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To: Ohio Membership

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Re: 2013 Annual Meeting of USATF

I am reporting on the annual meeting of USATF held in Indianapolis, Indiana during the week of December 2nd. The Ohio Association took the full number of delegates and alternates to the meeting. This is an exciting time for all who attend.

I was given the opportunity to speak at the Opening Session by Max Siegel, our CEO. This I considered an honor and privilege. During that time I spoke about the changes that have occurred at the end of 2012 and all of 2013.

At the end of 2012 the Association Manual was completed and allows the leadership of each association to know the procedures of how to get things done. I discussed the fact that we now have Sanctions on line for our race directors and we also have Club Membership on line. We have gone to a permanent membership number for 2014 which is exciting for all members.

I also had an opportunity to attend the Youth Committee Workshop and talk with members on their concerns in their associations.

We held a meeting for the Association Presidents, Vice Presidents and our past Presidents. This gave all of us an opportunity to discuss matters within the associations and how best to move forward. We also discussed the new accreditation standards and at this time the Ohio Association is fully accredited.

I also attended a Leadership Breakfast for women to discuss how USATF can create a women's council so that we can meet with other organizations in our region of the world.

Stephanie Hightower, our USATF President, gave her annual Presidential Awards during the opening session. One of those honored was Len Krsak, our Ohio Officials Certification Chair for his work not only in our local association but nationally as the Chair of the National Officials Committee.

Each year we find it difficult to locate our 10-year athletes to ask two of them to attend the annual meeting as delegates. I had an opportunity to meet with Jon Drummond, Chair of Athletes Advisory, to work out details of a more efficient method for locating athletes and discussing their possible participation in our association.

Law and Legislation was busy this year and you can locate their work on the USATF website. You can also locate many of the agendas and meeting information on the annual meeting website in the document library. Take a few minutes and review some of the material.

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There was also a discussion on Coaches Education and the importance of educating our coaches at all levels. The CE Committee would like to have 50 schools this coming year and Ohio has always approved of the schools coming to our association.

The RRTC (Road Racing Technical Council) also put out an invitation to the associations who would like to have a course measuring class come in and work with our people on how to measure a road course. This is a great opportunity and we are investigating the possibility of teaming with the Kentucky Association for one course in the Cincinnati area.

Everyone should experience at least one of the USATF's annual meetings.