



AEC Conference Call Minutes

Sunday, 28 January 5:00pm PST/8:00pm EST

Call to Order: 8:09 p.m.

Present: Dave Shrock, Pam Betz, Don Lawrence, Richard Messenger, Randy Hopkins, Jackie Callender, Rod Larsen, Mike Hinz, Karen Krsack, Jay Miles, Tish Hanna, Gary Morgan, Steve Vaitones, Patti Petesch, Desiree Friedman, Renee Washington, Paul Bodenshot, Greg Mohl, Monique White, Vin Lananna, David Watkins, Robin Beamon.

Absent: Thom Confer, Scott Erwin, Lauren Primerano, Tricia Meyers

December 2017 Conference Call Minutes - Moved by Randy, 2nd Jay, Approved unanimously

Final 2018 Associations Committee budget - moved and approved to accept

Progress of Columbus submissions for reimbursement plus association workshop reimbursement - Richard stated that everyone but one has been submitted to be paid. Renee stated that Grant-in-Aid and other reimbursements should be paid within 30 days of submission.

Progress on Assoc Assistance Initiative-Desiree and Robin said 11 associations have expressed interest; calls still must be made to 5 associations and will be done in the upcoming week. Calls so far have been productive; there is an overall excitement about the program. Robin gave kudos to Desiree. Next step will be to create assistance agreement contracts with responding associations.

- Dave - the National staff has been receiving good input from associations. There has been a good deal of help from the AEC - Dave/Paul/Greg/Jackie, and initially Herb Nichols.
- Rod - can regional reps get a list of applicants in case the reps can help their associations; Desiree indicated that all region reps would be included in the list.

Confirmation of August 10 AEC Summer Workshop - Dave asked that those who are attending let him know asap. Flights in on Thursday, August 9, meeting on Friday, August 10, with flights out on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

- Paul and Greg of the Accreditation Subcommittee will meet Thursday, with a conference call to the entire group and then these two chairs will meet with the AEC on Friday.

Progress of Association Accreditation details submission (31 January deadline) - Paul said the Committee is somewhat "enjoying" the lull before January 31.

- Paul/Greg/Dave met with the USATF BOD on Sunday after the Annual Meeting and presented the modifications to the accreditation standards. Each proposal was passed

unanimously, with positive comments from both Karen and Len Krsack. The proposals were for both representation on membership and officials based on a sliding scale.

- Desiree mentioned that approximately 50% association accreditations have been submitted the necessary accreditation materials so far.
- Region Reps should send reminders to their associations that accreditation process is available on the AMA.

Feedback from Region Reps after annual meeting -Don reported that 95% of associations were in attendance.

- Don said the East had more participation than in the past. There has been a lot of cooperation between the regions and the associations.
- Jackie reported diversity in his associations; they have difficulty with getting facilities, but will be getting together to mitigate cooperation between associations and facilities.
- Tish from the Mid-America Region said they discussed grievances and having a panel in place. Also how to increase membership - both officials and members.
- Mike Hinz, NW Region, also had a good turnout. Discussed website updates - and have fresh eyes look at the site periodically
- Rod's group - the Southeast Region spoke about grievances and the associations management page. He also asked that his contact information is corrected.
- Richard's Mid-West Region meeting was well attended. Discussed website guidelines; most being updated; financial procedures and most doing ok. Talked about bylaws updates and posted; report new officers for each association.
- Monique discussed bylaws issues regarding changes and how to "tweak" and make adjustments.
- Don mentioned that Adam Sanford of the New York Association passed away a few days ago at 59 years old. Strong volunteer

Grievance update – Scott was unable to be on the call, but Dave reported that New Jersey has filed preliminary grievances resolutions

Tish has had concern regarding ID'ing/badging of youth coaches at association championship events and has spoken to Robin regarding new mandates for background checks. There are officials badges and coaches badges and the question is how to check volunteers and how do you know if they've been?

- Renee said they do not know and there will be a conversation at a future BOD meeting. If Tish or anyone knows of undocumented volunteers, please send email to Renee and NAME NAMES!
- Associations should reach out to volunteers to make sure they follow up and get checked.

Progress from Taskforce groups – lead by Dave

- Steve discussed membership renewal process for 2018 - the Task Force regarding membership and cards are Steve/Patti/Thom/Don
- Workshop Services - Randy and Jay

Beginning deliberation on our committee's vision of 'what success looks like to us' and align to the USATF SMART Goals – Dave attached USATF 2016-2020 Smart Goals - basically "what does success look like?"

- Develop a strategic plan, facilitator Renee Washington, and preliminary conversations. Vin and Max have discussed common issues that developed at Vin's listening tours and other action items.
- Dave asked that National provide a template to each committee to conform to National's

Confirmation for 2018 conference call dates and use of new call-in program (Free Conference Call.com)

28 January
25 February
25 March
29 April
27 May
1 July
10 August – Summer Workshop-Indy
26 August

30 September
28 October
21 Nov *(if necessary for final Columbus logistics)*
28 November-Assoc Workshop
Thur/Sun, 29 Nov/2 Dec - Annual Meeting
16 December

Next conference call: Sunday, 25 February

Move to adjourn by Jackie, 2nd by Monique. Adjourned call at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Betz,
AEC Secretary