

**USATF Annual Meeting Report
Columbus, Ohio
Hyatt Regency 2018**

We had 14 delegates and 2 alternates attend this year's meetings. We also had an additional 10 people who attended and looking forward to seeing all the reports. Want to also thank those individuals who volunteered to help out in the various areas throughout the meeting.

I was able to attend a couple of the session from the Association Workshop with one of the important ones around the USATF Website. As we all know there have been multiple issues all year and it appears that we will continue down the same path for another year. They are going to roll out an entire new system next fall with all the associations attending training and building out our new site as well.

The Ohio Association again helped in sponsoring a Social at the end of the day for those who registered for the Youth and Association workshops. Our sponsor was the Columbus Sports Commission and again a very successful event.

I attended several meetings this year with my focus on the Association Committee meetings.

- Elected Vice Chair of Regions – Steve Vaitones
- Looking to fill an At Large position
- East Region was filled by Don Lawrence
- West position is still open
- Election of a representative to the Board of Directors was won by Chris Pasko from the New England Association. He will be representing Associations and Masters on the board. During his campaign he made many promises to both committees so we will see if he is able to deliver.
- We had people attending the discussion on SafeSport and looking forward to hearing about those sessions.

Our association was given an award of Excellence by the Accreditation Subcommittee which will be sent to our treasurer for deposit.

There was a record number of Association Grants requested this year however they were not announced at the meetings I attended.

During the annual meeting the IAAF position was also being contested. That race was between Stephanie Hightower who currently holds the position and Willie Banks from California. In that race Willie won so we shall see how he does once he takes over and runs for a Council seat.

We had a very successful National Officials Banquet on Friday night which we sold out. Scott Rose was the Vice Chair of the National Committee for Awards. Scott did a great job for the last 4 years and wanted to give him credit for the job.

I attended the Women's Commission meeting on Saturday afternoon with the main speaker being Joetta Clark Diggs who is a 4-time Olympian. She is an excellent speaker and spoke on the Principles for Success.

Many discussions were held in the hallways and during lunches about the concerns of associations and how to comply with SafeSport.

It was a good meeting and next year we will be heading to Reno

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