

ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICES GENERAL MEETING 1

USATF Annual Meeting Wednesday, December 3, 2015 10:00am – 12:30 p.m.
Mesquite Room, Hyatt Regency, Houston, TX

Meeting called to order by Ed Koch, Chair of Organizational Services. Members present: Ed Koch, Chair; Herb Nicholls, Ginger Mulanax, Katherine Branch, Rob Buzaitis, Frances Brown, Ruth White (all At Large); Win Eggers (Women's Track & Field); Michael Murphy (Men's Track and Field); Dan Pierce (RW); Lefty Martin (Coaches Advisory); Bill Roe (Men's LDR); (Linda Bommicino (Association); BJ Palma (Women's LDR); Harold Martin (Coaches Advisory); Linda Melzer (Officials); Barb Palma (Women's LDR); Barbara Smith (Youth); Carolyn Griggs (Youth); Bert Williams (AAC); Linda Phelps and Lloyd Garcia (Subcommittee members); plus 22 guests. Quorum present.

Verbal agenda provided by chair includes: Minutes, Florida, Voting, Accreditation Report and new standards; Credentials, Petition; Elections; Site Selection, Old and New Business. Chair also announced the whole Organizational Services would meet at 4:00 during the Site Selection subcommittee meeting on Friday afternoon. The Site Selection subcommittee would meet at 3:00 for a short time with Desiree. All are welcome to attend.

Minutes of 2014 Organizational Services General Meeting minutes and 2015 Conference call minutes approved.

FLORIDA Robin Brown-Beamon, President of the USATF Florida, presented her request for a stay in the suspension of voting rights passed at the 11/16/2015 Organizational Services conference call. Robin explained her activities related to USATF during 2015 and what caused Florida to not submit a PFI or the review within the timeframe. The committee did receive a PFI from Florida on November 13, 2015. Motion by Frances Brown, seconded by BJ Palma to go into closed session to discuss. Motion passed. The Chair dismissed all visitors from the room so the committee could discuss and reach a decision.

The Chair along with Herb presented the recommendation of Accreditation Subcommittee that a stay of the suspension with conditions be granted to Florida. This would allow the association to vote at this meeting. Consensus was to oppose a reconsideration of the stay on merit. The conditions for the stay include: Florida accelerating the development and submission of a PFI for any deficits in 2015 by April 30 with an update by July 1 and the NARB appeal hearing be held after July 1, 2016.

Chair asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to issue a stay on merit. No response.

Chair then asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to issue a stay based on the recommendation of the Accreditation Subcommittee. Rob Buzaitis made a motion to accept the subcommittee's recommendation, Win Eggers seconded. Discussion included a review of the process and timelines for accreditation. Also note was that stay of voting rights would remain until the suspension goes into effect either because the NARB hearing upheld the suspension or Florida did not comply with the conditions and timeframe of the stay. Motion passed with fourteen ayes, one opposed, and one abstention. General consensus to go back into open session. Ed explained to Robin our decision. He will also provide a written explanation of the decision.

VOTING: Chair reviewed the topic of voting at the USATF Closing Session. As it stands now, we are likely to have floor votes about different section of the L&L package. It will take a 2/3 vote of the body to pull items for debate. A voice vote will likely result in a division of the house and require either a hand vote or a written ballot. If we go to a hand vote, the chair will appoint six captains, one for each of the six sections of delegates. If we go to a written ballot, the chair will appoint two captains (Dan and Rob) who will collect the written ballots using different colored paper. Chair will find out what topic on the agenda for Sunday morning will come up right before the L&L package. That will be our cue to go to our voting positions in case items from the L&L package are pulled for voting. Chair stated that if we have items pulled for voting we will need all of the Organizational Services committee to help. He also said he would finalize assignments at the Friday 4:00 p.m. meeting. Dan Pierce said he had volunteer help from Rich Schoenstein and an athlete.

ACCREDITATION: Herb Nicholls, Chair of Subcommittee, reported two Associations are suspended (Alaska and Wyoming), three associations were invited to talk proactive with the subcommittee (Michigan, Snake River, and West Virginia), and one association has a stay of suspension of voting rights (Florida). Altogether for 2014, 37 associations are fully accredited and 17 still have provisional accreditation. Motion made by Ruth White to accept the report, seconded by Linda Melzer. Motion passed. The Chair listed the standard changes:

- 1) Eliminate Coaches Education
- 2) Individual Members – no change – 400 minimum and 20 per 100,000.
- 3) Clubs - .5 clubs per 100,000 or 5 clubs per million populations
- 4) Number of Championships – 3 Open/Masters/Youth outdoor Track & Field;
3 Open/Masters/Youth Racewalks; 3 Open/Masters/Youth Cross Country
2 Open/Masters LDR 5 km or more; 4 optional Championship listed in the rulebook. Regional and National meets held in the association also count.

These standard changes will be effective for the 2015 accreditation year.

The Chair reported there are L&L items that could affect Organizational Services. First, there is an item to move the jurisdiction of accreditation from Organizational Services to the Associations Committee. Other items are 1) future IAAF elections will take place in the election room; AAC will hold elections every 4 years; and wording to match what the BOD approved for Accreditation standards.

CREDENTIALS: As of the credentials meeting just completed: 28 Association delegations met all requirements: 27 Association delegations do not meet requirements for the make up of their delegation: 2 Associations are suspended and will not be seated for the meetings (Alaska and Wyoming).

Herb Nicholls made the motion to accept the report; Frances Brown seconded. Motion passed. All Associations who need to fix information about their delegations should go the registration room by Noon, Friday, December 4. BJ Palma, with Win Eggers, seconding made the motion to adjust the list as associations make the needed corrections.

Ed announced the Maccabi Games had been approved by the Board as a constituent member.

PETITIONS:/ELECTIONS Win Eggers is chair of petitions. Ruth White is chair of elections... Request was sent out asking committees if they would need election panels this year. No committee responded. . In thinking ahead, 2016 will be a busier year for these two

subcommittees. In 2016 we will have nomination and election of the USATF President and LDR division chair. Also if the L&L package is accepted, six seats to the BOD will be elected by constituents – LDR, Youth, High Performance (2)/ Officials, General Competition. The subcommittee’s responsibility will be to collect the petitions (nominations), review them and notify the body of the nominees.

SITE SELECTION: Annual Meeting sites are set through 2018 – Orlando (2016); Columbus, OH 2017-18. The Annual Meeting section of the USATF website has online request for bids forms for 2019 and 2020. At 3:00 p.m in the Ponderosa room, Desiree will briefly explain how the National Office will narrow down the cities so a recommendation can be made to the BOD early in 2016. This process will maintain leverage on cities who are bidding to continue to improve their bids. In the past, once we approved a city as the site, the incentive to improve offering was gone. They knew they had the meeting.

No old or new business. Herb Nicholls made a motion to recess until 4:00 p.m. and Frances Brown seconded. Motion passed.

ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICES GENERAL MEETING 2

USATF Annual Meeting Thursday, December 4, 2015 4:00 p.m.
Ponderosa Room, Hyatt Regency, Houston, TX

Chair called the meeting to order. Committee members present: Ed Koch, Herb Nicholls, Ginger Mulanax, Barb Palma, Ruth White, Rob Buzaitis, Dan Pierce, Katherine Branch, Frances Brown, Linda Melzer, Win Eggers, Robert “Bert” Williams, Lloyd “Bert” Garcia, Harold Martin, Kori Carter, (AAC). Three guests attended. Quorum present.

L&L REPORT. Ed stated that we got most of the items we wanted, but L& L voted to change jurisdiction of accreditation to associations committee. The vote was 12 to 5. Herb reported that Ed did an admirable job of presenting our position that the Associations Committee was function as a social worker; while the Organizational Services Committee acted as the arbitrator. Ed said the subcommittee could have 9 members with 20% being athletes; 1 Association member; 2 people from Organizational Services appointed by the Chair of Organizational Services. There will be an efficient transition from Organizational Services to the Associations Committee.

VOTING ON SUNDAY: The L&L negotiations are going well; so there is the possibility that floor votes will have dwindled to 2 or 3 and maybe even none. However, we need to be prepared. If hand votes are taken, Ed identified captains for the 6 sections and helpers. He also explained the process to use to count hand votes, record them on provided tally sheets and to whom to bring the totals. If written votes are taken, the process for collecting the ballots and who will collect the ballots was explained. Colored paper for ballots will be given to the Head of Delegations when they pick up their packets of badges Sunday morning. Ed set up who would count the ballots backstage. Linda Melzer and Win Eggers have been working on the badges and will work on the chart. Meeting adjourned.

No further business. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Mulanax, secretary