

USATF Annual Meeting Report – Susan Randall

This was my 4th time representing Ohio.

As an Elite Athlete I attended the racewalking and AAC meetings to find out what will be happening in my sport the next year.

Race Walking received a 20% increase in their budget and one of the plans is to pay incentives for the Pan Am events, extra money for a PR, 1st American, US Record, PAC Record, I believe that will increase our performances for those events.

There was discussion on the upcoming rules changes, and the finalization of dates and locations for many of next year's races for Race Walking.

Racewalking Awards were given for 2014 and I received the Female 40-44 Masters Racewalker of the Year award.

At AAC there was a lot of discussion and arguing over what constitutes a "Professional" athlete, I don't believe they ever decided it exactly. They also gave a briefing on the 2015 International team changes and the drastic changes in 2015 to the WADA rules. Masters also received a 50% increase in their budget.

I remained in California and raced the 50K race Walk national championships finishing in 3rd overall with a 4:42:34 time which is a new American and world woman's 40-44 age group record.

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.