



2016 Coaches Advisory Committee Annual Report

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The Coaches Advisory Committee (CAC) works to represent our coaching community within USA Track & Field. We also strive to recognize our coaches and provide them with opportunities for continued professional development.

The members of our executive committee have worked diligently to address our strategic goals. With regard to our #1 Strategic Goal—*Governance*—we are making progress. At the World Indoor Championships in Portland last March, members of our committee met with our CEO, President, Director of High Performance, and Director of Coaching, and discussed a number of issues, including gaining a larger presence for the CAC on all USATF standing committees and a more transparent process for selecting the coaching staffs for our USA international teams.

Skip Stolley, CAC Secretary and chair of our staff selection sub-committee, has put in yeoman work in drafting a legislative revision proposal on our behalf that work create a clearly defined and transparent procedure for nominating potential staff members for our international teams. We desire to see a more consistent, open, and fair process that will result in qualified and deserving coaches being selected to represent USATF and our coaching community on those teams.

Our #2 Strategic Goal—*Participation*—has also received significant attention. Members of our committee have met with both the CEO and President of the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) in hopes of finding a way to work together in ways that will benefit all members of our coaching community. Also, our *USATF Coaches Registry* continues to evolve to provide increased benefits to our coaching community and to give them greater recognition for their contributions to our sport.

With respect to Strategic Goal #3—*Advocacy*—we still have much work to do. We are, however, providing *Coaching Education Grants* which are benefitting coaches at all levels. Our CAC Grant Committee chaired by Carla Coffey awarded a total of \$17,140 from the Coaching Programs Budget for Coaching Enhancement Grants. The breakdown of those grants was as follows:

- *Olympic Trials Mentorship Grants*: Four grants were awarded at \$900 each; included a 4-day experience shadowing a Master Coach during the competition.
- *Fall Mentorship Grants*: Three grants of \$800 each were awarded; recipients spent 3-4 days on-site at the Chula Vista Olympic Training Center shadowing the USATF coaching staff there in practice situations and administrative tasks.
- *Podium Education Grants*: Six grants of \$500 each were awarded to assist recipients with their travel expenses to attend the PEP Symposium in Orlando, Florida, on November 30, 2016.

- *North America, Central America and Caribbean Track & Field Coaches Association Grants:* Two grants of \$900 each were awarded to assist recipients with their travel expenses to attend the NACACTFCA Congress in San Domingo of the Dominican Republic, which was held in conjunction with the NACAC under-23 Championships.
- *IAAF Jumps/Youth Academy Grants:* Four grants of \$1,585 each were awarded to cover tuition and shared room & board to qualified candidates for the IAAF/USATF Level-3 Academy in Bradenton, Florida, on December 4-10, 2016.

The recipients of these grants provided us with very positive feedback and are appreciative for having these learning experiences.

On behalf of USA Track & Field, our committee also awarded the third annual *USATF Coaching Legacy Award*. This year's honoree was Tom Tellez. Coach Tellez was honored at the 2016 Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon, where a reception was held for him, his family, friends, and peers at the USATF House in downtown Eugene. Our next honoree will be recognized at the 2017 USA Outdoor National Championships. We thank our chair Jack Hazen and his committee for their outstanding work in identifying candidates to receive this honor.

At the 2016 Olympic Trials, the Coaches Advisory Committee once again sponsored a Coach's Hospitality Area. This continues to be well received and much appreciated by our coaching community.

In closing, we wish to thank Terry Crawford, USATF Director of Coaching, for her work on behalf of coaches. Our committee is determined to work to grow our role within USA Track & Field and to promote the vital role that coaches play within our organization specifically, and within our sport in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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