



President's Report – Ohio Association Annual Meeting 2016 Orlando, Florida

We have returned to Orlando, Florida once again. This year will be a new beginning for the Association Committee. Election of new officers will occur during this meeting. Although my time is ending the committee has moved forward and will continue to move forward under new leadership.

Our current CEO, Max Siegel has provided great leadership to this organization and allowed us as a committee to thrive. He has infused us with money and opportunity that can be shared with any association who is willing to put forth the effort to be better today than they were yesterday.

We have had at our disposal the following for the 2016 year.

1. Grant in Aid, \$20,000 to help associations bring additional delegates to the annual meeting. Five (5) associations took advantage of this opportunity.
2. Awards – Instead of Gold, Silver and Bronze plaques this year we awarded the top 15 associations with monetary awards totaling \$25,000
3. The Accreditation Subcommittee moved from Organizational Services to the Association Committee. The committee has been hard at work trying to find better ways to lend support. This coming year there will be one subcommittee member for each of the regions to work hand in hand with your current region rep.
4. Many of you took advantage of moving your current website to the USATF platform at no charge. If you need help in any way with your website we have people ready, willing and able to help. For those of you who have chosen not to move there will be standard set on where to locate the requirements for accreditation.
5. Association grants this year were sparse to say the least. If we don't exercise our opportunities and apply for these grants we will see a reduction in funding.
6. The AEC has voted based on your comments from the Houston Association Workshop to make this a permanent move to the day prior to our USATF Annual Meeting

We will again be sending representatives to the RRCA Convention in March to continue to build that relationship. Those individuals will also be selected during this meeting.

With all the great things our associations have accomplished this year, the one very disappointing item is the number of disputes and inability to seat panels and resolve disputes within the association vs going to regional panels for resolution.

The elections of the new officers are:

Chair – Dave Shrock from the Pacific Association

VC of Workshops – Randy Hopkins (formally of Ohio) from the Colorado Association

VC of Regions – Don Lawrence from the Adirondack Association

Secretary – Pam Betz from the Florida Association

Treasurer – Richard Messenger from the West Virginia Association

As I leave this office at the end of the annual meeting I will miss each and every person in the associations that I've come into contact with. This has been a wonderful 8 years as your chair and look forward to all of you coming to the HEART OF IT ALL, Columbus, Ohio next year.

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