

2018 Annual Meeting and Race Walk Committee Summary Report  
Barbara Hensley, Ohio Association RW Chair

11/29/18 Opening Meeting

- All Associations except Wyoming are accredited

11/30/18 Race Walk Committee Open Meeting #1

- Millrose has dropped Race Walks (Rudman family has declined further sponsorship)
  - Need \$5000 per race to support for 2019 (\$10,000 for both men, women)
    - Got immediate offers of \$100 from several attendees, write checks to US RW Foundation and mail to Diane
    - Also posted need on-line at [USARacewalking.org/donate](http://USARacewalking.org/donate)
- John Nunn resigned as National RW Chair in August, Diane moved up from Vice-Chair to Chair and John assumed Vice-Chair position
- Rules Discussion
  - Set 16 as minimum age for races over 20K
  - IAAF Rule Changed
    - DQ process changed to allow Chief Judge to DQ any athlete who is obviously in violation (running) in final 100m regardless of any prior Red Cards written on that athlete; however, this decision can be protested since only 1 judged issued the DQ
      - Committee voted to apply this rule only to National Championships or other events as Committee chooses (ie. Association and Regional Championships may, not required, to follow)
    - Wording change from Pit Lane to Penalty Zone
    - WMA will not use Penalty Zone for Masters' ONLY RW's; can have Open entries as guests w/o need for it
  - Revised minimum entry standards, qualifying period and process for International Team selections
    - A standard at Trials = automatic qualification
    - B standard at Trials = provisional qualification, can be bumped by higher B standard achieved during qualifying period at certain other races if on IAAF certified courses
    - This 'ranking' system allows filling field with the athletes most likely to perform best, some of whom may not have been able to compete at Trials (travel issues, conflicting races, etc)
  - US-Canada RW has been moved back into RW budget for 2019
  - Several changes to By-Laws were proposed
  - Coaches Advisory presented need for transparency, minimum certification requirements
    - Federal law adopted in 2018 requires Safe Sport type protection for athletes
  - Locations for National Championships were set for all distances but 10K which had no bids
  - Announced various records achieved during 2018

12/1/18 Race Walk Committee Open Meeting #2

- Awards (highlights only, full list is too long!)
  - **Taylor Ewert:** The Henry Laskau JR Athlete (Female) trophy and 1<sup>st</sup> place in Jr. Grand Prix
  - **Larry Young** was introduced and talked about his training and Bronze medals at 50K in Mexico (1968 with time of 4:31:15) and Munich (1972 with time of 4:00:46). He is only American to have medaled at Olympics in 50K and he did it twice!
  - **Rudy Haluza** was mentioned for his 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 20K in Mexico (1968); there was some controversy concerning 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher (a Mexican athlete) whom some felt should have been DQ'd, which 'cheated' Rudy out of a Bronze. His 4<sup>th</sup> was highest an American has gotten in 20K.
- Rules
  - Can have Safe Sport waiver for 'casual volunteers' who help at 1 or 2 events per year; need photo ID
- Competition News
  - Host city negotiates specific number of 'beds' with IAAF, IOC, etc
    - Rio Olympics had more participants than contracted 'beds'; forced finding additional lodging; hence IAAF ranking system to control number of participants
  - Qualifying races/times for Olympics and International races MUST use/be on IAAF Certified courses; these courses must be recertified every 5 years (as opposed to 10 years for USATF certifications)
  - 2020 Tokyo Olympics RW course will be on road in front of Imperial Palace
  - 2019 Doha World Athletics Championships course will be 1k loop for 20k, 2k loop for 50k. Start time will be 11 pm because of heat, humidity there
- Maryann Daniel gave a short presentation on judging bent knees

Officials Open Meeting

- Sat in briefly on an Officials Open Meeting, but did not take notes. Discussion included need for officials to have 'proper' training, either via USATF or another recognized body.