



2017 USATF Annual Meeting
Columbus, Ohio
President's Report

It was great to have the meeting held in Columbus this year. We will also host the meeting again in 2018. Thanks to all of you who volunteered at the meeting. I'm told that our association was outstanding when it came to asking for help, we responded.

Since the meeting was held in Columbus we had a unique idea to get more of you involved so we asked for letter of interest to attend the meeting. This meant that you were willing to go to the meeting and like the rest of us use time away from family and work. Thanks to those who responded and we sent an additional 8 to the meeting, paying for registration and parking. I am excited to hear what our members thought of the process.

I attended several meetings this year including the Association Committee meetings. As President I am your representative to the committee and your voice as to issues and concerns that we see. The meetings were interesting and useful as we move into the New Year. Some of the discussion was around L & L items that will affect each association, Association Grants which we can apply for, and Association Grant in Aid which allows small associations to apply for funds to help get additional delegates to the annual meeting.

Our President Vin Lananna came in to speak and he has been traveling the country to various associations to listen to us, the members. The plan is for him to visit Ohio in the spring and we want to invite the Lake Erie and Three Rivers associations to attend the session.

My next meeting was the IAAF Women's Commission meeting. We meet a couple of times a year and are looking for ways to promote women in the sport. We had a very productive session and great ideas were put on the floor.

During the board meeting on Sunday, the Accreditation Subcommittee came before the board with a request to make to changes to the current standards that each association must adhere to. The board with the recommendation of the Association Committee and Organizational Services approved the changes and will be effective in 2018.

- Officials Change – Associations with 3 million or less in population must have a minimum of 30 certified officials, associations between 3 and 10 million will have a minimum of 1 certified official per 100,000 of population and associations with 10 million or more in population must have a minimum of 100 certified officials.
- Delegates to the Annual Meeting – In the past all associations needed to have 8 delegates attend the meeting each year. However for some of our smaller associations found it difficult to finance this. The change is now that associations below 2 million in population will need to have 4 delegates, between 2 and 3 million, 6 delegates and over 3 million must continue to have 8 attend.