

## USATF-LI ANNUAL CONVENTION 2022



Minutes for the Annual Convention Held on Friday, September 23, 2022

***Opening Session: 7:00 – 7:45 pm***

***Welcome:***

Rob Lemke, Vice President, welcomed all members in attendance and thanked all for participating in this year's Annual Convention and a thank you to Hofstra University for allowing us to use their facility.

***Agenda:***

- Election of Executive Board Members (two-year term)
- Committee Meetings
- Election of delegates to the 2022 USATF Annual Convention which will be held in Orlando, FL from December 1, 2022 – December 4, 2022
- Closing Session

***President's Report by Alex Cuozzo:***

Due to the COVID pandemic, 2021 showed a decline in membership and available championship events. In 2022, the first indoor event was held after 14 months and membership did increase from 2021, but not to the level of 2020. This demonstrates that membership is tied to putting on events. National is providing a Grow to Impact Grant of \$5,000 to assist in membership growth. Donations of \$10,000 were received in the spring and the fall. Some of the proceeds were used to send a team to the Empire State Games. At this event, Long Island's Men's Team placed first overall. USATF-LI was included in the committee meetings for Oregon22 with USATF President Vin Lananna. The Cow Harbor 10k race was accepted as a national event for the first time in its history and USATF-LI will provide officials for this venue. USATF-LI received full accreditation and will be able to provide full representation to the National Annual Meeting on December 1, 2022 – December 4, 2022 in Orlando, FL. Today, we are electing delegates to this meeting, as well as, executive board positions.

***Presentation of 2022 Bank Balance and Proposed 2023 Budget by Gary Westerfield, Treasurer:***

A motion to continue banking with Citibank was entered, seconded, and passed.

The current bank balance of \$42,152 includes two donations of \$10,000 each from Glen Wolther and AllAround Foods and a \$5,000 from the Simons Foundation for Race Walking.

***Nominations appointed and from the floor:*** Nominating Committee: Elizabeth Henry, Ron Nardo, Lori Mangual, Trent Hampton

***Election of Executive Board Members (two-year term):***

Nominations from the floor were taken. For uncontested positions, USATF-LI Secretary cast one vote for acclimation. Motion made to accept vote for uncontested positions, seconded, and passed.

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- President: Alex Cuzzo
- Vice Presidents (2): Rob Lemke; Trent Hampton, Floor Nominations - Jason Ramirez, Michael Frazier (declined)
- Treasurer: Gary Westerfield, Keith Guilfoyle
- Secretary: Pamela Lee

***Committee Meetings***

- 8:00 – 8:30 pm: *Track & Field, Para-Athletics*
- 8:35 – 9:05 pm: *Long Distance Running & MUT, Officials*
- 9:10 – 9:40 pm: *Race Walk, Youth Athletics, Master Athletics*

***Closing Session: 9:45 – 10:00 pm***

***Committee Meeting Summations by Committee Chairs:***

- *Track & Field*: Difficulty in obtaining tracks for meets; two summer outdoor meets held; indoor meets to be scheduled at St. Anthony's High School; Empire State Games to be held
- *LDR*: Program included 17 Grand Prix races (road) and two cross-country; applications for Grand Prix races (road) schedule to be accepted in December 2022.
- *Race Walk*: Two major events: National 20k Championship on April 24, 2022 and Maria Micha event to qualify for Penn relays
- *MUT*: Looking for representative
- *Master Athletics*: National Indoor Championship at The Armory and National Outdoor Championship scheduled in Kentucky; participation increasing; Keith Guilfoyle placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the National 12k
- *Youth Athletics*: Two cross-country events on October 9, 2022 and November 13, 2022
- *Para-Athletics*: Event in June, working with Youth Committee, clinics
- *Officials*: 37 certifications and 20 active officials; covered Twilight Series and Spring Championship.

***Vote on Budget and Routine Banking Matters:***

- Motion was made to accept the budget and seconded. Motion passed.

***Election of Delegates to the 2022 Annual Convention (12 Delegates chosen)***

- Steve Cuomo, Alex Cuzzo, Brenden Dagan, Keith Guilfoyle, Trent Hampton, Bob Hersh, Pamela Lee, Rob Lemke, Lori Mangual, Maria Michta, Debra Granito-Milano, Ron Nardo

***Results of Vote for Executive Board Effective January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024:***

- President: Alex Cuzzo
- Vice President: Rob Lemke, Jason Ramirez
- Treasurer: Gary Westerfield
- Secretary: Pamela Lee

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*Motion made to destroy election ballots was passed.*

*Closing Remarks:*

- Rob Lemke, Vice President, thanked all members in attendance.
- Annual Convention is officially closed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Lee, Secretary, USATF-Long Island