmy Stuart

The Certification Committee report is on line. 7900 officials are currently certified. Mr. Stuart reported the new card printer has arrived and will be used in the near future.

Rules Vice-chair

George Kleeman

The Rules Committee report is on line. Mr. Kleeman reported on a few rules that will affect officials if approved at this meeting.

Bob Podkaminer reported the NCAA Case Book and Rule Interpretations are on line now. He also clarified the Pole Vault helmet rule stating that helmets are not mandatory, but if helmets are used, the helmets must be certified.

Kathy Sellers, Athletes for the Disabled, brought greetings and reminded the officials of the Para-Olympic Trials to be held in Indianapolis, IN June 29-July 1.

Training Vice-chair

Mark Heckel

The Training Committee report is on line. Mr. Heckel briefly outlined the initiatives for 2012:

A Mentoring Program for officials – Rob Buzaitis will chair the mentoring group

A Standardized National Curriculum for Training

A National Event Protocol for National Meets

Mr. Heckel also mentioned the exchange program with Canada and reminded the officials that training materials are on line on the officials' page of the USATF web site.

Motion to accept all Chair and Vice-chair reports. Motion seconded. Approved.

Law & Legislation

John Bahakel

The Law and Legislation committee report is on line.

Mr. Bahakel reported on the Law and Legislation items that affect officials.

Athletes Advisory

Jon Drummond

Mr. Drummond reported on the logo issue on team uniforms and the Law and Legislation amendment to increase the percent of athletes on USATF committees from 20% to 25%.

Communication/Newsletter

Jimmy Stuart

The Communication/Newsletter report is on line.

The committee will switch providers at the end of 2011 and the new newsletter will be more informative and visually pleasing.

Equipment & Facilities

Bob Springer

The Equipment & Facilities report is on line.

Evaluations

Murray Sanford

The Evaluations report is on line. Mr. Sanford provided a brief history of the evaluation process since 1998. He commented the process is working very well.

Uniform/Merchandise

Win Eggers & Keith Mitchell

The Uniform/Merchandise report is on line. The long sleeved official's shirts did not sell well and are no longer being offered.

### Special Projects

Bob Tice

Mr. Tice reported that he has updated the list of NCAA conference championships and that list is on line. He also reported that he is attempting to compile a book of track and field officials' stories about situations that would be interesting or funny to other officials. He asked that the officials email those stories to him.

### Nominations

Val Foss

Ms. Foss reported that the offices of Chair, Secretary, Vice Chair for Rules, and Vice Chair for Training will be open in 2012. She encouraged all members to submit nominations for those offices.

Motion to recess the meeting until 2:00 pm December 3, 2011. Motion seconded. Approved.

Motion to return to session at 2:00 pm December 3, 2011. Motion seconded. Approved.

### Disabled Athletes Sports Association

Kelly Behlmann & Andy Capp

Ms. Behlmann brought greetings from the association and asked for assistance with their meets.

Shelby Sharpe reported on a follow-up meeting regarding officials' applications and the issue of meet management asking officials to release management from liability. Mr. Sharpe met with the USATF legal council. USATF did not approve the application for the masters meet discussed in Mr. Sharpe's previous report. The objectionable language has been removed and a new application is now being used.

### IAAF Technical Officials

Laurie Boemeker

Ms. Boemeker reported those interested in becoming NTO's will complete the National Master Referee's Rules Test in the future. Additional requirements to be named as an NTO are currently under review.

### Appeals/ Selection

Delores Murray

Ms. Murray reported she received 6 appeals in 2011—5 for nonselection to a national meet and one asking for an explanation of the selection process.

### IAAF Technical Official

David Katz

The new IAAF rule book is now available. The IAAF referee book is available soon. Mr. Katz recognized Eric Zemper for being selected as an ITO for the Olympic Games in London.

### Master Referee

Jim Skelly

Mr. Skelly reported 2 persons have been certified as National Master Referees in 2011.

A number of official's coordinators mentioned national level meets in 2012. The officials' applications for these meets are or soon will be on line.

### Law and Legislation

John Bahakel

Mr. Bahakel presented an up date on the Law and Legislation committee work. All the L & L amendments have been addressed. The amendment to increase the number of athletes on each committee from 20% to 25% has been resolved by requiring that increase for a limited number of committees. The NOC is *not* one of the committees that will be required to increase the percentage of athletes to 25%.

### Certification Committee

Jimmy Stuart

Mr. Stuart presented the updated certification requirements that will be implemented in the 2013-2016 Olympiad.

Stephanie Hightower, President USATF, brought greetings.

President Krsak reminded the attendees to renew USATF memberships. Renewal notices will be coming soon from the USATF office. The USATF office is planning to implement a 4-year membership card good for each Olympiad.

A request was heard for a photo gallery of officials working at meets to be available for recruiting purposes. The request was taken under consideration.

Motion to adjourn at 4:33 pm. Motion seconded. Approved.

**National Officials Committee**  
**Executive Board Mid-Year Meeting**  
**April 15 – 17, 2012**  
**Columbus, Ohio**  
**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 4:54 pm.

Chair Krsak, Vice Chairs Kleeman, Stuart, Bocoock, and Heckel, Treasurer Polansky, Secretary Hott, and Parliamentarian Berry were present.

Motion by George Kleeman, second by Sue Polansky, to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of December 1, 2011. Motion approved.

Motion by Tom Hott, second by Sue Polansky, to amend agenda in order to address items out of order. Motion approved.

**Old Business**

ATO/NTO

Do not have to do anything with NTO certification at this time. Discussion of ATO certification.

Track and Field Exchange Program

Suggestion from Ken Yerger to consider exchange with Canada using the USATF Masters meet at Benedictine University in August. Discussion of value of the exchange program ensued. Ken Yerger will be asked to gather further information concerning the exchange.

Race Walk

Vince Peters asked about the availability of travel money for IAAF Race Walk clinic in Puerto Rico. There is no money available from the NOC.

Certification of Paralympic officials

The committee received a request from Paralympic Committee to work with NOC Certification committee to certify Paralympic officials. The Executive Committee recommends the Athletics for the Disabled committee develop training materials and the certification procedure including rules tests for officials who want to be certified for Athletics for the Disabled through Master Level. NOC training committee will review and approve the training materials to assure the materials can be integrated with existing materials. Athletics for the Disabled will make recommendations to their association certification chairs as to who meets the requirements for certification.

Motion by Len Krsak, seconded by Sue Polansky, to recess until 8:00 am April 16. Motion passed.

Motion by Don Berry, seconded by George Kleeman, to come out of recess at 8:05 am. Motion passed.

**Officer's Reports**

Treasurer

Motion by George Kleeman, second by Mark Heckel, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Motion by Tom Hott, second Don Berry, to accept the amended 2012 budget. Motion passed.

## Awards

### *Finalists for the Horace Crowe Award*

Shirley Connors  
Ray Fitzhugh  
John Murray  
Eric Smith  
Bob Springer

### *Finalists for Charles Ruter Award*

Laurie Boemker  
Jim McKee  
Tom McTaggart  
Linda Melzer  
Bob Podkaminer

### *Finalists for John Davis Award*

Ginger Mulanax  
Don Berry  
John Stevens  
Neal Johnson  
Ken Morton

### *Finalists for James Grey Award*

Fred Adler  
Bill Boyd  
Shirley Connors  
James Hume  
Dennis Olafson

### *Finalists for Lori Maynard Award*

Elliott Denham  
James Hanley  
Darlene Hickman  
Lawrie Roberson  
Gary Westerfield

## Certification

Association Certification chairs should be able to use new certification system by Friday, April 20. Should be fully functional at that time and association certification chairs should be able to use it. Chair Krsak asked Certification Vice-chair Jimmy Stewart to send notice to all association certification chairs asking them to send one check or money order payable to the National Officials Committee to the National Certification chair to cover cost of their officials' certification in the future. Chair Krsak asked Certification Vice-chair to send an email to each association chair immediately telling the certification chairs the status of the new certification process. Road Course Measurement certification is in the process of being worked out with a graded certification. Motion by Mark Heckel, second by Sue Polansky, that a person who wants to be a road race measurer will fulfill the requirements to become an Apprentice LDR certified official. Motion passed.



Motion by Don Berry, second by Sue Polansky, to recess for lunch. Motion passed.

Motion by Gordon Bocock, second by Don Berry, to come out of recess. Motion passed.

### Chair

The new-year started off with a fairly good pace and has continued to gain momentum.

Selection Letters—all officials selected for the 2012 USATF Championships received their assignment letter by the first of January. For the Indoor Championship, 8 officials had to be replaced. Six declined their assignments and two had family emergencies. For the Indoor Combined, 18 individuals were selected and 8 had to be replaced. To date for the Junior Meet, 6 have declined their assignments and for the Olympic Trials, we have had 3 decline all alternates.

The Officials Coordinator Austin Brobst, an assistant coach at New Mexico University, did a good job in coordinating officials considering he had never previously coordinated an event of this magnitude. The Junior meet is being coordinated by committee, two individuals from Indiana University, Jeff Mlynski USATF's office, and me. Dennis Olafson, the officials' coordinator for the Olympic Trials, is again doing an excellent job. Information to officials has been sent in a timely manner.

Certification Process—the new certification processing system being instituted has been a major undertaking and has taken longer than anticipated to get it up and running.

Incidents/Injuries—several have been reported regarding throwing events (hammer) and safety education is a non-stop issue.

Olympic Trials—the hammer will be contested in Beaverton, OR, NIKE's hdq's. Arrangements have been made to transport people to and from Eugene. Trials uniform from NIKE will be 3 shirts, 1 white, and 1 red and 1 blue. We will also wear our USATF red/blue shirt on a couple of days. Specific day's colors to be worn are still to be determined. Additional items to be provided by NIKE are shoes, jacket (wind breaker type) and baseball type cap.

Best Practice—probably close to 90 items is on the web listing. I asked all event heads selected for the trials to look over the materials pertaining to their event to determine if the materials are accurate, should be updated or in some cases eliminated.

### Rules

Rule reviews are in place. The reviews will be reviewed by the rules subcommittee no later than August 2012 and forwarded to the Communications Chair for posting on line. NCAA rules changes that have been proposed are mostly editorial changes and changes to bring NCAA rules in align with USATF and IAAF rules. 2012 is a rules year for USATF.

### Training

Mark Heckel will talk to Shirley Connors to set up training at the Olympic Trials. Will probably do training on days with no competition. Specific topics are to be determined. E-training portal being recommended training plan and materials to introduce at annual convention. Recruiting handout pretty well developed. National championship event protocols are in good shape. Planning to use them at the Olympic Trials and be introduced at the Annual Convention. Committee is trying to find the most effective way to produce and distribute training videos. National Federation pre-meet notes have been updated.

NOC Executive Committee will assist Associations with putting on clinics. Need to encourage all Associations to put dates and locations of training clinics on web to share with others.

### **New Business**

#### USATF Board of Directors Nominations

Motion by George Kleeman, second by Sue Polansky, that NOC communicate with the USATF Board of Directors Nomination and Governance Panel stating the NOC cannot send a list of candidates for the USATF Board of Directors within the time frame requested due to apparent discrepancies with the 2012 USATF Bylaws Article 11(G)1. Also communicate with the members of the NOC providing a list to them of possible names for nominations and requesting any additional name for consideration of candidates. If required by the Nomination and Governance Panel prior to the 2012 Annual Convention, the NOC Executive Committee will make the final determination of the nominees to be submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame and Andy Bakjian award nomination requests will be send out soon. Voting will take place later this year. Hall of Fame ring letters will be send out soon. Sue Polansky will look into having a display made of the current Hall of Fame inductees for display at meets and the annual meeting.

#### Background checks

The youth committee will require all officials at National JO's and Youth meets in 2012 to have a background check.

#### Meet Applications

Some concern that meet applications are/were not on-line. Most problems result from meet management not providing applications to Communication Chair Stuart.

#### NOC Officer Openings

Chair, Secretary, VC-Rules, and VC-Training are to be elected in 2012.

#### Waivers in Officials' Contracts

The committee will ask Shelby Sharpe to write and furnish suggested wording concerning officials' contracts. Will also ask Shelby to make clear this suggested wording is his opinion and not necessarily representing the NOC as a whole.

#### CEO Search

The search committee is approaching all candidates who were interested in the past. President Hightower mentioned the board wants an appointment by the end of the Olympic Trials.

#### Selection Committee Representative for National Meets for 2013

Discussion of possible candidates for appointment. Tom Hott was selected to represent the Officials.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Sue Polansky, to recess until 8:00 am April 17, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kleeman, second by Gordon Bockock, to come out of recess at 8:00am April 17, 2012. Motion carried.

#### Selection of candidates for nomination to USATF Board of Directors

The following persons have been nominated to be considered for the USATF Board of Directors representative from the NOC: Doug Allen, Don Berry, Irene Herman, Tom Hott, Dee Jensen, and George Kleeman.

Motion by Gordon Bockock, second by Sue Polansky, to adjourn at 10:30 am. Motion carried.

**N O C**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sue Polansky

**USATF NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE  
FINANCIAL REPORT – October 30, 2012**

**Cash Available - January 1, 2012**

Income Account	\$ 8,090.00
Expenditure Account	(11,644.79)
Officials Ledger Account	14,390.51
Cash On Hand	<u>1,890.18</u>
	<b>\$ 12,725.90</b>

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE	
Certification	\$ 6,382.00	12,000.00	(5,618.00)	
Sales Items				
ID/Name Badges	0	200.00	(200.00)	
Patches	425.90	500.00	( 74.10)	
Pins	0	250.00	(250.00)	
Awards				
Sponsorship	1,610.00	1,380.00	230.00	<i>note 1</i>
Hall of Fame Banquet	2,680.00	10,000.00	(7,320.00)	<i>note 2</i>
USATF Budgeted	<u>22,000.00</u>	<u>22,000.00</u>	<u>0</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 33,097.90</b>	<b>\$ 46,330.00</b>	<b>(\$ 13,232.10)</b>	

**EXPENDITURES**

Communication				
Newsletter/Email Services	\$ 0	800.00	800.00	
Website	2,640.00	3,000.00	360.00	<i>note 3</i>
Contingency (Miscellaneous)	0	250.00	250.00	
Copying/Printing	0	500.00	500.00	
Database/Computer Maintenance		6,000.00	6,000.00	
Postage	45.00	300.00	255.00	
Sales Items				
Card Holders		510.00	510.00	
ID/Name Badges	0	0	0	
Patches	0	0	0	
Pins	0	0	0	
Subcommittees				
Awards	0	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Certification	0	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Equipment & Facilities	0	500.00	500.00	
Hall of Fame	0	10,170.00	10,170.00	
Law & Legislation	0	100.00	100.00	
Nominations	0	300.00	300.00	
Rules	0	100.00	100.00	
Selection	0	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Training	959.98	5,000.00	4,040.02	
Supplies	347.99	500.00	152.01	
Telephone	0	500.00	500.00	
Conference Calls	20.73	300.00	279.27	
Travel/Food/Lodging				
Annual Meeting	4,000.00	4,000.00	0	<i>note 4</i>
Mid Year Meeting	5,864.32	4,500.00	(1,364.32)	
Meet Liaison	<u>444.20</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>555.80</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 14,322.22</b>	<b>\$ 46,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,007.78</b>	

**Cash Available – October 30,2012**

USATF Budgeted Account (81900)	\$ 8,070.77	
Officials Income Account (43800)	6,382.00	
Officials Ledger Account (30005)	<u>17,048.81</u>	<i>note 5</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 31,501.58</b>	

*Note 1 This amount includes \$920.00 which was paid for four 2011 awards.*

*Note 2 This amount includes only reservations made up until 10/10/12*

Note 3 \$1,440 of this amount is in dispute.

Note 4 Please remember that the total cost of the Annual Meeting and Selection Committee was In excess of \$13,000.00.

Note 5 There is more than this in the reserve if we take 2011 income into consideration – accrual of \$8,300 after 2011 expenses.

**NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE  
2013 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

**Anticipated Available – December 31, 2012**

Income Account	\$ 8,500.00
Expenditure Account	(23,500.00)
Reserve Account	<u>13,500.00</u>
	<b>\$ ( 1,500.00)</b>

	<u>Anticipated Income</u>	<u>Anticipated Expenditures</u>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>		
<b>ANTICIPATED INCOME</b>		
USATF Budget	\$ 22,000.00	-
Contingency	-	\$ 250.00
Copying/Printing	-	500.00
Newsletter/Email Services	-	800.00
Postage	-	1,000.00
Supplies	-	750.00
Telephone	-	500.00
Conference Call	-	300.00
Sales Items		
Card Holders (100 x \$1.00)	100.00	-
Patches	500.00	-
Pins	250.00	-
Website Service/Hosting	-	3,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,100.00</b>
<b>COMMITTEES</b>		
Awards		
NOC Awards	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 3,000.00
Hall of Fame		
Banquet	10,000.00	10,000.00
Gifts	-	-
Certification		
Members (2950 x \$15)	44,250.00	-
Database Maintenance/Website	-	10,500.00
Equipment & Facilities	-	600.00
Law & Legislation	-	100.00
Nominations	-	100.00
Rules	-	100.00
Selection	-	4,500.00
Training	-	7,500.00
Video	-	3,000.00
Clinics	-	7,000.00
	-	-
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 55,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,400.00</b>
<b>TRAVEL &amp; MEETINGS</b>		
NOC Mid-Year Meeting	-	\$ 5,000.00
USATF Annual Meeting	-	4,000.00
USATF Meet Liaison	-	1,000.00

SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
TRANSFER TO RESERVE**		13,250.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$ 76,750.00	
	TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES \$	76,750.00

\*\* Money needs to be placed in reserve to account for the decrease in certification income over the span of the Olympiad.

**Anticipated Assets – January 1, 2013**

Income Account	\$ 0
Expenditure Account	0
USATF Budget	22,000.00
Reserve Account	<u>23,500.00</u>
	<b>\$ 45,500.00</b>

**PROJECTED INCOME & EXPENSES FOR THE 2012 OLYMPIAD**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
USATF Budget	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$22,000	\$23,000
Members (# x \$15)	54,000	27,000	16,000	12,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Administrative	\$ 8,000	9,000	9,500	10,000
Committees	28,000	25,000	20,000	20,000
Travel/Meetings	10,000	10,000	11,000	12,000

These numbers are rough estimates based on the amounts we have taken in or expended over the last four years.

**NOTES:**

**Income:** I do not anticipate an increase in the USATF Budgeted Amount for our committee until 2016 when we should receive a little extra because of Olympic Trials

Certification income is based on a total of 9,000 members at the end of 2012. I am assumed a 40% recertification in year 1 of the Olympiad which is approximately what has occurred in the past. The numbers then drop each year.

**Expenses:** A 5-10% increase in cost seems reasonable due to the economy. Hall of Fame gifts will have to be reordered next year at a cost of \$300 each. I am hoping that the Training Committee will be able to proceed with the production of a video.

Again, these are rough estimates and much will depend on how well our certification equipment holds up during the next four years.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**VICE CHAIR AWARDS  
REPORT**

Gordon Boccock



## Awards Committee 2012 Convention Report

The Awards Committee report is designed as both a yearly and historical report. The section highlighted in grey will let you know what has taken place during the past year while the rest of the report will keep you informed of the history of the Awards Committee and the various Award Winners of the USATF National Officials Committee.

### **Association Awards:**

The USATF Convention in Tampa – 1986 the National Officials Committee instituted the process of issuing a maximum number of annual **National Outstanding Official Awards**. The number of awards for each association is five percent (5%) of the total National, Master and Emeritus officials in each Association. The individuals in these categories are only eligible for one award in the Olympiad (2005 – 2008).

The **National Outstanding Official Award** is for the association to provide an appreciation to officials for their dynamic officiating, contributions to the organization and support to the athletes. This award is not to replace any local programs but in addition as this lets the National Officials Committee show support to you and your officials.

This distinguished award is printed on parchment and signed by our National Officials Committee Chair and the USATF President. This is embossed with the National Officials Committee seal.

The National Officials Committee Vice-Chair for Certification will provide the Vice-Chair of Awards with listing of each association's number of officials as of July 31

- The number of certifications for each association is determined by the number of upper level officials in each association as of August 1. Due to the fact that so many certifications were not processed by this date in 2005, the National Officials Executive Committee decided to allow each association to receive certificates for 5% of the total number of officials they had for the 2000-2005 Olympiad period.
- In 2005, the first year of the current Olympiad period, 57 associations were eligible for the **National Outstanding Official Awards**. Ten of these associations (Border, Central California, Missouri Valley, Montana, Oklahoma, South Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming) did not return names for this award. That was 82% participation from the 57 associations eligible for awards and resulted in 384 certificates being processed and mailed to the various association certification chairs.
- In 2006, the second year of the current Olympiad period, 49 Associations were eligible for **National Outstanding Official Awards**. Alaska, Border, Central California, Dakotas, Montana, Nevada, West Virginia and Wyoming did not meet the requirements to be eligible to receive awards. Two of the associations (Minnesota and Oregon) eligible to receive awards did not return names for this award. That was 96% participation from those 49 Associations eligible for awards and resulted in 116 certificates being processed and mailed to the various Association Certification Chairs.
- In 2007, the third year of the current Olympiad period, 49 Associations were eligible for **National Outstanding Official Awards**. As in 2006 Alaska, Border, Central California, Dakotas, Montana, Nevada, West Virginia and Wyoming did not meet the requirements to be eligible to receive awards. Six of the associations (Gulf, Inland Northwest, Michigan, Ozark, South Carolina and Three Rivers) were eligible to receive awards but did not return any names. That was 88% participation from those 49 associations eligible for awards and resulted in 122 certificates being processed and mailed to the various association certification chairs.
- In 2008, the fourth year of the Olympiad period the **National Officials Committee voted at the mid-year meeting to allow the association to receive at least one certificate per year**. With that in mind I am happy to report that all 57 Association have sent in names and have received certificates for the **National Outstanding Official Awards**. According to the late Jim Grey, this is the first time in recorded history that 100% of the Associations have participated in this area. A total of 143 certificates were processed and sent to the various association certification chairs.
- For the 2005-2008 Olympiad Period a total of 764 Outstanding Official Awards were prepared and presented to the association certification chairs and given to deserving officials across the United States.
- In 2009, the first year of a new Olympiad period the National Officials Executive Committee decided to allow each association to receive certificates for 5% of the total number of officials they had for the 2005-2008 Olympiad period. 56 associations were eligible for the **National Outstanding Official Awards**. Five of these associations (Michigan, Minnesota, Pacific Northwest, Potomac Valley and Snake River) did not return names for this award. That was 91% participation from the 56 associations eligible for awards and resulted in 335 certificates being processed and mailed to the various association certification chairs.

- In 2010 the second year of the current Olympiad period, 56 associations were eligible for the **National Outstanding Official** awards. Only the Alaska association decided not to participate as numerous attempts failed to get any response from anybody in the North West. That was 98% participation from the 56 associations eligible for awards and it resulted in 128 certificates being processed and mailed to the various association certification chairs.
- In 2011 the third year of the current Olympiad period, 55 associations were eligible for the **National Outstanding Official** awards. After numerous attempts and reminders there were eight associations (Border, Florida, Long Island, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Ozark and Three Rivers) that decided they have no outstanding officials this year. This was 85% participation from the 55 associations eligible for the award and resulted in 127 certificates being processed and mailed to the various certification chairs.
- In 2012 the fourth year of the Olympiad period, 55 associations were eligible for the **National Outstanding Officials** awards. After numerous attempts and reminders there were ten associations (Border, Gulf, Hawaii, Lake Erie, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Southwestern) that decided they have no outstanding officials this year. This was 81.8% participation from the 55 associations eligible for the award and resulted in 120 certificated being processed and mailed to the various certification chairs.
- Awards Certificates that have been awarded to outstanding officials from the various USATF Associations now total 1,475 since the 2004 Olympic Games.

## **Horace Crow Award**

The **Horace Crow Award** was established at the National Convention in 1991. The National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the **Horace Crow Award** at the mid-year meeting in 2006 . . .

- Must be a certified USATF field event official for a ten (10) year period
- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF
- Recognition by peers for their betterment and devotion to track and field officiating in the area of field events

### Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the **Horace Crow Award** will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Awards Sub-Committee. The Awards Sub-Committee will be divided into five areas with the committee members serving as the area representative for the assorted associations of USATF that make up each zone. The Awards Committee Area Reps will canvass their respective areas through recommendations from other USATF certified officials, association official's certification chairs and from association presidents for candidates for the **Horace Crow Award**. Once approved by the area reps these names, along with letters of recommendation of his/her accomplishments are to be sent to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards who will then present them to the National Officials Executive Committee. The **Horace Crow Award** winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year summer meeting. The winner of the **Horace Crow Award** will be presented at the annual USATF convention.

- This marked the 20<sup>th</sup> year for the **Horace Crow Award**. This year the Awards Committee presented 40 names to the National Officials Committee. This list of outstanding officials was narrowed down to the 5 finalists for the 2012 **Horace Crow Award**
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  - **Shirley O. Connors - outstanding horizontal jumps official from the Pacific Association.**
  - **Raymond T. Fitzhugh – outstanding throws official from the Pacific Association.**
  - **John M. Murray – outstanding vertical jumps official from the Pacific Association.**
  - **Eric C. Smith – outstanding throws and electronic measurement official from the Florida Association.**
  - **Robert Springer – outstanding weights and measures official from the Pacific Northwest Association.**

#### **Past Winners of Horace Crow Award**

1992 – William Reeves (Florida)	2000 – Finn Hansen (Utah)	2007 – George Kleeman (Pacific)
1993 – Edward Lankford (Southwestern)	2000 – Eugene Stemm (Southern California)	2008 – James Flanik (Lake Erie)
1994 – Gene Edmonds (Indiana)	2001 – Len Krsak (Ohio)	2009 – Win Eggers (Illinois)
1995 – Shirley Crowe (Gulf)	2002 – Billy Walters (Southwestern)	2010 – Mike Armstrong (Arkansas)
1996 – Carl Mosley (Southern California)	2003 – Doug Winemiller (Mid-Atlantic)	2011 – Doug Allen (Kentucky)

1996 – Richard McQuarrie (Southern California)	2003 – Gloria Winemiller (Mid-Atlantic)	2012 – Announced at Daytona Beach
1997 – Keith Mitchell (Indiana)	2004 – Stanley Underwood (Tennessee)	2013 – Announced at Indianapolis
1998 – Fred Arnold (Southern California)	2005 – Lane Dowell (Oregon)	2014 – Announced at Anaheim
1999 – Emmitt Griggs (Gulf Association)	2006 – Chester Bradley (Southwestern)	2015 – Announced at Houston

## Charles Ruter Award

The **Charles Ruter Award** was established at the National Convention in 1998. The National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the **Charles Ruter Award** at the mid-year meeting in 2006 . . .

- Must be a certified USATF running event official for a ten (10) year period
- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF
- Recognition by peers for their betterment and devotion to track and field officiating in the area of running events

### Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the **Charles Ruter Award** will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Awards Sub-Committee. The Awards Sub-Committee will be divided into five areas with the committee members serving as the area representative for the assorted associations of USATF that make up each zone. The Awards Committee area reps will canvass their respective areas through recommendations from other USATF certified officials, association official's certification chairs and from association presidents for candidates for the **Charles Ruter Award**. Once approved by the Area Reps these names, along with letters of recommendation of his/her accomplishments are to be sent to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards who will then present them to the National Officials Executive Committee. The **Charles Ruter Award** winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year summer meeting. The winner of the **Charles Ruter Award** will be presented at the annual USATF Convention.

- This year will mark the 15<sup>th</sup> year for the **Charles Ruter Award**. This year the Awards Committee presented 37 names to the National Officials Committee. This list of outstanding officials was narrowed down to the 5 finalists for the 2012 **Charles Ruter Award** . . . .
  - **Laurie A. Boemker – Outstanding Umpire and Referee from New England Association.**
  - **James L. McKee – Outstanding Umpire from the Kentucky Association.**
  - **Thomas P. McTaggart – Outstanding Starter from the New York Association.**
  - **Linda M. Melzer – Outstanding Clerk from the Ohio Association.**
  - **Robert Podkaminer – Outstanding Starter and Referee from the Pacific Association.**

### Past Winners of Charles Ruter Award

1998– Charles Ruter (Kentucky)	2006 – Jim Carlisle (Southwestern)
1999 – John Hickman (Ohio)	2007 – Sue Polansky (Long Island)
2000 – Warren Ring (Metropolitan)	2008 – Kenny Morton (Kentucky)
2001 – Dick Conners (Pacific)	2009 - Karen Krsak (Ohio)
2002 – Ginger Mulanax (Ozark)	2010– Gordon Boccock (Kentucky)
2003 – Dan Reynolds (Arizona)	2011 – Fred Thomas (Ohio)
2004 – Shelby Sharpe (Southwestern)	2011 – Tom Hott (Ozark)
2005 – Fred Adler (Metropolitan)	2012 – Announced at Daytona Beach
2005 – William Buttermore (Ohio)	2013 – Announced at Indianapolis

## John Davis Award

The **John Davis Award** was established at the national convention in 2001. The National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the **John Davis Award** at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2006 . . .

- Must be a certified USATF track and yield official for a ten (10) year period

- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF
- Recognition by peers for excellence and achievement by an individual who espouses through humanitarian efforts by leadership, fellowship and developmental welfare of others through USATF and its various programs.

### Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the **John Davis Award** will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Awards Sub-Committee. The Awards Sub-Committee will be divided into five areas with the committee members serving as the area representative for the assorted associations of USATF that make up each zone. The Awards Committee area reps will canvass their respective areas through recommendations from other USATF certified officials, association official's certification chairs and from association presidents for candidates for the **John Davis Award**. Once approved by the area reps these names, along with letters of recommendation of his/her accomplishments are to be sent to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards who will then present them to the National Officials Executive Committee. The **John Davis Award** winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year summer meeting. The winner of the **John Davis Award** will be presented at the annual USATF Convention.

- This year will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> year for the **John Davis Award**. This year the Awards Committee presented 21 names to the National Officials Committee. This list of outstanding officials was narrowed down to the 5 finalists for the 2012 **John Davis Award**.
  - **Donald P. Berry – outstanding official and humanitarian from the Maine Association.**
  - **Neal J. Johnson – outstanding official and humanitarian from the New York Association.**
  - **Kenneth M. Morton – outstanding official and humanitarian from the Kentucky Northwest Association.**
  - **Virginia R. Mulanax – outstanding official and humanitarian from the Ozark Association.**
  - **John Stephens – outstanding official and humanitarian from the Florida Association.**

### Past Winners of John Davis Award

2001 – Win Eggers (Illinois)	2008 – Ron Boemker (New England)
2002 – Frank Orsak (Gulf)	2009 – Finn Hansen (Utah)
2003 – Murray Sanford (Georgia)	2010 – Richard Moss (Georgia)
2004 – Yvonne Grimes (Connecticut)	2011 – Charles L. Sheppard (Pacific)
2005 – Richard Langenback (Pacific Northwest)	2012 – Announced at Daytona Beach
2006 – Denise Hutchins (Oklahoma)	2013 – Announced at Indianapolis
2007 – Ron Althoff (Ohio)	2014 – Announced at Anaheim
2008 – Laurie Boemker (New England)	2015 – Announced at Houston

## **James Grey Award**

### Criteria for Nominations

The **James Grey Award** was established at the Mid-Year National Officials Executive Committee Meeting in 2006 when the Maine Association came forward and wanted to sponsor a National Officials Award. After a year of discussing the idea the National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the **James Grey Award** at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2007 . . .

- Must be a certified USATF track and field official for a ten (10) year period
- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the Association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF
- Recognition by peers for excellence and achievement by an individual who by providing the leadership, setting the example and going out of his/her way to help in the development of others in the USATF Officials organization

### Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the **James Grey Award** will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Awards Sub-Committee. The Awards Sub-Committee will be divided into five areas with the committee members serving as the area representative for the assorted associations of USATF that make up each zone. The Awards Committee area reps will canvass their respective areas through recommendations from other USATF certified officials, association official's certification chairs and from association presidents for candidates for the **James Grey Award**. Once approved by the area reps these names, along with letters of recommendation of his/her accomplishments are to be sent to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards who will then present them to the National Officials Executive Committee. The **James Grey Award** winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year summer meeting. The winner of the **James Grey Award** will be presented at the annual USATF Convention.

- This year will mark the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the **James Grey Award**. This year the Awards Committee presented 20 names to the National Officials Committee. This list of outstanding officials was narrowed down to the 5 finalists for the 2012 **James Grey Award**.
  - **Fred A. Adler – outstanding official and former Certification Chair from the Metropolitan Association.**
  - **William J. Boyd – outstanding official and Clinician from the Virginia Association.**
  - **Shirley O. Connors – outstanding official and Clinician from the Pacific Association.**
  - **James C.D. Hume – outstanding official and Certification Chair from the Pacific Association.**
  - **Dennis D. Olafson – outstanding official and Clinician and Meet Director from the Oregon Association.**

### Past Winners of James Grey Award

2007– Charles Ruter (Kentucky)	2010 – James Carlisle (Southwestern)
2008 – William Price (Patomac Valley)	2011 – Len A. Krsak (Ohio)
2009 – Val Foss (Maine)	2012 -

## **Lori Maynard Award**

The **Lori Maynard Award** was established at the Mid-Year National Officials Executive Committee Meeting in 2010 when the USATF Race Walk Committee came forward and wanted to sponsor a National Race Walk Officials Award. After a time of discussing the idea the National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria to receive the **Lori Maynard Award** at the mid-year meeting in 2010 . . .

- Must be a certified USATF track and yield official for a ten (10) year
- Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee and with USATF
- Recognition by peers for excellence and achievement by an race walk official who has given of themselves for years across the country by serving as a race walk judge, as a race walk official, as a race walk meet organizer or administrator and going out of their way to help in the development of race walking officials in the USATF organization.

### Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the **Lori Maynard Award** will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Race Walk Committee. The **Lori Maynard Award** winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year meeting. The five finalists and the winner of the **Lori Maynard Award** will be presented at the annual USATF convention.

- This year at the convention we will mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the **Lori Maynard Award**. This year the National Officials Committee was presented with these five finalists from the National Race Walk Committee for the 2012 **Lori Maynard Award**.
  - **Elliott Denman – an outstanding race walk official from the New Jersey Association.**
  - **Jim J. Hanley – an outstanding race walk official from the Southern California Association.**
  - **Darlene E. Hickman – an outstanding race walk official from the Pacific Northwest Association.**
  - **Lawrie G. Robertson – an outstanding race walk official from the Pacific Northwest Association.**
  - **Gary A. Westerfield – an outstanding race walk official from the Long Island Association.**

### Past Winners of Lori Maynard Award

2010 – Bruce MacDonald (Metropolitan)	2013 – Announced at Indianapolis
2011 – Virginia R. Mulanax (Ozark)	2014 – Announced at Anaheim

## **Andy Bakjian Award**

### Criteria for Nominations

Criteria for having the name of an official placed in nomination for the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** . . . . .

- Must be a certified USATF official for a twelve (12) year period
- Must be a Master Level Official in good standing with the association which they are certified, in good standing with the National Officials Committee and in good standing with USATF
- Must have officiated at national championship meets and/or international championship meets
- Recognition by peers for excellence and achievement in track and field officiating
- Recognition by peers for their betterment and devotion to track and field officiating
- The **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** can not be a posthumous award

### Nomination and Selection Process

The procedure to nominate an individual for the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** is as follows . . .

- Nomination forms will be e-mailed to each member of the National Officials Committee and to the Officials Certification Chair of each association on August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. They must be returned to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards by August 30<sup>th</sup>. The nomination forms must include the name of the individual being nominated along with verified statements of his/her accomplishments.
- All nominees must endorse the statement of accomplishments to verify the validity of the contents presented by the individual doing the original nomination.
- If there are more than ten nominees, their credentials and statements of accomplishments will be sent to the National Officials Awards Sub-Committee. By secret ballot, the Awards Sub-Committee will select the ten names to be placed on the final ballot.

The procedure for final selection for the individual that will receive the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** is as follows. . .

- The final ballot will be e-mailed to the following or October 1<sup>st</sup> and the ballot must be returned by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - a) National Officials Committee Executive Committee
  - b) Association Officials Certification Chairs
  - c) At-Large Members
  - d) Athlete's Representatives
  - e) Chairmen Emeritus
  - f) National Liaison Officers
  - g) National Officials Committee Representatives

(The individuals that make up the above group will vote in the following manner. The ranking will be a one for your first choice, a two for your second choice and so forth and your tenth choice will receive a ten and be your final choice. All ten places must be voted on to be an official ballot. The voting will be tallied like a cross country meet in that when you place a number 1 beside a person's name he/she will receive 1 point while a 10 will give the individual 10 points. The votes will be tallied by the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards and the individual receiving the fewest number of points will be the winner of the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** and presented at the Annual USATF Convention.

### Past Winners of Andy Bakjian Award

1982 – Andy Bakjian (Southern California)	1994 – George Kleeman (Pacific)	2006 – Keith Mitchell (Indiana)
1983 – Charles Ruter (Kentucky)	1995 – Leo Costanzo (Pacific)	2007 – Dan Reynolds (Arizona)
1984 – Ken Cauoette (New England)	1996 – Rhea Warren (Florida)	2008 – Robert Podkaminer (Pacific)
1985 – Jack Milne (Mid Atlantic)	1997 – John Davis (Illinois)	2009 – Virginia Mulanax (Ozark)
1986 – Hugh Norman (Iowa)	1998 – Chester Bradley (Southwestern)	2010 – Shirley Crowe (Gulf)
1987 – Hal Canfield (Tennessee)	1999 – Gene Edmonds (Indiana)	2011 – Ed J. Gorman (Ohio)
1988 – Clarence Crawford (Three Rivers)	2000 – Emmitt Griggs (Gulf)	2012 -
1989 – Jerome Perry (North Carolina)	2001 – Susan Polansky (Long Island)	2013 -
1990 – Ron Althoff (Ohio)	2002 – Finn Hansen (Utah)	2014 -
1991 – Lawrie Robertson (Pacific Northwest)	2003 – Richard Connors (Pacific)	2015 -
1992 – Bill Hartz – (Kentucky)	2004 – James Grey (Ohio)	2016 -
1993 – Dee Jensen (Dakotas)	2005 – Murray Sanford (Georgia)	2017 -

- This year at the convention we will mark the 31<sup>st</sup> year for the **Andy Bakjian Award**. For the past year 24 nominations were received by the Awards Committee and presented to the National Officials Executive Committee and the following are the 10 finalists for the **2012 Andy Bakjian Award**

1. John C. Blackburn (South Carolina)	6. Richard P. Moss (Georgia)
2. Jim Carlisle (Southwestern)	7. Kelly Rankin (Oregon)
3. John C.D. Drolla, Jr. (South Texas)	8. Howard M. Schmertz (Long Island)
4. Martin A. Goldberg (Three Rivers)	9. David E. Snyder (Southern California)
5. Darlene E. Hickman (Pacific Northwest)	10. Gary A. Westerfield (Long Island)

In **2005** there were 82 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. 25 Voting Delegates did not cast a vote. In 2005 the percentage of the eligible voters actually casting a vote was 70%.

In **2006** there were 83 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. 12 Voting Delegates did not cast a vote. In 2006 the percentage of the eligible voters actually casting a vote was 87%.

In **2007** there were 125 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. 41 Voting Delegates did not cast a vote. In 2007 the percentage of the eligible voters actually casting a vote was 67%.

In **2008** there were 132 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. 41 Voting Delegates did not cast a vote. In 2008 the percentage of the eligible voters actually casting a vote was 69%.

For the Olympiad Period 422 were eligible to vote and of this total 119 failed to vote. This leaves a total of 303 voting for the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award** for the four year period for a percentage of 72%.

In **2009** there were 136 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. 30 Voting Delegates did not cast a vote. In 2009 the percentage of eligible voters actually casting a vote was 77.9%.

In **2010** there were 114 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. 31 Voting delegates did not cast a vote. In 2010 the percentage of eligible voters actually casting a vote was 77.2%

In **2011** there were 140 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. 27 Voting Delegates did not cast a vote. In 2011 the percentage of eligible voters actually casting a vote was 80.7%.

In **2012** there were 150 people eligible to vote to select the **Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award**. 80 Voting Delegates did not cast a vote. In 2012 the percentage of eligible voters actually casting a vote was 46.6%

## **Hall of Fame Award:**

## Criteria for Nominations

Before nominating an official, check the list of current nominees to see if the person already has been nominated. It is not necessary to fill out a new nomination form for persons who already are nominated. They remain on the active nominating list for a period of five years. This Hall of Fame is intended to honor those certified Officials who have contributed significant efforts locally, nationally and, perhaps internationally. Nominees may be actively working, emeritus or deceased.

### Nomination and Selection Process

Officials being placed in nomination shall have:

- Officiated for at least twenty (20) years
- Served as an outstanding official for at least several levels of competition – youth, high school, collegiate, open, masters, national and/or internationally
- Officiating skills of the highest level and shall be recognized and respected by his/her peers. Received local association officials' awards and/or national awards such as the Andy Bakjian, Horace Crow, Charles Ruter, John Davis or Jim Grey awards, and/or awards of recognition by the national organization or international awards.
- Been a competition official displaying leadership ability by having served as a head official, coordinator or administrator at national meets

Nomination shall be accepted from anyone in the track and field community. They will be solicited from the general certified USATF Officials Committee. Nominations can come from other sources such as members of the National Sports Committees or Coaches Committee. There will also be solicitations of those who have been inducted into the Officials Hall of Fame.

USATF National Officials Committee – Hall of Fame Inductees 2007 at Honolulu, Hawaii	
Andy Bakjian – Southern California Association	Emmitt Griggs – Gulf Association
Chester Bradley – Southwestern Association	Finn Hansen – Utah Association
Ken Caouette – New England Association	Dee Jensen – Dakotas Association
Leo Costanzo – Pacific Association	Barbara Palma – Adirondack Association
Horace Crow – Pacific Association	Pat Rico – Metropolitan Association
John Davis – Illinois Association	Charles Ruter – Kentucky Association

USATF National Officials Committee – Hall of Fame Inductees 2008 at Reno, Nevada	
Ron Althoff – Ohio Association	Lori Maynard – Pacific Association
Clarence Crawford – Three Rivers Association	Heliodoro Rico – Metropolitan Association
Shirley Crowe – Gulf Association	Murray Sanford – Georgia Association
James Grey – Ohio Association	Tom Turk – Missouri Valley Association
George Kleeman – Pacific Association	

USATF National Officials Committee – Hall of Fame Inductees 2009 at Indianapolis, Indiana	
Richard L. Connors – Pacific Association	Stanley L. Underwood – Tennessee Association
Keith C. Mitchell – Indiana Association	W.A. Wise – West Texas Association
Warren J. Ring – Metropolitan Association	

USATF National Officials Committee – Hall of Fame Inductees 2010 at Virginia Beach, Virginia	
Herb Diboll Allen – Gulf Association	Al Minturn – Southern California
Rex J. Harvey – Iowa Association	Robert Podkaminer - Pacific

USATF National Officials Committee – Hall of Fame Inductees 2011 at St. Louis, Missouri	
John C.D. Drolla, Jr. – South Texas	Lawrie G. Roberson – Pacific Northwest
Linda M. Melzer – Ohio Association	Billy R. Walters - Southwestern
Richard P. Moss – Georgia	

USATF National Officials Committee – Hall of Fame Inductees 2012 at Daytona Beach, Florida	
Jerome Perry – North Carolina	Eugene Stemm – Southern California
Kelly Rankin – Oregon	



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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**VICE CHAIR CERTIFICATION REPORT**

Jimmy Stuart

We almost made it to 9000 officials by the end of the Olympiad. We ended up with 8988 total officials with 5156 Association levels, 1865 National levels, 1259 Master levels and 44 Emeritus officials. We also added 664 Apprentice officials this year which is a great start to this new certification level.

With the addition of the Apprentice level this year along with a new certification website, we have made our first two major strides in strengthening and transforming our certification system so that we continue to have the best officials in the world. Our goal is to make sure that every meet in the United States not only wants USATF Certified Officials but is proud to have them.

At some point after the first of year we will also be allowing officials to log into their own part of the new website and be able to view and update their personal information and also access new features such as an online resume. Access to the site will start with those officials who have already recertified and will begin sometime in early 2013.

One of our main goals in 2013 is to begin a complete revamping of our testing process in concert with the Training and Rules committees. Our goal is to start at the Apprentice and Association levels and implement the new testing process/system at some point during the current Olympiad and expanding to cover all officials in time for the next recertification in 2016.

We also want to remind all officials that starting with this Olympiad we will be enforcing the requirement for USATF Membership. On March 31<sup>st</sup> of every year, if you have not renewed your USATF membership then you will no longer be considered a certified official and your status will be listed in the system as "Suspended". As part of this we are also requiring that you carry your USATF membership card with your certification card and we will be providing each official with a double-sided card holder upon recertification.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**VICE CHAIR RULES  
REPORT**

George Kleeman

## **National Officials Committee 2012 Rules Subcommittee Report**

The rule changes approved by the NFHS and by the NCAA for 2013 were posted on the Officials Website as soon as they were available this summer. A pdf version of the NFHS rules was also posted along with the link to the NCAA Rules. This is a rules year for USATF and we will be posting the proposed changes following the Rules Committee teleconference on October 21 USATF Rules Proposal package was posted in mid October when it became official. Most are recommended for discussion at the convention as can be seen by the tally sheet which will be posted with the summary of the October teleconference.

The Rules subcommittee completed the update of Rules Reviews for the 2013-2016 Olympiad using a reduced number of questions (approximately 25) for most reviews and these were forwarded to the National Certification chair at the end of August for posting on the Officials Website. There are reviews for each of the officiating disciplines, namely track and field, long distance running and cross country and race walking. Within each discipline there are generally 5 reviews, namely apprentice, association, national, masters and referee. The intent was that you only needed to take the review at the level you want to be certified for each discipline. If you want to be certified in more than one area then you would have to take the appropriate level review. In addition there are three specialty reviews for Technical Manager, Implement Inspector and Combined Events officials.

The subcommittee annual meeting will be on Thursday morning, November 29 at 8 am before the official start of the convention that evening. See the online convention meeting schedule for the room assignment. All interested parties are welcome. We will be discussing the full rules update package for the 2013 Rule Book. In order to keep the committee report short when it is presented during the first Officials Committee meeting on Friday, only selected items will be covered. Thus if you want more insight into the proposals you should attend the subcommittee meeting on Thursday.

### **New Olympiad Reviews**

#### **Members**

<b>Disciplines</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Association</b>
Track & Field	Boyd	William	Virginia
Track & Field	Smyth	Jim	North Carolina
Long Distance Running/Cross Country	Price	William	Potomac Valley
Long Distance Running/Cross Country	Mc Latchie	Carol	Oregon
Race Walking	De Weese	Carroll	Michigan
Race Walking	Daniels	Ron	Connecticut
Combined, Implement Inspector, Technical Manager	Smith	Eric	Florida
Combined, Implement Inspector, Technical Manager	Hott	Sherry	Ozark

I want to thank the committee members for their work on updating the Review packages in a timely fashion so that we could get them to the National Certification Chair on August 27.

I also want to thank the committee as a whole for their cooperation during my sixteen year tenure on the executive committee, i.e. 7 years as Training chair and 9 years as Rules chair. I think we accomplished a lot in making our officials more knowledgeable and better prepared. I hope to continue to support the committee in some fashion.

**National Officials Committee**  
**Rules Subcommittee Agenda**

Thursday, November 29, 2012

Daytona Beach, Fl.

8:00-9:50 am

Introduction of Committee Members

Introduction of Attendees

Approval of 2011 St. Louis Minutes

Updates for 2013 Rule Changes for NCAA, NFHS, and IAAF

Discussion of Rule Change Proposals for USATF 2013

**National Officials Committee**  
**Rules Subcommittee Meeting**  
Thursday, December 1, 2011  
8-10 am, St. Louis

Attendees:

George Kleeman, Chair	Bill Boyd, Virginia Member	Bill Price, Potomac Valley, Member
Eric Smith, Florida Member	Al Hernandez, Pacific	Carol Mc Latchie, Oregon Member
Sherry Hott, Ozark Member	Mike Pekar, Arizona	Jim Smyth, N, Carolina Member
John Head, Southwestern	Lloyd Mc Millian, Southern	DeLewis Johnson, So. California
Mary Onken, New York	Janice Berkebile Florida	Tom Mc Bee, Ozark
Scott Rose, Ohio	Paul Gooris, New Mexico	Edevan Roberts, Philadelphia
Bob Tice, North Carolina	Ned O' Doherty, Michigan	Shane Sorey, Inland NW
Tom Hott, Ozark	Eileen Morris, Ozark	David Katz, IAAF
Joe Scecina, So. Texas	Bob Springer, Pacific Northwest	Randal Hopkins, Ohio
Greg Miller, Missouri Valley	Murray Sanford, Georgia	Larry Mc Home, Iowa
Stewart Blue, Southern	James Williams, Florida	James Young, Alabama
Gordon Scruton, Hawaii	William Pellingier, New Jersey	Elinor Tootle, Ohio
Jacquelyn Anthony, Georgia	Marty Goldberg, Three Rivers	Tony Wayne, Sp. Oly. International

The meeting was called to order by the chair about 8:05 am. The attached agenda was discussed and approved. The meeting notes from 2010 at Virginia Beach were approved as presented (see attached). The yearly report and the MOD were available on line in the Officials Committee Convention Reports. (See attached)

The updates of changes or interpretations for High School, NCAA and IAAF were discussed briefly and the group was referred to the Officials website where they have been posted since early fall. Items discussed were limited to those that impacted the competition official. The following proposals for USATF were then discussed. Namely, items 9, 15, 20, 21-25, 28-30, 32, 33, 36-38, 50, 54, 59, 60, 65, 76A, and 77. The committee and attendees were reminded that 2012 was an IAAF change year and any submittal should be forwarded to George Kleeman or John Blackburn by the end of January.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the goals for the remainder of the Olympiad which focused on updating the latest version this Olympiad's reviews. The remaining goal is to updating current version for rule changes in 2011 and 2012 and reduce the questions to about 25 per test if that had not already be done last year. The questions concerning IAAF and/or NFHS competitions are now separated into their own exams. The due date for the 2013-2016 Olympiad reviews was set for August, 2012 so that they would be ready for the 2013 clinic season and recertification.

The meeting was adjourned about 9:25 am.

Submitted by George Kleeman, Chair  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**VICE CHAIR TRAINING  
REPORT**

Mark Heckel

## **Vice-chairman's review**

At the 2011 Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach, the Vice-chairman announced the beginning of several projects.

### National Championship Event Protocols

Designed to provide guidance for crew chiefs as well as crew members, the first NCEP was developed for the horizontal jumps. After the 2011 Annual Meeting, the Vice-chairman requested several officials to head up development teams for several other events and officiating positions. Since then, we have developed NCEP's for:

- clerking
- marshaling
- the hammer throw
- the discus throw
- the high jump
- the javelin throw
- implement inspection

While some of these are taking their final form, they should be ready for officials to utilize by the end of January. All will be posted to the USATF Officials website.

The next phase of the program will be to add the remaining events and positions:

- the shot put
- the pole vault
- starting
- race walking

### Mentoring

Rob Buzaitis was charged with developing a plan and implementation strategy for a mentoring program for new officials. Drawing on the chairs of the various subcommittees within the Training Sub-committee, a draft proposal will be presented at this annual meeting.

### Curriculum

With the development and implementation of a new certification system and some movement of certification classifications, the curriculum did not develop as rapidly as planned. However, the following is a broad description of the structure of the curriculum.

The curriculum will consist of five levels: core, apprentice, association, national and master. The core curriculum will include 5 broad topics that all officials, regardless of certification area, should be trained in. These are

1. Philosophy, Preparation and Professionalism
2. Governance and Rules
3. General Safety and Liability



4. Meet Management and Administration
5. Special Programs

From these core courses, a new (apprentice) official will enter into one of 5 tracks: track events, field events, long-distance running/off-track events, race walking or athletics for the disabled. These general outline courses at the Apprentice (or P) level, will take the official into more specific training about certain events and officiating position at the Association (A) level. From there, they will move to specialized training at a higher level at the National (N) level. The Master (M) level course will be more philosophical and best practice oriented, and will be more geared toward high-level practical experience and interaction.

While these courses will not be required for certification at this time, our hope is that associations will use them as a means of evaluating candidates for advancement, as well as for recommendations of officials for national level meets. We are also hopeful that this will allow any official to identify what skills and training are necessary to attain a particular certification at a particular level.

It will also allow an official who is already certified in one area, to see what exact information they should know for obtaining certification in another specialty. For example, a veteran throws official wanting to add certification in LDR/off-track running.

Dave Bowers (initial training), Rich Shorenstein (advancement training) and Mike Armstrong (continuing education) and their committees will be more deeply involved in the development of the courses as we move forward over the next year. The Training Sub-committee is always looking for more members for each of these sub-committees.

In addition to the curriculum development, the Vice-chair will be working with Dave Bowers and Janice Berkebile, our instructional designer, in changing the design of the eLearning portal ([elearning.usatfofficials.com](http://elearning.usatfofficials.com)) to match the curriculum offerings. This, along with the introduction of the Learn It! View It! Do It! Training model will complete the content delivery cycle.

#### Train-the-trainer training

A feature of the 2012 Annual Meeting is the train-the-trainer training that will take place during the Training Sub-committee meeting on Wednesday evening. This training will introduce a methodology of training for trainers to use as a part of their annual clinics. The process – Learn It! View It! Do It! Is based on a progressive action model where the official first learns about the topic; is given a demonstration by a veteran official (or officials); and is then able to put the skill into practice in a controlled setting.

The purpose of training the trainers is to allow for wider dissemination of effective training skills and methodology. Each trainer will then be encouraged to do train-the-trainer programs in their association that will better prepare their National and Master level officials to participate in their training clinics. This, combined with the curriculum and the mentoring program, will provide the basis for more effective training throughout the associations.

#### **Continuing projects**

##### National Federation Pre-season Notes

Under the guidance of Rob Buzaitis, a group of veteran officials again collaborated in producing the National Federation of High School Associations Pre-season notes for officials. Working with Becky Oakes of the NFHS, the group was

involved for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in creating these notes on the changes in rules, and the points of emphasis for registered high school officials.

### Recruiting Brochure

Rich Shorenstein developed a template for associations to use to promote the recruitment and enrollment of officials. The template can be customized for each association, and is intended to recruit new officials. The template has been distributed via certification chairs, and is available upon request.

### Other notes

- We regret accepting the resignations of Shirley Connors (clinics), Ken Yerger (outreach) and Monique White (outreach) as sub-committee chairs. We are thankful for their service to their fellow officials, and we all look forward to their continued service and contributions to the art and skill of officiating.

## **New initiatives for 2012**

### Officials Evaluation Scoring Rubric

Presented at this Annual Meeting, a new scoring rubric for evaluating official's performance has been developed. This scoring rubric is intended to (1) help crew chiefs or evaluators do a better job of quantifying the scores used in the evaluation of officials and (2) give officials a better understanding of what skills and attributes are being evaluated for scoring at each level.

In essence, the rubric will help an evaluator define the difference between a 2 and a 3 on the evaluation form. Plus, it will define for the official what things are being evaluated to make a determination between a 2 and a 3. This, it is hoped, will help to make the scoring more consistent and understandable, and will provide officials with a way to see in what areas and ways they may need to improve. Written comments for all areas will also be strongly recommended to provide as much information to the official being evaluated as possible.

## **Sub-committee reviews**

### **Clinics**

The Clinic sub-committee was active at the Olympic Team Trials, offering two clinics. The first, dealing with plasticine, was presented by Donald Mills and Charles Murphy. They not only provided some history and background on the use of plasticine, they also provided a hands-on opportunity for the 20+ participants. They reviewed the applicable rules for plasticine use, and also reviewed the proper ways in which to work with the plasticine board trays. Donald and Charles provided a very good handout for the participants, and encouraged them to continue to work in this vital area of horizontal jump officiating.

The second clinic was presented by George Kleeman on the History of the Throws. As many officials know, George is a well-known authority on the throwing events, and his presentation to the 13 who attended was extremely well received. He had a handout, as well as a PowerPoint presentation with numerous photos that added to his presentation. There was good discussion as well, drawing on the experiences of all involved.

The sub-committee would like to extend our thanks to Dennis Olafson who was the local facilitator of the clinics.

**Initial Training**

The Initial training group was not very active during the past year. As the new certification program has come on-line for the new Olympiad, this group will be more active in the development of both the Core curriculum and the Apprentice curriculum.

**Outreach Training**

The intent of the Outreach training program is currently under review. With the number of events in the United States this year, we did not conduct an out-of-country exchange program. At this time we are investigating ways in which we can change the emphasis of this group from external outreach to providing more connection to and training for officials on a regional basis.

**Continuing Education/Advancement Training**

Each of these groups was essentially on hiatus this year as we were awaiting the new certification program. Now that that has been established, and the curriculum plan has been put in place, these groups will be working on incorporating both the mentoring program and the best practices into the appropriate places in the curriculum plan.

As we move ahead into the next Olympiad, we encourage all officials who have an interest in improving the quality of their own work, and the work of their fellow officials, to become involved in the Training Sub-committee. If interested in serving, please contact the Vice-Chairman of Training.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**APPEALS SELECTION SUBCOMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Delores Murray

A total of three (3) letters were received this year. They each questioned non-selection for the 2012 Olympic Trials. Copies of all correspondence were forwarded to the selection committee for recommendations.

Members of the 2012 Appeals Committee

Delores G. Murray, Chairperson

Richard Connors

Stanly Scott

Alma Jan Price

Frank Wolfshiemer

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Jimmy Stuart

As of November 2012 we have just over 3600 people receiving the newsletter. This is an increase of about 600 during the past year. While that's nice, it's not enough. We have almost 9000 certified officials, meaning that less than half are actively receiving any official's news or announcements.

After a hiatus during the year we've brought the newsletter back on a better system allowing us many more options when it comes to how the newsletter looks and integrating it better with things like our website and Facebook page.

Also for the first time ever, we have integrated signing-up for the newsletter with the recertification process. Hopefully this will be the solution to finally get the newsletter out to most officials.

Our Facebook group is going strong with over 1800 members and has proven to be a place for lively discussion. If you're on Facebook we encourage you to join the "USATF Certified Officials" group.

Lastly, we are beginning to work with the National Office to transition our part of the USATF website over to their new content management system. Hopefully this will allow for better integration with all the resources on the USATF site.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES SUBCOMITTEE  
REPORT**

Bob Springer



During the year two newsletters, one in February and one in October, were sent out to Throwing Officials, Technical Managers and Implement Inspectors. All officials that are certified as Implement Inspectors at any level automatically receive the newsletter. Also, all Certification Chairs receive a copy. Anyone else wishing to receive the newsletter must request a copy. The total distribution of the February newsletter was 852 copies. Of those 708 were sent via email and 144 via USPS. The October newsletter was delivered to 871 subscribers with 718 via email and another 153 via USPS. This is down again this year primarily to further cleaning up of bad addresses.

As with last year problems were reported this year were related to maintenance of implements. Implements were being disqualified at several meets simply because the owners had not maintained them properly. Evidently there were some overzealous inspectors that were disqualifying large numbers of implements for surface roughness. I devoted my column in the October newsletter to discussing this judgment call.

There are several rules changes this year. The major one redefines the throwing weight to some extent. The handle is being made smaller and that eliminates a problem with the current rule calling for the weight to be measured for length "as thrown." That is impossible to know ahead of time. All proposed changes will be discussed at our meeting on Thursday, November 29 at 3:00PM.

Attached are the agenda for this year's meeting and the minutes of last year's annual meeting at Indianapolis for posting online.

Minutes of the Facilities and Equipment Subcommittee – USATF 2011 Convention, St. Louis, MO  
December 1, 2011

Bob Springer, Chair

67 persons were in attendance. A quorum was also present to act on any motion raised by the body.

Minutes of the 2010 Convention and Meeting were approved as written.

The Agenda for the 2011 Meeting was approved without change.

Old Business – Goals for 2011

- The Newsletter membership has expanded to nearly 900 recipients.
- Development of a rule regarding specifications for Indoor and out door weights. Specifically, the indoor and outdoor weights specification requirements were separated. As a result the outdoor weight specifications were not changed. The outdoor and indoor weight specifications were proposed as rule change number 9.
- Hammer handles have been resolved.

These were the major goals for 2011. They were met.

Implement issues in 2011

The majority of issues related to the failure of implements presented for inspection were related to owner maintenance. The chair, suggested that Inspectors inform Coaches that they need to take care of their implements so that implements, not only would last longer, but would also have a better chance of passing inspection. It was noted that High School lack of implement maintenance and care was the worse.

The Chair also requested that the results of implement inspection results be submitted to him for the National database. Information to be submitted should include the name of the competition, the number of implements inspected per event, the number of failures. Other information that would be useful would be the manufacturer or the distributor name for the failed implement.

Rule changes for 2012 –

Rule 9 – Indoor/outdoor throwing weights. No issue has been raised (minor wording change for the handle to ball connection) were raised. The Indoor weight issues relate to the manufacture of the ball. Specifically the ball must (as stated by manufacturers) contain a void to prevent the ball (bladder) from breaking on impact after sustained use. The fill material was also specified in the proposal. Specifically, lead or lead alloy was specified as the fill material with a specified void area. What has been found is that International athletes and some USA athletes have purchased Indoor weights that contain Tungsten. This material (more expensive than lead) would be illegal. In addition, NCAA does not specify the fill material or void limitation.

With the specification for the indoor weight, and the potential issue of compression after sustained use, the Center of Gravity would be difficult if not impossible to determine. This latter issue is due to the change in the void area and compaction, or stratification, of the internal material.

As a result of the discussions, it was suggested that the Rule proposal be tabled for another year. This would allow additional deliberation and development of a more acceptable rule specification.

The change of the CG limit to 9mm was accepted and will be a minor text change. The current 6mm limit was a miss type in the earlier rule change.

In addition, the 15mm size addition for covering of the indoor weight bladder will be submitted in 2012.

Additional Discussions for 2012 regarding fill material for implements –

It was noted that one manufacturer is advertising their equipment as extending the center of Gravity for their hammers. Specifically, they hammer ball is being filled with Tungsten. It was suggested that this be reviewed for 2012. Whether the hammer in question can pass the Center of Gravity test (6mm) was not provided during the discussion.

Rule Proposal 19 - This proposal deals with the duties of the Technical Manager. This proposal is submitted to mirror the role of the TM under IAAF. However, in the USA the Inspector of Implements has been separated out of the duties of the TM under IAAF. The proposal would include a duty that the Technical Manager check to see if the Implement Inspection is being set up as to records, marking, impoundment, etc.. The duty is a pre-competition validation of activities that the Technical Manager is responsible for pre-meet activities. The Inspector of Implements for USATF would remain a cooperative activity with the Field Referee during competition. No change in the current responsibilities or authorities currently conducted in the US will change. The proposal was accepted.

Rule Proposal 33 regarding non-traditional competition facilities (Rule 149)–  
This rule follows IAAF regarding the needed requirements for competitions or events held outside a traditional stadium track and field competition. It requires Sanction. However, sanction only refers to liability. If the competition wishes to recognize a qualifying standard or record, the event facility must meet all technical requirements as if it was held in a recognized stadium event. The proposal was accepted.

Rule Proposal?? Regarding the minimum length specification for the hammer. This is being removed. The proposal is acceptable.

Goals for 2012 -

1. Address the Indoor Weight Rule.
2. Develop situational test questions for the 2012 re-certification exams for both the Implement Inspector and the Technical Manager. The questions must be submitted by July 2012.

Additional discussions –

An issue was raised regarding the specifications of the 750mm discus and the specifications of the 2k hammer, for Masters Athletes. Specifically, a request was made to change the specifications of the 750mm discus to those for the 1k discus. An additional suggestion was made regarding the 2k hammer. It was suggested that this issue be raised to the Masters Sub-committee for proposal.

Having no further information or questions, the meeting was adjourned.

National Officials Committee  
USA Track & Field  
Equipment & Facilities Specifications Subcommittee

Daytona Beach 2012 Agenda  
December 1, 3:00 pm- 4:50 pm, Thursday

Introductions

Approval of 2011 Meeting Minutes

Agenda Review and Approval

Old Business

Status of Action Items/Goals for 2012  
Implement Problems/Reports in 2012

New Business

Rules Changes for 2013  
Goals for 2013  
Action Items for 2013  
Concerns about Rules Review for new Olympiad

## Summary of Reports

		College, Open & Masters			High School		
		Total	Rejected	Per Cent	Total	Rejected	Per Cent
Indoor Shot	Men	211	10	4.74%			
	Women	247	12	4.86%			
Outdoor Shot	Men	343	22	6.41%	223	52	23.32%
	Women	361	18	4.99%	223	39	17.49%
Discus	Men	767	30	3.91%	407	54	13.27%
	Women	710	22	3.10%	450	39	8.67%
Javelin	Men	544	31	5.70%	145	9	6.21%
	Women	502	26	5.18%	196	12	6.12%
Hammer	Men	351	34	9.69%			
	Women	372	38	10.22%			
Weight	Men	148	8	5.41%			
	Women	190	8	4.21%			
		4746	259	5.46%	1644	205	12.47%

### Combined Events

		Total	Rejected	Per Cent
Indoor Shot	Men	54	2	3.70%
	Women	67	4	5.97%
Outdoor Shot	Men	48	1	2.08%
	Women	72	6	8.33%
Javelin	Men	114	8	7.02%
	Women	123	6	4.88%
Discus	Men	147	8	5.44%
		625	35	5.60%

Conclusions: Except for high school implements, by far the worst was the hammer. The problems with hammers were either weight or length. There were some handle problems.

The next biggest problem appears to be care of shots and discs.

Many of the failures there were due to rough surface or gouges. As with last year, the problem with the high school implements appears to be similar. Schools and clubs need to be sure that implements are taken care of and not thrown onto hard surfaces or otherwise damaged. Also the rubber discus is a continuing problem. They wear quickly and are not manufactured to a consistent standard size. As a result, brand new ones are often out of specifications. They are built for practice and not competition, but high school rules allow them.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**EVALUATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Murray Sanford

Championships evaluated in 2012 were:

Senior Indoor

Combined Indoor

Masters Indoor... (New for 2012)

World/Youth Athletics Outdoor

Junior Outdoor

Olympic Trials

Junior Olympics Outdoor

Masters Outdoor

The greatest difficulties with the 2012 evaluations...Not receiving officials' contact information and assignments from Officials Coordinators in a timely manner prior to sending out evaluation documents. Youth and Master Competitions were the most difficult. Repeatedly not receiving evaluations from the same evaluators year after year, yet they continue to be selected to officiate Our National Championships!!! More and more the evaluations are showing officials with low

Evaluations in item (F) Has the physical stamina/agility for officiating assigned task...and they too continue to be selected to officiate our National Championships!!!

My THANKS to those officials who took the responsibility and time to complete evaluations.

The evaluations received indicate our officials are doing outstanding work on the field of play. Officials new to national level competition received good evaluations.

Head Judges are encouraged to share your evaluation with crew members.

Officials that want access to your evaluation...first contact your event head judge.

Should you not receive a response from your head judge... then contact Evaluation Chair, Murray Sanford. I will send you a "Request for Officials Evaluation" form to complete.

Evaluation information will be provided for (2009-2012 USATF National Championship competitions only).

#### Points of Emphases for completing evaluations...

- **Read your cover letter of instructions and all evaluation documents before completing...**
- Use the "on-line" if at all possible...many hand written evaluations are difficult to read...
- Please do not use red ink or pencil...difficult to make copies...
- Use extra copies of the evaluation document and comment sheets if needed for large crews...Place as many officials on one evaluation document as you can!!!
- **Make sure you make at least one comment about each official evaluated...**
- **An explanation is required on the comment sheet for any rating of (1) or (2)...**
- **Field event head judges...Officials Record of Event Assignment/Assignments must be completed...use extra forms where needed.**
- **Use only the evaluation documents provided...do not modify or use your own...**
- Evaluate combined events coordinators...
- Make sure your comments match your number evaluations...
- Please return the evaluation in a timely manner...
- Remember to make your comments on meet management, equipment, competition schedule, food, housing and any other items you believe can make our job easier and more efficient...

Evaluations make us better!!

**N O C**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**LAW & LEGISLATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
REPORT**

John Bahakel



# **National Officials Committee**

## **Law & Legislation Report**

2012 is not a Law & Legislation year. This year there have been no new activities to report.

**N O C**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MASTER REFEREE SUBCOMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Jim Skelly  
Pat Lavelle

## 2012 National Master Referees

ITO's/ATO's – Grandfathered because of recent IAAF testing

John Blackburn	008998	Track/Field—Combined—LDR	South Carolina
Carol Coram	002030	Track/Field—Combined—LDR	Pacific Northwest
Dee Jensen	004456	Track/Field—Combined	Dakotas
George Kleeman	002461	Track/Field—Combined—LDR	Pacific
Robert Podkaminer	001461	Track/Field	Pacific
Eric Zemper	003383	Track/Field—Combined— LDR-Race Walk	Michigan
Tim Baker	001019	Track/Field—Combined—LDR	Potomac Valley
Laurie Boemker	004439	Track/Field—LDR	New England
William Boyd	007045	Track/Field—Combined	Virginia
William Buttermore	012570	Track/Field—Combined	Ohio
Jim Carlisle	006979	Track/Field	Southwestern
Jerry Colman	009526	Track/Field	Pacific
Richard Connors	001808	Track/Field—Combined—LDR	Pacific
Carroll DeWeese	016116	Track/Field--Combined—LDR	Michigan
John Drolla	004051	Track/Field	South Texas
Rex Harvey	004309	Field—Combined	Iowa
Mark Heckel	007643	Field	Three Rivers
Humberto Hernandez	020727	Field	Pacific
Tom Hott	014085	Track	Ozark
Mark Kostek	007797	Track/Field	Nebraska
Mike Maryott	004916	Field/Combined	Nebraska
Kathleen McLymond	018362	Field	Niagra
Richard Moss	010135	Field/Combined	Georgia
Delores Murray	017134	Track/Field	Southwestern
William Pollinger	016818	Race Walk	New Jersey
Patrick Pretty	006677	Track/Field—Combined—LDR	Wisconsin
Bill Quinlisk	018316	LDR	Niagara
Richard Torrellas	003865	Track/Field—Race Walk	Connecticut

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Val Foss

In July, the nomination process began for the available NOC Officer positions of Chair, Secretary, Vice Chair of Training and Vice Chair of Rules. The nomination committee forwarded to Certification Chairs notification of the available officer positions, together with nomination forms. Additionally, the nomination information and submission form was publicized via the NOC through electronic mail to all officials. The nomination process closed on October 14th and on October 17th another news flash was forwarded informing all voting members of the prospective candidates in contention for each officer position.

Nominations received by the committee were Len Krsak for Chair, Tom Hott and John Murray for Secretary, Mark Heckel and Ron Buzaitis for Vice Chair of Training, Jim Flanik and Mark Kostek for Vice Chair of Rules. The election process will start at the beginning of the first session with Nominations open from the floor of any other candidates who wish to run for office. Elections shall follow using the Organizational Services Committee, Elections sub-committee, in the balloting process. Additionally, nomination for at large members shall be taken from the floor.

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**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**UNIFORM/MERCHANDISE SUBCOMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Win Eggars  
Keith Mitchell

It has been a pleasure working with The Porch Collection in getting the shirts in and out in a short period of time.

Billy said he was running low on some shirts however he has a new order due in the first of the year. So he will again be covered in all sizes.

Anyone wanting to order the following items should go to the Officials website at [www.usatfofficials.com](http://www.usatfofficials.com) and click on Uniform/Equipment/Merchandise.

You will find the following items listed.

Shirts & Hats -----The Porch Collection

Rain Gear & Jackets -----Boathouse

Fanny Pack -----Lane Advertising

Weather Writer-----Weather Writer USA

Hope to see you in Daytona Beach

## Representatives to the National Officials' Committee

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JIMMY STUART	COMMUNICATIONS
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GARFIELD ELLENWOOD	
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**APPMNT**

BOB PODKAMINER

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**COMMITTEE REPS TO NOC**

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	WOMENS T & F
	MENS LONG DISTANCE RUNNING
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JOYCE HODGES-HITE	MASTERS LONG DISTANCE RUNNING
MARK CIZEK	YOUTH
MARY ONKEN	ASSOCIATIONS
DENISE HUTCHINS	ATHLETES FOR THE DISABLED

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