

USATF-LI ANNUAL CONVENTION 2024



Minutes for the Annual Convention Held on Friday, September 27, 2024

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: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer (two-year term)
- Committee Meetings
- Election of delegates to the 2024 USATF Annual Convention which will be held in Orlando, FL from December 5, 2024 – December 8, 2024
- Closing Session

President's Report by Alex Cuozzo:

Thank you to Ron Nardo for helping us to obtain this Hofstra Facility for this meeting. The State 403(c)(1) status requires that we have an Annual Meeting. We must also set up a budget for the next calendar year. In the future, the Association may add an online component.

USATF National is considering future virtual Annual Meetings due to cost constraints or having an Annual Meeting every other year. This year, a new President will be elected as the current President, Vin Lananna, will have completed his two-term limit.

Please participate in tonight's Committee Meetings. It is through your participation that this organization can grow and thrive.

Presentation of 2024 Bank Balance and Proposed 2025 Budget sent by Gary Westerfield, Treasurer:

The financial report is shown in two parts: Inflows and Outflows. The Inflows begin with a 2024 Opening Balance of \$55,558 and a projected 2025 Closing Balance of \$48,159. The budget itemizes General and Sport Programs incoming monies and expenses. The Total Inflows of \$136,460 equals the Total Outflows of \$136,460.

Nominations: Nominating Committee: Liz Barney - Chair, Liz O'Donnell, and Fred Haslett.

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

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Committee Meeting Summations by Committee Chairs:

- *Track & Field:* This year's Summer Olympics demonstrated that Team USA is amazing. Many of those athletes started in local programs such as the ones sponsored by USATF events. A series of clinics are scheduled to begin in October and the New Year's Eve Clinic will again take place this year. Two indoor track and field meets are scheduled for early 2025.
- *LDR:* Recap of the 2024 Grand Prix road races and cross-country championships are scheduled for November 10, 2024 at Bethpage State Park.
- *Race Walk:* Maria Michta-Coffey, who participated in two Olympics, will be inducted in the Long Island University Hall of Fame.
- *MUT:* 50k Championship will be leaving Long Island after more than a decade.
- *Master Athletics:* World Championships will be coming to Gainsborough, FL in March 2025.
- *Youth Athletics:* Liz Barney has accepted the role as Youth Chair.
- *Para-Athletics:* No report.
- *Officials:* Successful year; recertification for 4-year membership.

Vote on Budget and Routine Banking Matters:

- Motion was made to continue banking with Citibank and seconded. Motion passed.
- Motion was made to accept the budget and seconded. Motion passed.

Election of Delegates to the 2024 Annual Convention (13 Delegates chosen)

- Liz Barney, Erin Cassano, Brian Cloherty, Steve Cuomo, Alex Cuzzo, Michael Frazer, Pamela Lee, Rob Lemke, Lori Mangual, Rose Mangogna, Sue Michta, Ron Nardo, Gary Westerfield

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

- President: Alex Cuzzo
- Vice Presidents: Rob Lemke and Richard Degnan
- Secretary: Pamela Lee
- Treasurer: Michael Frazer

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 10:00 pm.

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