



AEC Conference Call Minutes

Sunday, 25 February - 5:00pm PST/8:00pm EST

- 1) Roll-call at 8:03 p.m. - Present were Dave Shrock, Pam Betz, Richard Messenger, Mike Hinz, Karen Krsak, Jackie Callender, Randy Hopkins, Steve Vaitones, Gary Morgan, Monique White, Patti Petesch, Rod Larsen, Greg Mohl, Robin Beamon, Desiree Friedman, Renee Washington, and Interim USATF President Michael Conley.
 - Not present: Don Lawrence, Jay Miles, Trish Hannah, Lauren Primerano, Paul Bodenshot, Scott Erwin, Tricia Myers, Bill Shelton,
- 2) January meeting minutes approval - Moved by Jackie to approve; second by Monique. Passed unanimously
- 3) Progress on Association Assistance Initiative - Dave/Desiree report the Initiative is moving along with Indy legal team looking at service agreements before being sent to the AEC team for review.
- 4) Progress of Association accreditation for 2017 cycle - Greg stated that the same number of associations as before have not sent in prior to January 31 deadline. He is going to reach out next week. Membership, Sanctions are down, while Officials are down by 30%.
 - Greg asked that Region Reps need to prod their associations and encourage more PFIs
 - Also, a lot of associations did not sign up for all Annual Meeting sessions; in general, associations are struggling.
 - Jackie requested a list of his associations that are delinquent be sent to him and other region reps.
- 5) Grievance update – Scott was not present, but Dave reported that the Alabama grievance has been concluded. Rod asked for a copy of the settlement
- 6) Review of USATF ByLaw changes which affect association's bylaws -
 - Jackie: Reg 7 has been a problem with bylaws - associations have not been updated in 5 years and they need to be looked at on the ACC page.
 - Greg will look at those that are older than 5 years, when accreditation review takes place
 - Karen said the in the past, the ACC committee would read all 57 bylaws; each region rep advises accreditation committee and get together to look at what needs to be done in the associations
 - Steve has looked at all bylaws that modifications are noted by date on each change or review
 - Karen puts in what changes and modifications are made in each bylaws for Ohio.
 - Steve and Monique - changes should be indicated

Motion by Steve Vaitones that association bylaws include the date of each modification made in the bylaws with brief description of changes or modification as well as the article/section number of the modification. Karen second.

- Discussion: Dave suggests we use USATF bylaws template located in the ARC
- Rod - After a certain amount of time you may have 10 pages of modifications/changes to each association's bylaws.
- Steve - Just add a BRIEF couple of lines of what was done.
- Karen said to add article and section number for reference.
- It was proposed to add Best Practice to the Motion. **Motion passed unanimously with added proposal.**

7) Review of bylaw amendment to require associations to complete a financial review or audit every quadrennium – Dave (*attached*)

- Item R6A - Steve's motion to approve for further discussion; second by Jackie
- Discussion: Karen asked if it applied to all 57 associations? Renee said that Sarah raised that point but there is a distinct possibility. The longer it's put off, like 2 years, can be called for prior to, or after 2 years.
- Karen said people not doing their jobs in some associations
- Steve - If associations are doing their jobs and so there are no repercussions. If there are no other term limits, should be one for the Treasurer, if something is not being disclosed.
- Dave said this is not internal review or audit, externally as bylaw amendment stipulates an independent audit or review
- Rod asked if payment for audit is from the national office? Dave responded that this is part of the amendment revision and the next step if approved would take this to LnL, then national office for feasibility
- Vote taken by voice vote: **Motion approved** with one dissention
- Dave will report outcome to Bill Roe and Ed Koch and begin to work with office to see if compromise is possible

8) Status of the following pay-outs from the national office: AEC Accreditation Subcommittee annual meeting reimbursements, Association Excellence Award monies, Association Grant monies -Desiree noted that meeting reimbursements will be paid by the end of February; Grants by the first of March; Annual Meeting reimbursements, per Renee, by the end of February.

9) Report on 2017 Sanction program results - Desiree and Renee reported that the National Office is working on report. Tabled until March call.

10) USATF BoD 18 February meeting update - Renee and Michael Conley reported that Vin has been placed on temporary administrative leave as President pending investigation with TrackTown and bidding process for 2021 IAAF outdoor Championships. Michael is replacing Vin until such time it is completed

- Question as to any date when it will be resolved? Renee reported that the Dept. of Justice has not provided a timeline.
- Steve - administrative leave vs suspended? Renee responded that it is a temporary administrative leave.

11) Revisit of enhanced SafeSport-background check requirements – Renee-Robin-Desiree

- Desiree - all collective questions have been received and are being considered in response to be sent out soon
- Karen had a conversation with Brian of New Mexico - they have canceled two of their events because they could not fulfill the Safe Sport qualifications plus background
- Monique looked over Atlantic, which is going to be a problem to get new vendors
- Dave - much discussion on Safe Sport initiative
- Karen is surprised at the coaches and national H.S. and NCAA are not on board.

New Business:

Jackie asked the status of the new Governance Handbook and Rules Book.

- Renee stated that Rule Books have been printed and handed out in Albuquerque and she doesn't know when they will be available to others as well as the Governance Handbook.
- Rod noted that the 2018 Governance Handbook is online

Next conference call: Sunday, March 25, 2018

Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Betz, Secretary