

DELEGATE REPORT FOR THE NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Date: December 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2015

From: Scott Rose, Ohio Association Delegate to the 2015 USATF Annual Meeting

General: At this year's Annual Convention in Houston, Texas, I was able to attend two Executive Board meetings of the National Officials Committee (N.O.C.), both General Sessions of the N.O.C., the N.O.C. Awards Committee meeting and one of the Officials Training Clinics. This report will be a compilation of the four meetings and the clinic. I attended the

- Officials Rules Subcommittee Meeting on Thursday December 3
- NOC Executive Board Meeting on Thursday December 3
- NOC Awards Committee Meeting on Thursday December 3
- Officials General Session No. 1 on Friday, December 4
- Clinic ~ "Seated Throws/Paralympic Certification on Friday December 5"
- Officials General Session No. 2 on Saturday, December 6
- NOC Executive Board Meeting on Saturday December 6

Rules: Key topics discussed during the Rules Subcommittee meeting:

- NFHS: The key rule change is the use of flags at field events. The intent is to get away from the official yelling "mark" and "foul".
- NCAA: Rules are being condensed into existing Rules 7 and 10
- IAAF: The new IAAF rule book 2016/2017 is out. It can be downloaded or paperback copies can be ordered.
- USATF: 69 proposed rules approved, 11 failed and 1 tabled

N.O.C. Representative to USATF Board: During our first official's general session Don Berry discussed what our current bylaws required to select a representative to the USATF Board. Don also pointed out that the proposed L&L, if passed, may require the official's committee to change our bylaws.

N.O.C. Board member applicants should meet the following criteria:

1. High moral character, willingness to carefully abide by USATF Code of Ethics, Governance Documents, and other stated policies & procedures;
2. Continuous compliance with USATF SafeSport program;
3. Disclosure of any arrests and/or criminal charges and a clear background screen;
4. Current/Active Member of USATF in good standing;
5. Current/Active National level official or above and have been so for a minimum of 10 years;
6. Serve as an Official, Administrator or Director at a USATF National Championship meet;

On Saturday during the second general session, 12 individuals were nominated to represent the official's at the USATF Board. I can proudly say Len Krsak was selected by the N.O.C. as our representative.

N.O.C. Awards: The N.O.C. presents six awards at the Official's Hall of Fame Banquet during the Annual Meeting. This year's winners were:

Lori Maynard Award: Dave Snyder of Southern California Association

John Davis Award: Kenneth Morton, Kentucky Association

James Grey Award: Roger Burbage, North Carolina Association

Charles Ruter Award: Laurie Boemker, New England Association

Horace Crow Award: Eric Smith, Florida Association

Andy Bakjian Award: Michael Armstrong, Arkansas Association

The official's chair, Len Krsak, also announced his chair awards. Ohio Association's Terri Eldridge-Tutt was announced as one of the recipients of this award. Because she was not present, her award will be presented to her at the Ohio Official's Clinic in January.

Insurance Update: Irene Herman of the Pacific Association addressed the group on the new changes to "Non-Sanctioned Liability for Certified Officials" policy. The policy can be found on the N.O.C. webpage under the Insurance tab. Additional information can also be found in the December 2015 N.O.C. Newsletter

Official's Shirts: The promised new shirts will be given to the official's selected the Olympic Team Trials. Those not selected to work the Team Trials will receive their shirt after recertifying in the Autumn of 2016. Additional shirts will be available for a nominal fee thru the USATF Store.

Upcoming Elections in 2016: The following N.O.C. Officers will be up for election:

N.O.C. Chair;

Secretary;

Vice Chair ~ Rules;

Vice Chair ~ Training;