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# **USATF Southeast Region Newsletter**

**Marlene Atwood, USATF Southeast Region Representative**  
**November 4, 2012**

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Dear Southeast Region,



We are a little over 3 weeks away from the **2012 USATF Annual Meeting** in Daytona Beach, FL and I am looking forward to having a strong delegation representing our region at convention. The annual meeting provides an opportunity for delegates to vote and voice their opinions on important items before our governing body.

It is also important that delegates bring back information by way of formal reports to their associations to keep them informed on items that affect them and ideas from other associations. A suggestion for those associations using **Delivra**, is to make it a point to send back quick updates from the convention as news happens. Keeping a steady stream of information flowing to your membership keeps them engaged and involved.

Many things have changed since the last annual meeting. One is that **Andy Martin** will no longer be front and center at our Association meetings. As chair of Grassroots Programs, he was a prominent figure at annual meetings for as long as I've been attending them. (North Carolina was my first.) I want to commend **Sherry Quack** for being instrumental in bridging the gap and ensuring that things have continued to progress smoothly. Thanks Sherry!

I look forward to seeing all of you in Daytona Beach. Read on for additional information.

Best regards,

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USATF Southeast Regional Meeting - Daytona Beach - Friday, November 30th - 4 P.M.

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Our **Southeast Region Meeting** is scheduled for **Friday, November 30th at 4 p.m.** The only social activity that I can see for the evening is the Officials Banquet. Hopefully this year we will be able to spend more time in our meeting before everyone has to leave. There are some items of importance for 2013 that need to be discussed.

**Agenda items will include:**

- Acknowledging the **2012 Southeast Region Volunteer Recognition Award** winners. I have sent Associations Presidents and Secretaries a link to the Volunteer nomination form. [LINK](#). The nomination from your association is due to me by **November 17, 2012**. If you have any suggestions for a deserving volunteer, make sure to tell your president. Note: Last year's winners were: **Alabama** - Walter Bell; **Florida** - Hiram Williams; **Georgia** - Dr. Dave Martin, **North Carolina** - Katherine Branch; **South Carolina** - Bill Truman; **Tennessee** - Carolyn Tucker; **Virginia** - Tony Vaughan. Last year was the first year for the Southeast Region Volunteer Recognition Awards. I'm looking forward to this year's winners!
- Primary discussions will revolve around planning/finalizing two Southeast grand prix series - **Southeast Masters T&F Championship GP** and **Southeast Racewalk Championship GP**. I will be holding some preliminary conference calls to develop a first draft of the GP concept before we get

to convention. We will discuss the details of those conference calls during this meeting.

- We will also spend some time discussing the **2013 Southeast Region Open T&F Championship** bidding information/rotation schedule for 2013.
- As always, I welcome any suggestions for additional items for our agenda. Please submit your suggestions for consideration no later than November 23, 2012.

### Presidential Elections in the Southeast Region

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This year, three of our Southeast Associations held presidential elections. Congratulations to the following Presidents. Please congratulate them when you see them at the annual meeting.

Florida - Robin Brown-Beamon, incumbent - re-elected.

North Carolina - Shawn Johnson - new president.

South Carolina - Perry Funnie - new president.



Southeast Region Members in the Spotlight in Daytona

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- **North Carolina** - **Jerome Perry** is being inducted into the USATF Officials Hall of Fame Class of 2012.
- **Florida** - **Eric Smith** is nominated for the 2012 Officials Horace Crowe Award; **John Stephens** is nominated for the John Davis Award.
- **Virginia** - **Bill Boyd** is nominated for the Jame Grey Award.
- **Georgia** - **Dick Moss** is nominated for the Andy Bakjian Award. **Dexter McCloud** is running for Athlete's Advisory Secretary.

**On another note**, I wanted to let you know that **Karen Krsak, Chair** of the **Associations Committee** has asked me to run for **Vice Chair** of this committee. I am looking forward to the challenge and ask for your support during the election in Daytona Beach.

### USATF Sanctions Update

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The **Sanctions Taskforce** is currently involved in user testing of the online sanction tool. There are some questions and some recommendations. Right now it appears that we will have a phased roll-out letting an initial group of users work with the tool first to identify any gaps.

Of primary importance to me is that documentation is in place to assist first time users (event directors) in entering their online sanctions. I have also expressed the need for an online sanction "job aid" for sanction chairs - documenting the new workflows, and exceptions. We will still have to work with paper sanctions on items that cannot be processed online (championships, for instance).

Association fees will remain as submitted by each association. The initial intent of the Taskforce was to standardize sanction fees across all associations so that no local association fee is more than 50% of the National fee. The governance manual states that Associations can set their own fees so the Taskforce cannot act on this item at this time. The online system will levy escalating late charges and this is something we will need to communicate to our event directors.

The Sanction Taskforce will be working closely with Carmen Triplet and the developers of the tool. We will keep you posted as thngs are finalized and information can be disseminated.

USATF Association Grants

During a recent Associations Committee Meeting, the regional reps were advised that our associations are not availing themselves of the **Annual Association Grant Program**. The program allows associations in good standing to apply for seed money to assist them with special programs they would like help in funding.

I'm not quite sure if the paperwork involved in applying for the grant is what is keeping associations from applying, but I can tell you it is worth the effort. Consider that your association could use new equipment, or that your Masters Committee would like to fund a grand prix, or that your Coaches Committee wants to offer some coaches clinics or they want to offer grants to fund Level 1 on Level 2 school registration. There are so many possibilities.

I do know if Associations do not avail themselves of this program, the funds will shrink and eventually go away. If you have some feedback regarding this topic, I would be interested in hearing from you.

USATF Membership Renewals Due

Note to all Presidents and Secretaries, ensure that all of your officers and committee chairs renew their memberships for 2013. **You must be a USATF member to hold office.** In addition, **Officials must have their membership renewed before recertification can take place.** Please take the time to remind them right now to renew for 2013.

If you have news items/pictures you would like to submit, please send them to usatfsoutheastrep@gmail.com for inclusion in these e-newsletters. Please advise your sports committees that submissions are welcome.

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