

Minutes of the Organizational Services Conference Call

May 31, 2016 8:00 p.m. EST

Present: Ed Koch, Chair; Ginger Mulanax, Secretary; Lefty Martin, Linda Bommicino; Linda Melzer; Lloyd Garcia; Herb Nicholls; Katherine Branch; Wayne Roberts; Carolyn Griggs; Win Eggers; Barbara Smith

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. EST. He announced that Rob Buzitis, a member of the committee, would be entering Seminary. Therefore he would not be in attendance on our call, **IN ORLANDO** and his future involvement would be determined later.

The Chair stated that we had three items of business: Site Selection, possible Special Election for the Youth Committee, and the preparation for the 2016 Annual Meeting elections.

Site Selection: After initial discussions with the National Office and Desiree, proposal for bids were posted for the 2019 and 2020 Annual Meetings and cities were asked to submit proposals if interested. Only fifteen cities submitted proposals – Daytona, Orlando, Salt Lake City, Nashville, Savannah, Hawaii, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Mobile, Reno, Providence, Cincinnati, San Diego, Raleigh, and Spokane. Few West Coast or North East cities are in the mix. Many were eliminated because they proposed room rates over \$200 a day. Others were eliminated because they did not have the space needed. Subcommittee ended up with two cities that met our criteria – Reno and Salt Lake City. The Reno site is self-contained and is becoming smoke-free. Many people complained about the smoke and safety at our previous annual meeting in Reno. The Grand Sierra is not downtown and the room rate would be **\$116-141** a night. It is near the airport and has top ratings from Trip Advisor. Restaurants are close and complimentary shuttles are available. Facility has **FREE** fitness center, **FREE** wi-fi in meeting areas, **FREE** parking and two waters per day. The hotel can provide a **600** room block. The Salt Lake City site would use several hotels around a convention center. Room rate proposed is **\$145-149** a day. Recommendation is for the board to accept the Reno site with Salt Lake City as backup choice and allow the **NATIONAL OFFICE** to negotiate additional amenities. Motion made by Ginger and seconded by Linda Melzer to accept the recommendation. Motion passed with no nays and no abstentions.

Youth Committee and need for Special Election: The dispute between the Board of Directors and the Youth Committee over meet registration and the action of the Board to suspend the Youth Executive Committee has created vacancies in the Youth Committee. **THIRTEEN** members of the Youth Executive Committee were suspended – five elected officers, five zone representatives, the past chair, regional coordinator representative, and youth counsel. While the conflict is being resolved, the Youth Committee needs leadership so discussions occurred as to how to provide that leadership. Regulation 11 allows for a special election of a temporary chair and to select other caretakers. Ed and the USATF General Counsel have discussed the situation and the conclusion is that having the caretakers in place by the Hersey Meet at the end of June would be optimal. That timeframe would require an email ballot. The recommendation is to ask the Board to make a temporary change in the Regulation to add the words, “email ballot” and submit an appropriate timeline. Ed is submitting a memo to Board asking for approval of the process. The timeline proposed: by June 7 have Board approval; June 8-15 send email to voting members of the Youth Committee seeking nominations for the caretaker officers; Jun 16-17 the election panel create the ballot; June 18-24 voting of members of the Youth Committee through a dedicated election site; June 27 announce results of the caretaker election. Ed would appoint an Election Panel asking: Ruth White, Herb Nicholls, Win Eggers, Ed and AAC will be asked to provide an athlete representative. Caretaker officers would serve until the conflict is resolved or December when

the Youth Committee holds its elections. The plan is to have a vote for caretakers for the five elected officers, FIVE ZONE REPRESENTATIVES, and allow the regional coordinators to pick later their representative. Two recommendations to be sent to the Board 1) to make a temporary change in Reg 11 to allow email balloting; and 2) to approve the timetable AND MANNER for conducting the special election. Motion made by Win Eggers and seconded by Wayne. Motion passed with no “nays” and no abstentions.

Election Process for the remainder of 2016: Ed reported that Win and he would have the Nomination Petitions out prior to the start of the Olympic Trials hopefully before the end of June. They are working on the petition form and memo to go with it now. At the 2016 Annual Meeting an election will be used for the USATF wide election of the President, LDR Division Chair, and three BOD; as well as various committee elections. Our committee will still need election panels for the Officials Committee, AAC, the Youth Committee, Men’s T&F and Women’s T&F. Ed stated that in order to be nominated for a USATF-wide office, the person needs 1-5 nominations, 10-20 seconders and a one page Bio sketch. Nominations should be in 60 days before the Annual Meeting so a nominations booklet can be prepared and distributed. Additional nominations can be made until the beginning of the 1st General Session. Nominees for President will have 3 minutes to make speeches about their candidacies. Election will be Saturday AM with a second round if needed on Saturday PM. As a reminder, Organizational Committee members can not endorse, make nominations, or second nominations of any candidate. They are to be neutral. Ed suggested if any one has any concerns about neutrality to speak to him directly.

In conclusion, Ed commented that the initial results from his current treatment have been good. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Mulanax, Secretary