

## USATF Annual Meeting Report – Susan Randall

This was my 5<sup>th</sup> time attending the annual meeting and my 3rd time representing Ohio. I was happy to see some of the Ohio people at the opening Session, as I don't often get to see or chat with others outside of racewalking often. At the opening, USATF gave a state of the sport briefing and sadly reported the passing of a lot of good people.

As an Elite Athlete I attended the racewalking meetings to find out what will be happening in my sport the next year. Again this year they brought my coach, Dr. Andi Drake from the UK to speak on how to convert runners to Racewalkers. New this year was the Racewalk exhibit in the Expo, I supported the booth by doing one of my workouts on the treadmill so people could watch and have racewalking explained to them. I think this really helped our event and the plan is to have the booth again next year.

There was discussion on the upcoming rules changes, and the finalization of dates and locations for many of next years races.

Racewalking Awards were given for 2013 and I received the Female Masters Racewalker of the Year award.

Next year's convention will be held in Sacramento CA.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent the athletes of Ohio at the meeting, I learned a lot again and always enjoy getting to chat with people rather than focusing on my racing. I would be happy and honored to represent Ohio again in the future if you need.