

Rod's Report

Eric Smith was recognized by the Nation Officials Committee (NOC) as the winner of the Horace Crowe award as the Outstanding Field Officials.

Dan Koch was recognized by the Master Track and Field Race Walking for his outstanding service.

Rod Larsen was recognized by Master Track and Field for his outstanding service.

The following Officials were selected to work the 2016 Championships:

Pam Betz – Race Walk World Cup team selection and the Olympic Trails, 50 Km Race Walk

Rod Larsen - Race Walk World Cup team selection and the Olympic Trails, 50 Km Rae Walk

Jennifer Meadows – Combined Events Championships

Eric Smith – Combined Events Championships, an alternate Electronic Measurement for both the USA Indoors and World Outdoors, the Head Electronic Measurement for the USA Jr. and the Olympic trials in Electronic measurement.

Patty Turner – Pole Vault at the USA Indoors and an alternate for both the World Outdoors and the Olympic Trials in the Pole Vault

Bob Turner – Pole Vault: USA Indoors, World Outdoors and the Olympic Trials.

Current certified officials are covered under a liability policy when working non-USATF sanctioned events, NCAA, AAU, etc.

Re-certification for all officials will start in November of 2016 for the next Olympiad (2017-2020). Officials will need to undergo a USATF Background check and complete the "Safe Sports" program (it is on line at USATF.org). The cost to certify will be increasing to \$20, in addition to being a USATF Florida member through 2020.

There are numerous "Best Practices" listed at <https://my.usatfofficials.com/resources> Officials should look at their specialties.

USA Track and Field Annual Meeting 2015

Officials General Session #1

Submitted by Janice Thurston

Opening statement followed by Ken Taylor's position after he retires this year.

1. High moral character, willingness to continually abide by the USATF code of ethics
2. Continuous compliance with USATF Safe sports Program
3. Disclosure of arrest record and background clearance
4. Current active member of USATF in good standing
5. Current active national official or above and have been for a minimum of 10 years
6. Serve as administrator or meet director at a national USATF championship meet.

Approval of minutes

Officials Chair Awards:

William Boyd Virginia Association, Jim Carlisle Southwest Association, Lloyd Cornelius New York, Terri Eldridge Tutt Ohio, Mary Onken New York, Zina Parker North Carolina, Patrick Pretty Wisconsin, E.A. Reed Nevada, Paul Stelly Southern Association, Matt Weingardt Indiana national office.

Evaluations are online

Treasures report is on line

2016 budget online

Officials chair Len Krasak report online

Training hosted, 3 webinars, report is online

Selection for combined Events, Indoors Nationals and Worlds: 411 applications were submitted 64% got assignments 26 applied but never completed application.

Officials will receive new uniforms next year, they will be ordered from Indiana, the first shirt will be free an officials number is needed.

The safe sports background screening is different from the Youth screening, and should be completed as soon as possible.

Read newsletter for valuable information, use best practices program as a resource if anything is updated push the refresh button and the information is there.

The 2015 Hall of Fame Awards program is online send Scott an email if you would like the historical document 43 associations responded and 109 certificates were issued this year 43 certificates remain unclaimed.

Five finalists were recognized for the following awards: The Lori Maynard Award, The Jim Gray Award, The John Davis Award, The Charles Ruter Award, and The Horace Crow Award. 10 finalists were recognized for The Andy Bakjian Award. There were 18 nominees this year for the hall of fame award.

The Lotus Grant for new officials gives \$ 500.00 to 10 new officials.

Mike Armstrong proposed that current officials give back by funding the grant for new officials, motion passed and will be taken to the executive committee.

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