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Subject: **Annual Meeting Report**

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Thank you for another great year with USATF-Ohio. As usual, I focused my energy at the 2016 USATF Annual Meeting on the Long Distance Running.

For the Women, 2016 award winners include Aliphine Tuliamuk (winner of the USA running circuit) and Greg Meyer (elite athlete coordinator of the Riverbank Run/25k Championships). For the men, winners were Galen Rupp (athlete), Jim Estes (national level contributor), Mike Blackmore (association level).

There was a long discussion over the decision to award the Alan Steinfeld award to Tracey Russell (director of the LA Marathon/2016 Olympic Trials) as well as an overlapping discussion regarding the problems with the Olympic Trials. It's worth mentioning several of the points that were raised: inadequate water, inadequate medical staff, expense for athletes and families, and inflexibility with the TV schedule given dangerous weather conditions. On the bright side, all agreed that a very strong team had been selected. A later discussion in the men's committee centered on selection of 2020 trials location, necessary budget, and points to consider in selection.

Bids for 2017 championship race sites and beyond were selected and will be on [usatf.org](http://usatf.org) shortly. In addition, standards for 2020 Olympic Trials were announced: Women 2:45 full/1:13 half (B standards), 2:37 (A). Men 2:19/1:03 (B), 2:15 (A). The full marathon standard will be open to chase beginning September 1, 2017