



**Executive Board Meeting via Zoom
Meeting**

Sunday, March 10, 2024
Start 4:03 PM

I. Call to Order (Phil)

II. Roll Call (Tori) Phil Leake, Teddy Hayes, Ajay Padgaonkar, Dennis Boyle, Bill Bartel, Robert Benoy, Mike Bower, Ryan Crowley, Don Collins, Jonathan Price, Brandon O'Leary, John Shirey, Rick Berman, Scott Kosta, Tori Busto.

**III. Approval of Minutes from October Exec Board Meeting (Phil/Tori)
APPROVED 4:04 PM BY ALL ATTENDEES**

IV. Reports and Updates:

1) Chairman (Phil)

a. Review of Association Annual Meeting:

The annual Meeting will be held at UC Davis. Thank you to the Coach's at UC Davis for supporting our association. The meeting will be held in the football alumni room. Same place as last year!

b. Recruitment of Officials

2) Awards (Ryan)

It is that time of the year to celebrate each other within the association . If you have any questions or interest please reach out to Leon or Ryan. In the meantime nominate someone for an award by sending a brief letter of who,what,when. where and why. The next Awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting August back at UC Davis.

3) Training (Bill)

a. Review of Training Clinics

Trainings will continue to be offered in a clinic format and online Zoom presentations as well next season. Although Zoom can be accessed from anywhere and the convenience of the site does allow training together as a unit. In person clinics allow for individuals to participate with a more hands on approach. Both formats are objectively beneficial training for Officials.

b. Training Clinics in Association with Central Association

Introduction to Track and Field for Officials was offered in collaboration with Central Association last XC Season. Central is still having problems with participation from it's members. Leadership needs to be identified for future activities. Central has not directly addressed the issues needing resolution.

c. Review of Training Clinics in association with Oregon Association

PAUSATF Association will continue to train via Zoom Clinics with the Oregon Association. Most importantly the trainings are well attended and can be informative, instructional and grooming towards professional development in Officiating. Each season the clinics are hosted by knowledgeable professionals sharing experiences and Best Practices in officiating. Please attend as many meetings as you can. The clinics are open to all.

4) Certification (Ajay)

Championship selections:

Ajay reported that all except the NCAA D1 National Championships in Eugene and the DIII Outdoor Championships in Myrtle Beach were posted on the NCAA website. Those two are now posted on the NCAA website at <https://www.ncaa.org/sports/cross-country-and-track-field-rules-of-competition.aspx>. In the latest (March) USATF newsletter NOX Chair Mike Armstrong Announce that the USATF U20 Championship will be held concurrently with the 2024 Nike Outdoor Championships at Eugene, Oregon. There are separate officiating crews. The names of the official selected for the U2 championships were announced back in December 2023 they can be found at <https://noc.mach2k.net/DOCUMENTS/U2o.pdf>

Para Athletics: The para-athletic championships and Move United Championship selected officials were also notified. The selections in the location of of the Para-trials to be held July 18 to the 20th have not been announced but the location is expected to be somewhere in the south east US if you are not currently para certified, please inform Ajay or your RRC so we can show you the steps you need to be certified for a para event. There are very few para meets. Be prepared to travel outside of the state. Those seeking the 2028 Los Angeles. Paralympics should get a head start now.

Resume and Upgrades: Remember to keep record of your experience as you officiate this year the experience record (resume) will be in a **Requirement for the recertification for next (2025-2028) Olympiad**. The rules review for this recertification are currently under review and expected to be released early August (2024). continue to send your request for upgrades.. please involve or at least keep your RRC informed.

USATF Rule Book for 2024: The 2024 USATF rulebook printed version is available for purchase but is on back order. This year the National office decided to send an email directly to the officials with the link to shop and the discount code for officials. If any of you did not get that please inform me or your RRC we can forward a copy of that email so you can order your own.

Remember to stay 3 way compliant; It is necessary for keeping certification valid: Please stay three week compliant in your current membership, SafeSport for training and background screening are required to keep your officiating, credentials, active and valid. many of us who first started with the current safe sport training curriculum introduced back in 2019. We are due for the full core training instead of the three refreshers this core training can take up to four hours. Be prepared to set that time aside.

5) Mentoring (Dennis)

As per Dennis Boyle RRC's & Mentoring Chair: The work of the committee has been three-fold. The planning and implementation of the Challenge Coin Award Program is completed. The key officials will start distributing the ions to deserving officials the rest of the season. The second order of business is beginning contract with the thirty-four new officials about the Mentoring Program. The

committee will be discussing how RRC's will attempt to connect and mentor each new official. This was discussed by the RRC Committee on 3/12/2024. Thirdly, since our last executive meeting the RRC's invited Tom Hott Master Level Starter, and Mike Armstrong our NOC Chair, to discuss with us the process, for aspiring officials who want to be selected to USATF National Championships and for NCAA Championships. The information we received from both guests lined out more clearly when an official must consider if they want to be selected.

6) USATF PA Foundation (John)

The PA foundation continues to raise funds annually to ensure athletes training programs are supported. We want to say thank you to all of our fellow official's of Track and Field, LDR etc., for the donations. Their generous contributions assist the athletes in Northern California training towards their dreams in Track and Field and LDR. This year we will have the raffle and of course the table of prizes for raffle tickets. Please bring an item for the raffle table for a special occasion. Thank you !!! John Shirey for all of your hard work for the association and the foundation.

7) Youth (Don C.)

We are heading into Junior Olympics qualifying time, the Region 14 request for officials just came out last week. To date the only person on the Youth Committee to attend EX Officials Meetings is Don Collins. So far this season, the youth committee has not been in attendance for any Officials board meetings. It would be nice to have more people from the youth committee attend the board meetings. That way we can plan youth track meets with more consideration instead of rushing at the last minute in the summertime to staff.

8) LDR (Rick)

XC: 19 Aug (Sat) - 22nd Annual SCTC XC Challenge - Santa Cruz

XC: 26 Aug (Sat) - 30th Annual Phil Widener Empire Open - Santa Rosa

XC: 10 Sep (Sun) - 37th Annual Golden Gate Park Open - Golden Gate Park

XC: 16 Sep (Sat) - 12th Annual Rebels XC Challenge - Carmichael

Road: 1 Oct (Sun) - Urban Cow Half Marathon - Sacramento

XC: 8 Oct (Sun) - 27th Annual John Lawson Tamalpa Challenge - China Camp

XC: 15 Oct (Sun) - 4th Annual GVH Lagoon Valley XC Challenge - Vacaville

XC: 21 Oct (Sat) - 14th Annual Willow Hills XC Open - Folsom

XC: 28 Oct (Sat) - 25th Annual Matt Yeo Aggies XC Open - Martinez

XC: 5 Nov (Sun) - 18th Annual Garin Park XC Challenge - Hayward

Road: 12 Nov (Sun) - Clarksburg Half Marathon - Clarksburg

XC: 19 Nov (Sun) - 37th Annual PA XC Championships - Golden Gate Park

Road: 3 Dec (Sun) - California International Marathon - Sacramento

Road: 17 Dec (Sun) - Christmas Relays - San Francisco

9) RaceWalk (Robert H.): RaceWalk Opportunities will continue over the summer please refer to the PAUSATE.org website for race walk information and meets.

10) Calendar (Rob/Charles)

Robert & Charles THANK YOU for your contributions to the calendar. This is a very important and special organizational skill set. I'm grateful every time I access the calendar. Helps me stay focused organized so I can refer people to the calendar for almost anything related to T&F Meets, XC, and LDR.

A) **Review of Run Jump Throw (Tori)**

2024 RJT was a great success with close to 300 participants. In attendance were Stephanie Brown-Trafton, Elena Bruckner, Cameron Van, Shannon Roubury and Andy Bloom. The days was set up as a clinic by the PUSATF Officials with the National Office in attendance. The clinic included 4 hours of instruction and presentations of each station in circuit style format. RJT will continue although moving next year February 2025 at Sacramento City College. So much joy to watch all of the craftsmanship at each station. All smiles all day.

B) **Helping Central Association Officials**

(Text from June meeting) Let us begin the conversation regarding trainings and official membership numbers in the Central Association. As per the Central Association President Lynell Glover (who is in attendance for this meeting) informed the Pacific Association that the current membership numbers are very low. Numbers include 6 starters 5 or 6 current officials. It is noted that a new Training Chair is coming on board. The new training chair is brand new and will be a positive associate to work with. The new training chair is an apprentice and in need of a mentor. Brand new super excited to be here. Just what the Association needs. There are 12 to 15 new people that are interested in certification. Fresno State has 6 Students from the Geomatics Program will also participate in certification. Central is in need of assistance for trainings and scheduling enough officials in its region for that region's scheduled meets. The needs of the Track and Field Community in the Central region have not been filled with proper crew members for a couple of years now. The PA Training Chair Bill Bartel and Central Association President Lynell Glover will be discussing and planning future certification training in the central area. TBD

C) **Challenge Coins Update (Phil/Dennis)**

Teddy is going to keep data on who is receiving challenge coins.

The Challenge Coins are with each of the RRC'S and other Officers of the association. The coins are absolutely amazing. To my knowledge (2) Coins have been given out to Officials 1 to Laura Barger and 1 Tori Busto. If you know of anyone else please update me so I can add them. personally, receiving a coin on the day of a Meet was absolutely amazing. I'm grateful for you guys for creating this. It's a lot of fun.

D) **Operating Procedures**

There are 2 amendments to the PAOC operating procedures that should be discussed.

- **First** was brought up by John Lilygren just prior to the annual meeting and involves **extension of the election notification period from 14 days to 4 weeks.**
- (Affected clauses Section 4.3.5 (extending 21 days to 5 weeks), Section 4.3.6B (extending 14 days to 4 weeks - tentatively last week of July plus first 3 weeks of August)
- **Second** was discussed in one of the past Ex-com meetings due to an issue with an official. This one involves **amending the grievance clause to include reprimand.**

- Affected clauses Article 7. We can adopt from the NOC operating procedure section 13 & 14 for this topic.

C)New Business:

We started talking last meeting about forming a committee regarding junior high school and high schools issues regarding following the NHFS rule book? There are a few schools in a couple of sections of Northern California that are very creative with T&F rules. This year at the junior high school championships (MEL) several events of the meet were not ran to standards effectively from the rulebook. There were several events that were ran inappropriately without knowledge of the rule or how it is applied. For example several events are not being taught correctly in order for the student athletes to learn the basic foundations of Track and Field at this level with most people being overwhelmed and overworked. There's a lot of nepotism and a lot of passing the time to others without direction or mentoring. How do we approach finding a solution in implementing the rule book and best practices are your guidelines for success. If the rules are followed we all know it is in the set up that makes for a clean meet. How can we help the schools that are not making progress to buy into themselves.

- Campaign Manager/Communication to Officials (Phil)

Anything Else?