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Report to the Ohio Association – USATF Annual Meeting Houston, Texas

For the first time the Association Committee held their annual Workshop on Wednesday, December 2nd in Houston, Texas. The workshop was attended by 200+ association members and the best turnout in history. Houston was also the location of the creation of the Association Committee 30 years ago in the same Hyatt that the annual meeting was held in. Max Siegel provided each of the Association Presidents with a new Nike shirt.

The Association Workshop will again be held one day prior to the start of the annual meeting in 2016, in Orland, Florida.

The Association Committee had a total of \$25,000 to distribute with grants and many associations will benefit from those dollars in 2016. The Association Committee has a budget approval for \$85,000+ dollars to help associations create bigger and better opportunities in 2016. See below for items in the budget.

1. 4 members of the committee can attend the RRCA Convention in Dallas, Texas in March
2. Money to provide help for those associations who are financially unable to send more than one representative to the annual meeting
3. \$500 Marketing Kits for each of the 57 associations again this year and a catalog will be coming out soon to all the associations to select their merchandise.
4. Money to create a new awards system for those associations who build their associations through membership, sanctions, clubs and championships. Instead of a plaque, money will be provided to those associations to continue to build their business.

We also have made available to all associations who aren't currently using the USATF website platform to sign up and get moved to the platform at no expense to the association.

The meetings were packed with agenda items and committees were formed to help create criteria for the funds in the budget. One item in particular was the Association Committee asking L & L to move the Accreditation Subcommittee from Organizational Services to the Association Committee. This passed L & L and on the floor during the Sunday morning vote.

2016 will be an election year for committee chairs and their committees along with electing a new President for USATF. This will all be done in Orlando, Florida during the annual meeting.

The associations will again hold an East and West Regional Club Championship in 2016 and hopefully in 2017 the championships can expand to a Southern Regional.

Thanks for your support during the past year and we look forward to the USATF Annual Meeting to come to Columbus, Ohio in 2017 and 2018

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Chair, Association Committee