



Below are candidate statements for coaches who have stepped forward represent our coaching community on the Pacific Association Coaches Committee. Please review these statements and vote for one candidate from each category on the accompanying electronic ballot.

## Youth-high school representative position: six candidates



**Al Berrin:** I have been a runner for 53 years; have taught at the elementary, junior high and high school levels for 30 years, I have been coaching for 30 years. I have coached primarily at the high school level and have been both a head coach and an assistant at various high schools, but have also coached at the junior college, and NCAA Division I levels. I have also been very active working with elite athletes as a coach for the Nike Farm Team for 3 years during the time the elite club system was being created. I currently am assistant coach at St. Ignatius College Prep in track and cross country and am also working with some elite athletes in the Bay Area.



**John Crain:** I was the head track and field coach at De La Salle High School from 1988-1996, 2003-2007, head track and field coach a Carondelet High School from 1986-87, and currently the head coach at Acalanes High School in Lafayette, 2008-present. My teams have won 13 league championships, three section championships, and finished 2nd in section 6 times. I have personally coached 38 athletes that made it to the state meet. In 2006, I was selected Boys Track and Field coach of the year by the Contra Costa Times.



**Herb Jones:** During Herb's time at Jesse Bethel High School in Vallejo, California, he successfully coached the school's first-ever female Solano County Athletic Conference (SCAC) 800-meter track and field league champion.

From there, Herb accepted a job as the Sprints, Jumps and Hurdles coach at Mills College in Oakland, California in 2008 and at Sacramento Charter High School in Sacramento, California in 2009, where all of his scholar-athletes successfully competed in setting both personal records and season best in multiple events. As well, Herb successfully coached several of his athletes in becoming Metro League champions, and one female athlete to a 2009 adidas 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden West first place win, and a qualification to participate in the 2009 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships.



**Roosevelt Kent:** Coach Kent began coaching while also competing at Azusa Pacific University (APU). Upon graduation from APU, he held the Jump Coach position for Rubidoux High School. He was recruited to Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) where he trained track and field (T&F) athletes in all disciplines. His first year at OBU the men's team won the national NAIA T&F title. From OBU he moved to Tulsa, OK to become a full-time teacher / head track coach for the largest high school in the state. Upon his return to California, he settled in Roseville and became a certified personal trainer as well as the head sprint coach at Granite Bay High School (GBHS). His second year at GBHS the boys 4x100M relay took fourth at the California State meet. In May 2004, Coach Kent observed a lack of T&F development programs for youth in the Roseville area so he launched the Roseville PAL Express Track Club.



**Thad Moren:** Thad has been the head track & field coach at Pitman High School in Turlock since opening day in 2002, with high school coaching experience since 1996. In 2005 we began participating in USATF youth and junior events, first as the Pride Track Club and currently as Team Olympians. He is a certified Level One coach and became a certified official with the Pacific Association in 2008. Competed collegiately at Modesto Junior College.



**Deborah Sample:** For over 20 years I have been a member of USA Track and Field. For 2 years Vice President of the PAUSATF Executive Board. I am currently on the PA Youth Executive Board as Youth Track Chair; I held the position for more than 15 years, for 5 years a level 1 Certificated Coach. I coached at Pinole Valley High School for 11 years, as my 1st year as head coach in 2005 I was named Coach of the Year in West Contra Costa County for Track and Field. I am the President of Hampton Phillips Classic Track Club, and have attended the Annual USATF meeting for more than 10 years.

With my experiences and knowledge I will have the ability to promote and help educate for the advancement of High School and Youth athletes of the PAUSATF.

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## Open-collegiate-masters representative position: one candidate



**Tom Kloos:** My interest in joining the coaches committee of the PA USATF comes from a desire to further involve myself in the great sport of track and field. Right now my involvement is both as a collegiate coach and as an elite athlete, and I feel this brings a unique perspective for the Collegiate and Open position. College coaching will remain the integral part of my relationship to the sport, but my own athletics will give way, and I hope to fill this by promoting opportunities for younger post-collegians as a part of USATF. My experience as a high school teacher and coach, and now as a college coach has provided me with excellent administrative and communication skills. I have been a meet director for many events, including the NCAA Regional Championships (XC). I hope that my multifaceted background and specific organizational experience prove to be worthy of the Collegiate and Open Representative position.

## Coaches Education representative position: two candidates

**Adarian Barr** – *no information submitted*



### **Ken Grace**

B.S. Cal State Hayward - Kinesiology and Physical Education 1979 & MA Stanford University - Education concentration in Physical Education 1980  
Level 1 USA Track & Field Certification 1985 & Level II in Jumps and Endurance 1988 & 1990  
Track and Cross Country Coach/Physical Education Instructor - City College of San Francisco 1980 to 1995  
Dean of Athletics & Physical Education - Chabot College 1995 - 1998  
Track and Cross Country Coach - Chabot College 1999 to 2003  
2003 Meet Director California State Community College Track Championships  
President of California Community College Track Coaches Association 1992 - 1994  
1994 Assistant Coach of the West - Men's Team - U.S. Olympic Festival  
Assistant site Director for Warm-up Track - Cheney Stadium - 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta  
Director of Warm-up Track 2000 - 2004 US Olympic Trials in Sacramento.  
Hosted numerous level 1 USATF coaching education schools at Chabot College.

## Coaches Committee Chair: one candidate



**Dave Shrock:** I ask for your vote to continue in the role of Coaches Committee Chair, a position that I have held for the previous eight years. I believe that my experience in coaching from youth to the collegiate Division I level, along with service on the association to the national level of USATF enables me to serve our diverse and important community of coaches in the Pacific Association. I look forward to the opportunity of working with three coaches whom you select from this list to represent your interests and concerns on both the local and national level.