

USATF-LI ANNUAL CONVENTION 2021



Minutes for the Annual Convention Held on Friday, September 24, 2021

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 (one-year term)
- Committee Meetings and election of committee chairs (two-year term)
- Election of delegates to the 2021 USATF Annual Convention which will be held in Orlando, FL from December 2, 2021 – December 5, 2021
- Closing Session

President's Report by Alex Cuzzo:

Notification was received on September 23, 2021 from Dave Shrock, National Associations Committee, regarding the National Annual Meeting on December 2, 2021 – December 5, 2021 in Orlando, FL. Only one representative from each Association, Committee Chairs, and selected executive committee members will be permitted to attend in-person. Registration opens on October 1, 2021. Meeting fee is \$125/in-person or virtual representative.

Presentation of 2022 Budget by Gary Westerfield, Treasurer:

The Association banks with Citibank (no change).

Presentation of budget. Difficult to project from last year's activity due to the pandemic.

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Nominations appointed and from the floor: Nominating Committee: Ron Nardo, Lori Mangual, Trent Hampton
Elizabeth Henry has accepted the position as Nominating Committee Chair.

Election of Executive Board Members (one-year term since no election took place in 2020):

Since only one nominee for each position, USATF-LI Secretary cast one vote for acclimation. Motion made by Gary Westerfield to accept vote and seconded by Rob Lemke.

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

Committee Meetings and Election of Committee Chairs (two-year term):

- 8:00 – 8:30 pm: *Track & Field and Para-Athletics*
- 8:35 – 9:05 pm: *Long Distance Running & MUT and 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*: Hopefully, tracks and meets will be back on schedule next year. Rich Degnan – Chair; Leigh Pollet – Vice Chair
- *LDR*: \$10,000 budgeted for next year’s Grand Prix (road) and \$2,000 for cross-country. Alex Cuozzo – Chair; Ron Nardo – Vice Chair
- *Race Walk*: 20k event on October 31, 2021 at the Dennison Building, Hauppauge. Gary Westerfield – Chair
- *MUT*: Looking for representative
- *Master Athletics*: National Meet at The Armory in March 2022. Rob Lemke – Chair; Trent Hampton – Vice Chair
- *Youth Athletics*: Need access to facilities. Clive Walters - Chair
- *Para-Athletics*: Growing. Emphasis to get National more involved. Steve Cuomo – Chair; Francis Anzldi Jr – Vice Chair; Dorothea Daniel - Representative
- *Officials*: Working on certifications. George Erker – Chair, Gary Westerfield and Michele Walker – Committee Members

Vote on Budget and Routine Banking Matters:

- Motion was made by Brian Cloherty to continue banking with Citibank, seconded, and motion passed.
- Motion was made to accept the budget by Sheryl Hall and seconded by Ron Nardo. Motion passed.

Election of Delegates to the 2021 Annual Convention (12 Delegates chosen)

Vote was taken, but only one representative can attend in-person.

- Alex Cuozzo, Brenden Dagan, Michael Frazer, Bob Hersh, Pamela Lee, Rob Lemke, Lori Mangual, Ron Nardo, Gary Westerfield
- Steve Cuomo, Elizabeth O’Donnell, Leigh Pollet, Jason Ramirez – Tie for remaining three spots

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Vote on By-Law Changes:

Lori Mangual reported that there were 19 votes in favor of the amended changes to Article III, none against; 18 in favor of amended changes to Article IV, none against. Changes effective immediately.

Motion made to destroy election ballots was passed.

Closing Remarks:

- Rob Lemke, Vice President, thanked all members in attendance and who voted in-person or online.
- Annual Convention is officially closed.

Meeting was adjourned.

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