



**USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting**  
Norcross Cultural Arts Center Banquet Room, Norcross, GA  
August 10, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

**Association Annual Reports**



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**USATF GEORGIA ASSOCIATION  
2013 ANNUAL MEETING**  
Saturday, August 10, 2013 – 9 a.m.  
Norcross Cultural Arts Center - Banquet Room  
10 College Street, Norcross, GA 30071



## AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Registration** (Cultural Arts Banquet Room)  
*(NOTE: To vote in the General Elections, you must meet one of the following criteria: You have a 2013 membership. You renew your expired 2012 membership any time prior to casting your vote on August 10, 2013. You're a first-time USATF member who purchased a membership by June 30, 2013. Your membership expired in 2011 (or earlier) and you purchased a membership by June 30, 2013.)*
- 9:30 a.m. Opening Session** (Cultural Arts Banquet Room)
- President's Welcome
  - Keynote Speaker – Adam Nelson - 2004 Olympic Championship
- 10:00 a.m. President's Awards**
- 10:30 a.m. Approval of 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes**  
(Annual Reports will be posted online at [www.usatfga.org](http://www.usatfga.org))
- 11:00 a.m. Review/Voting on Bylaw Revisions**
- 11:30 a.m. Election of Association Officers** (President, Executive Vice President, Vice President – Communications, Vice President – Sponsorship/Marketing, Treasurer and Secretary)
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions - Committee Meetings – Election of Committee Chairs**  
(Please turn in results of your committee elections to the Georgia Association Secretary after your meeting and before the closing session)
- **Youth Committee – 1:30 p.m.** (Cultural Arts Banquet Room)
  - **Race Walk, Coaches Advisory, Track/AAC, LDR, Masters - 2:00 p.m.**
  - **Officials Committee – 2:15 p.m.**  
(Lower Level Classrooms – they will be marked)
- 4:00 p.m. Reconvene for Closing Session** (Cultural Arts Banquet Room)
- Committee Election Results/Reports
  - Other items

**Annual Meeting Parliamentarian:** Kerri Betts-Henry

**Committee Chairs:** After the closing session, please submit a roster of attendees from your committee meetings, committee election results with contact information of those elected, minutes of your committee meeting and tentative dates for 2014 Association Championships to the Georgia Association Secretary. (Minutes are to be submitted to the Secretary within one week of the annual meeting.)

# Norcross Cultural Arts Center Banquet Room

10 College Street, Norcross GA 30071

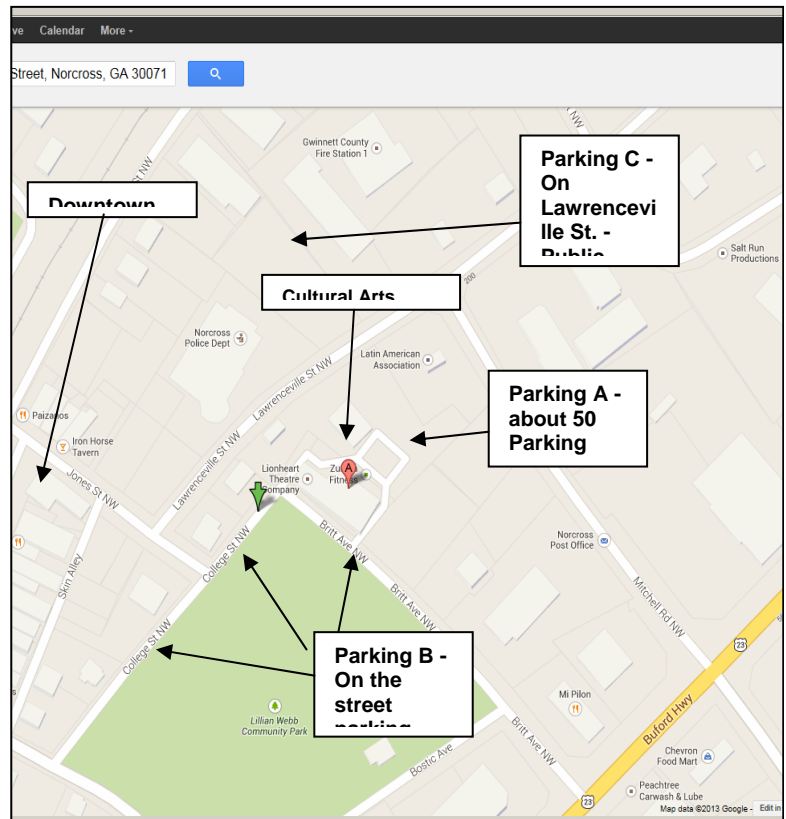
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*A former church, purchased by the city of Norcross, it is used as a cultural arts center. Lionheart Theatre puts on plays at the College Street Playhouse at this site.*

## Directions:

- From I-85 (North Bound from Atlanta): take the Jimmy Carter Exit #99; turn left (west) onto Jimmy Carter Blvd to Buford Highway; turn right (north) onto Buford Highway; travel past Norcross Tucker Road (first light) and at next (second) light, Cemetery Street, turn left; turn right at second street, College Street, which runs directly into the Community Center's parking lot at the intersection with Britt Avenue.
- From I-85 (South Bound from Commerce): take the Beaver Ruin Exit #102; turn right (west) onto Beaver Ruin Road to Buford Highway; turn left (south) onto Buford Highway travel south past Mitchell (first light), and at next (second) light, Cemetery Street, turn right; turn right at second street, College Street, which runs directly into the Community Center's parking lot at the intersection with Britt Avenue.
- Buford Hwy: (South Bound from Buford) travel south past Beaver Ruin, Mitchell Road (Norcross Post Office), and at next light, Cemetery Street, turn right; turn right at second street, College Street, which runs directly into the Community Center's parking lot at the intersection with Britt Avenue.
- Buford Hwy: (North Bound From Doraville) travel north past Jimmy Carter, Norcross Tucker Road and at next light, Cemetery Street, turn left; turn right at second street, College Street, which runs directly into the Community Center's parking lot at the intersection with Britt Avenue.
- From I-285: take Peachtree Industrial Blvd North, Exit #31 (A/B depending on direction of travel) to Holcomb Bridge Road; turn right (east) onto Holcomb Bridge into Historic Downtown Norcross, cross over railroad tracks to second left, College Street. College Street runs directly into the Community Center's parking lot at the intersection with Britt Avenue.



## Keynote Speaker Adam Nelson, 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist



In a long and brilliant career, Adam Nelson has qualified for a total of five World Outdoor Championship teams and earned seven world and Olympic medals, which included the 2004 Olympic gold. After initially winning silver at the 2004 Athens Olympics, Nelson was officially awarded gold in May of 2013 after Ukraine's Yuriy Bilonoh was stripped of the gold following a doping violation. His first (2000) and most recent (2011) USA Outdoor titles have spanned 11 years.

Some of the more successful seasons for Nelson came while working toward his MBA at the University of Virginia, while helping coach and splitting time reporting part-time for three Charlottesville TV stations. After a total of four World Championships and Olympic silver medals, Nelson finally got over that hump by winning gold at the 2005 World Outdoor Championships. Nelson joins five other American shot putters that have competed in three Olympic Games (Ralph Rose, George Woods, John Godina and Parry O'Brien, who is the only four-timer). For the outdoor World Championships, only Godina has competed in six; Nelson five. In 2005, Nelson, who did not have a sponsor at the time, offered his services on eBay to prospective sponsors and signed a one-month, \$12,000 deal with MedivoxRX Technologies to advertise Rex--the Talking Bottle, an aid for the blind and for senior citizens who have difficulty reading labels.

He suffered a torn pectoral muscle in September of 1999 while bench-pressing. He then changed training methods to include more work on strengthening his mid-section and doing plyometrics, something he credits for his marked improvement. After training in Northern California, Nelson moved to New York City for a time in late 2000 and early 2001, but then returned briefly to California before relocating later in 2001 to Athens, Ga.

Nelson's life in NYC included acting lessons in addition to his shot put training. Nelson comes from an athletic family. His father played center for the Mississippi State football team, his brother played rugby, and his sister starred in soccer for Dartmouth. Originally a football player, Nelson was asked to come out for track in 8th grade by his coach, who handled both track and football: 'I was the worst 8th-grade shot putter in our group, but I stuck with it, and it paid off.' Nelson played football all through high school and college. He started out as a linebacker at Dartmouth, and finished up as a defensive tackle: 'As my butt got bigger they moved me up closer to the line' before earning his degree in government.

Nelson has become well known for his pre-shot put routine of marching in front of the competition circle and yelling for the crowd to cheer him on before stripping off his t-shirt and storming into the circle for his attempt.

In 2012 the IOC stripped the 2004 gold medal from Yuriy Bilonog of Ukraine, but no decision has been made if the medal will be reallocated. He married on March 13, 2004, to Lacy. The couple has two daughters.

### USA Championships

Two-time Olympic Trials champion - 2000 (22.12m/72-7); 2004 (21.64m/71-0)  
Three-time USA Outdoor champion - 2002 (22.22m/72-10.75); 2006 (22.04m/72-3.75); 2011 (22.09m/72-5.75)  
Two-time USA Indoor champion - 2001 (21.40m/70-2.5); 2002 (21.57m/70-9.25)  
2005 USA Outdoor runner-up (21.52m/70-7.25)

### International Championships

**2004 Olympic gold medalist (21.69m/69-5.25)**  
2000 Olympic silver medalist (69-7)  
2005 World Outdoor champion (21.73m/71-3.5)  
Three-time World Outdoor silver medalist - 2001 (21.24m/69-8.25); 2003 (21.26m/69-9); 2007 (21.61m/70-10.75)  
2001 World Indoor silver medalist (20.72m/67-11.75)  
2001 Goodwill Games gold medalist (20.91m/68-7.25)  
1994 World Junior gold medalist (18.33m/60-2)

### Collegiate Championships/Honors

2008 Indoor Visa Championship Series champion  
1997 NCAA champion (19.62m/64-4.5)

# President's Report

*Ian Dube, President*

*USATF Georgia Association*

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I'm pleased to report that 2013 has been a banner year for the number 1 association in the USATF. USATF Georgia Association continues to set the pace in athletics in Georgia and is an example for other associations around the country to follow. Georgia has a great group of leaders and 2013 is reflective of their base of work.

## **Road, Cross Country, Race-Walk and Track and Field.**

Our athletes' performances continue to send a message to the global community that we love to play on the world stage, which will be highlighted at the World Championships in Russia. Georgia based athletes will play a major factor on the world's number one track team. Natasha Hastings, Chaunte Lowe, Brittney Reese, Tori Polk, Joana Atkins, Reese Hoffa, Keith Moffat, Christian Taylor, World Record Holder 110 meter hurdles Aries Merritt, Dwight Philips, George Kitchens. Georgia also continues to be a top breeding ground for administrators and coaches because this year's world championship team will include Dexter McCloud and Sandy Snow, Dr. Amadeus Mason, and Dr. Marco Belizaire who will be in support staff roles for the number one's worlds Track and Field team.

Our junior athletes also had an outstanding year on the track by winning National titles in several events. Megan Clark won the women's pole vault 4.15 and booked her spot on the Pan Am Juniors team. Kendall Williams also captured a title by winning the women's heptathlon 5481 and etched her name in the history books as one of the most prolific athletes in Georgia history and one day solidifying her spot in the USATF Georgia Association Hall of Fame. Avana Story who was second in the women's hammer throw with a toss of 57.11. Sabrina Gaitan had an outstanding meet with a bronze medal in the women's hammer 56.00. Devon Williams older brother of Kendall Williams and current sophomore at the University of GA was the silver medalist in the Men's Decathlon with 7268 points.

The 2013 Pan Am Junior Team will be supported by assistant coach Mike Judge-throws, Wendy Truvillion former long time USATFGA Board member, and the AAC liaison will be Casey Zeller. In the 2013 Junior Olympics Tia Jones (Marietta, Ga.) has been named USA Track & Field's Athlete of the Week after winning the 13-14 girls' 100m and 200m hurdles and setting national and Junior Olympic records in both events at the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships on July 28. Our Masters athletes also continue to light up the world with wins from the indoor and outdoor championships and currently being contested the World's outdoor masters track and field championships in Italy where we have athletes competing.

## **Administration**

In 2013 the Board of Directors had several changes to with the addition of Gwen Loud-Johnson-Track and Field and Jim Bitsko, Masters Track and Field. The By-Laws, which will be presented, were also reviewed to make sure that the association is in line with the national office as well as true representation of the will of the Georgia membership

## **Development**

Georgia continues to be one of the few associations that hosts two Level I schools a year and continues to seek opportunities to help support our coaches via interactive learning (Coaches Round Table, and new for 2013, our nutrition series that focuses on eating your way to the podium).

## **Diversity**

Expansion of New Committees with respect to the diversity of our dynamic organization.

## **Innovation**

- Create New Properties
  - Coaches Roundtable
  - Presidents Awards
  - Live Web Broadcasting from events (Inside the Oval)
  - Archiving events
  - 2nd annual USATFGA All Indoor Track and Field Team
  - Web data tracking (24k hits on the Facebook/Twitter page)

- Board Conference Calls
- On-Line Registration via website (Sanctioning, Club membership)
- Constant Contact (RSVP)
- Improved Website
- PayPal

### **Membership**

4716 Individual Members with 4 months left in the year and a 20% increase over the previous year and all time high  
149 Clubs-All Time High 8% increase over the previous year

### **Outreach-Goals (Improve on Strategic positioning in Georgia)**

- Mentor program in Augusta Georgia  
(Make the Brand a household name in Georgia)

AAC visits Cole Mountain Elementary

Matt Elementary

North Forsyth Elementary

Broadcast Team live (Parkview High School)

- USATFGA represented at the ground-breaking ceremony of LakePoint Sports
- USOC fund raising event
- African Heritage Day
- USATFGA mans a water station at the Publix Marathon

### **Partnerships/Affinity Programs**

- LakePoint Sports-Projected ground breaking 2014 early 2015 new facility we may call home
- Blaze Sports-Continued officials support and new partnership opportunities
- GOPA-Georgia Olympic Paralympian Association-Speakers bureau
- RoadRunner Sports-Gold Level Sponsor
- Emory-Gold Level Sponsor
- Peachy Parking-Discount Airport parking for Georgia Members
- Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
- Atlanta Sports Council-Local Organization

I encourage everyone to read through our yearend committee reports to get the details on what a tremendous year 2013 was for all of us. We look for even more great things ahead in 2014.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Ian Dube, President**  
**USATFGA**



## **Executive Vice President Report**

*Sonja Robinson*

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I'm pleased to report that 2013 has been an exciting year for the Georgia Association, on and off the tracks, roads, and trails. This year the Association began several initiatives to improve the administration, operations and internal controls of the Association in order to better serve the membership. The initiatives are as follows:

- Evaluation of USATF Georgia messaging and branding - Conducted brand analysis
- Creation of Virtual Goody Bag Plan and Template
- Recognition of Georgia Olympians - In partnership US Olympians and USATF Alumni - Biennial recognition program for Georgia Olympians. Tentative Date Fall 2014
- Formation of development meet and competition task force

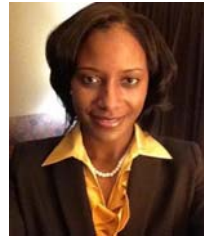
In this election year, I also serve as the Nominations Chair for the Association elections. For this year's elections the Nominations Committee wanted to encourage more participation by the membership in the election process. The committee has used town hall calls, social media and the association's website to inform the membership about the election process and candidates. To that end, the Association has seen a dramatic increase with all communication measurements regarding the upcoming elections; and positive upswing in active participation amongst the membership.

It has been my honor to serve the Georgia Association, as Executive Vice President.

## Vice President - Communications

Vernika Reeves

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USATF GA has been on a move! This 2012-13 year, I've had the opportunity to work closely with the webmaster, secretary, other members to develop and implement social media and public relations initiatives. I've assisted on the increasing of media and communications tools for the association. In addition, I would like to thank those who have help contribute to the involvement of communication and media among this growing association.

List below are goals that were accomplished

- Increased numbers among social media (Facebook, twitter, & website)
- Contributed to USATF GA RSS, Hoot Suite, and YouTube posts
- Contributed to constant contact, emails, and distribution of press releases
- Promoted clinics, coaches roundtables, events, and workshops

**Facebook** has over 682 likes (2013) vs. 467 likes (2012), the target audience of likes ranges from the following ages with 13-70, being males (age 25-34) at 13.3% and females (age 35-44) at 11.9% the most popular target audience was more of males (57.3%) than females(41.5%) overall. The page has likes from over 20 countries and several counties throughout Georgia with people liking the USATF GA page. The USATF GA page reaches more males (55.2%) and females (43.5%), target age group for males (age 45-54) at 14.1% and females (age 35-44) at 15.1%. The page is mostly talked about by target age group (45-54) both females and males being the highest. Overall, the page has increased within likes and reaches among the higher age groups. ....[www.facebook.com/USATFGA](http://www.facebook.com/USATFGA)

**Twitter** has 1597 tweets (2013) vs. 469 tweets (2012) and 263 (2013) vs. 138(2012) followers, all posting from Facebook are automatically posted to Facebook. Overall, the numbers have increased tremendously.....Follow us @USATFGA.

**Website** views are at 7800 with average estimate 200/day since the beginning of the year with being visitors. In addition, were still in the process of updating the website with up to date data and info.

Thanks for the opportunity, it has been a honor to serve as the 1st Vice President of Communications for the 2011-2012/ 2012-2013, and look forward to assisting the new 1st Vice President for the upcoming year. Thanks for all of your support!

Vernika Reeves

1st Vice President-Media & Communication Director

## Vice President – Marketing/Sponsorship

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No Report submitted.

## Association Secretary

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This year concludes five years of serving as Association Secretary. During this time I have served two Presidents – former President Murray Sanford, and current President Ian Dube. I have seen transition among board members and along with the Board, have experienced all the growing pains that an Association goes through as it grows and develops.

I came from the long distance community, having served the Roadrunners Club of America as the Georgia State Rep for over eight years. I discovered USA Track & Field when I and a fellow runner became certified officials. I loved those early days out at Association meets chasing javelins, raking pits and getting acquainted with other fellow officials and especially our young athletes.

I want to acknowledge Former President Murray Sanford who brought me into the organization. He mentored me as an official and provided opportunities for me to get involved in the governance of the Association. He appointed me as Secretary, worked with me each month on the first Association newsletters. He provided opportunities for me to go to Association Workshops and the USATF Annual Meetings. All this served to make me want to serve the organization even more.

During my tenure as Secretary, we have improved our communications to the membership. The old paper newsletters were eventually replaced by online PDF newsletters, and finally the electronic communications that are sent out today. I have kept the records of the association and have organized board meetings, annual meetings, worked on community projects, officiated Association meets, conducted clinics, and have served at the side of the President – tackling all and any directives that have been given me.

My work at the association level has made it possible for me to be recognized at the national level and to be appointed the USATF Southeast Region Representative in 2010, supporting seven associations in the southern region. This was beneficial in bringing the USATF Regional Open Track & Field Championship to Georgia last year. In 2012, I was elected Vice Chair of Regions of the USATF National AEC Committee (Associations Executive Committee). In this position, I hope to work with regional representatives to improve communications to the associations and bring opportunities to each region.

As I leave the position of Secretary, I am going on to run for USATF Georgia Vice Chair of Communications – a natural transition from a long tenure of communicating with this Association.



## 2012 USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting

Hyatt Regency Atlanta

August 25, 2012 – 9:00 a.m.

**(DRAFT)**

- I. **Meeting as called to order at 9:14 a.m.**
- II. **Open Session:** President Dube introduced the USATF Board of Directors. He acknowledged Kerri Betts-Henry as acting Secretary in place of Marlene Atwood and Jacquelyn Anthony as acting Parliamentarian. President Dube welcomed all guest and acknowledged the association's growth and development on the local and national level.
- III. **President's Awards:** President Dube recognized all recipients. Two (2) out of eight (8) recipients were present. Awards were presented to Vernika Reeves, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Communications, Pamela Hudson, and Bylaws Review Chair.
- IV. **Keynote Speaker – John Bevilaqua**  
Mr. Bevilaqua shared a PowerPoint presentation of the new LakePoint Sports complex in Bartow County. It is a dream athletic facility scheduled to open in 2013. The facility will accommodate various sports including baseball, soccer, cheerleading, volleyball, track and field, etc. There will also be housing, shopping and entertainment. Mr. Bevilaqua mentioned that he is hopeful that this facility will be the site for the 2016 Olympic Trials. He opened the floor for Q&A, during which he was ask to address accommodations for track & field such as warm-up tracks, doping and housing.
- V. **Approval of Minutes – Annual Meeting – August 27, 2011.** Motion was made by Jacqui Collins to accept the minutes submitted; Seconded by Matthew Chestnut. All In favor – 29; Oppose – 0; Abstentions – 0. (Motion carries)
- VI. **USATF Georgia Bylaws – Proposed Review**  
Motion was made by Dexter McCloud to remove tabled item from 2011; Seconded by Matthew Chestnut. All In favor – 21; Oppose – 0; Abstentions – 0 (motion carries)

Pamela Hudson, Committee Chair proceeded to present revisions to the current Bylaws. Changes to the 2012 bylaws will be accepted as a packet. The following changes were proposed:

1. Dissolution of the executive committee -strike executive committee where listed throughout bylaws.
  2. name each position individually
  3. Written notice by way of electronic notification, which would allow notification via email to be acceptable.
  4. Failure to renew membership by 1/31/2012 in accordance with Article 5E. Revise to remove "immediate removal."
  5. Nominations, Article 7 – "Good Standing" requirement, remove "twice-nominated" prohibition
  6. Article 9 - Remove prohibition on governing body "dual participation". Unduly restrictive, Allow voters to weigh in.
  7. Article 10 – Revised to limit voting to one vote regardless of number of positions held
  8. Article 11 – Remove requirement that Athlete Advisory Chair be an active athlete.
  9. Article 12 – Open for revision
  10. Article 16(D) – Change "may" to "shall"
  11. Article 20 – Allows for amendments to Operating Procedures, has budgetary implications.
- **Motion** was made by Dexter McCloud to Adopt proposed revisions to 2012 Bylaws packet; Seconded by Matthew Chestnut. **Motion** was made by Inez Finch to vote by ballot; Seconded by Bob Brier. All In favor - 26, Oppose – 7, Abstain – 2 (motion carries)
  - **Motion** to accept or refuse Bylaws packet. Voting members present: 46. All In favor (yes) – 27, Oppose (no) – 17. 44 ballots cast (motion failed. 2/3 vote needed to pass)
  - **Motion** was made by Dexter McCloud to vote on changes by Article; seconded by Jacqui Collins. All In favor - 18, Oppose – 17, Abstain – 2 (motion failed. 2/3 vote needed to carry)

**VII. Special Election – Interim Treasurer.**

Tricia Jenkins presented her background in accounting. She holds a Bachelor's in Accounting from KSU and is currently pursuing her Masters. It was explained that the current Treasurer resigned.

**Motion** was made to close nominations. All In favor – 33, Opposed – 1, Abstentions – 0 (motion carries)

**Motion** to accept Tricia Jenkins as Treasurer made by Jean Hartleb; Seconded by Inez Finch.

All In favor – 32, Oppose – 1, Abstentions – 0 (motion carries)

**VIII. Club Registration** – Inez Finch. Online registration is scheduled to be available Nov 1, 2012.

**IX. Meeting Adjournment:** (I do not recall that a motion was made to adjourn) we dismissed and went to the Committee Breakout Sessions at 11:07 a.m.

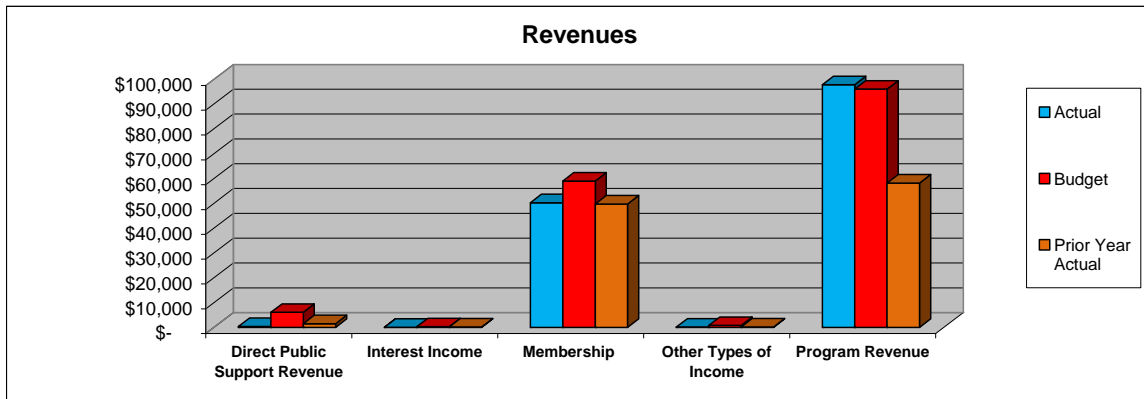
**Submitted by**  
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# Financial Reports

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Revenue	Actual	Budget	Variance	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Variance
Direct Public Support Revenue	360	6,072	(5,712)	1,487	(1,127)
Interest Income	48	240	(192)	144	(96)
Membership	50,233	58,970	(8,737)	49,698	535
Other Types of Income	83	767	(684)	150	(67)
Program Revenue	97,760	96,024	1,736	58,155	39,605
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>148,483</b>	<b>162,073</b>	<b>(14,641)</b>	<b>109,633</b>	<b>(688)</b>

### Direct Public Support Revenue

\*Negative variance \$5,712 related to corporate contributions..

### Interest Income

\*Negative variance \$192 related to lower interest rate by Wells Fargo.

### Membership

\*Negative variance \$8,737 related to decrease of revenue club membership compared to prior years. Individual membership has increase by \$2K.

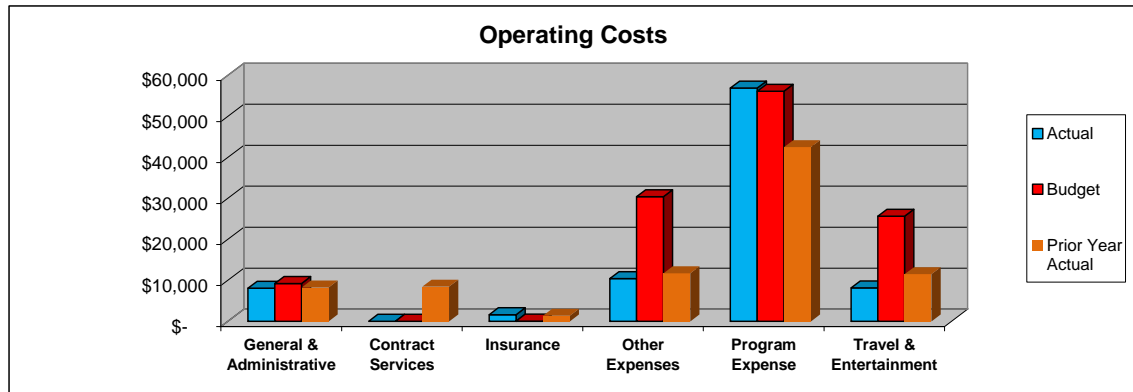
### Other Types of Income

\*Merchandise revenue.

### Program Revenue

\*Positive variance \$1,736 related to increase meet entry fees, meet gate fees and sanctions fees.

## Financial Reports continued....



Expenses	Actual	Budget	Variance	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Variance
General & Administrative	8,091	9,236	1,145	8,280	(188)
Contract Services	0	0	0	8,500	(8,500)
Insurance	1,628	45	(1,583)	1,410	218
Other Expenses	10,420	30,395	19,975	11,756	(1,337)
Program Expense	56,910	56,105	(805)	42,540	14,370
Travel & Entertainment	8,153	25,636	17,483	11,541	(3,388)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>85,202</b>	<b>121,417</b>	<b>36,215</b>	<b>84,027</b>	<b>1,175</b>

### General & Administrative

\*Positive variance of \$1,1K cut cost in board member compensation.

\*Compared to prior year \$3K cost in board member compensation, website and general supplies.

### Contract Services

\*Zero related to no audit and outside accounting firm.

### Insurance

\*Negative variance \$1,5K related to officials insurance expense prior year.

### Other Expenses

\*Positive variance of \$20K, related to under budget of sanction, rule book and dues & subscriptions expenses.

### Program Expenses

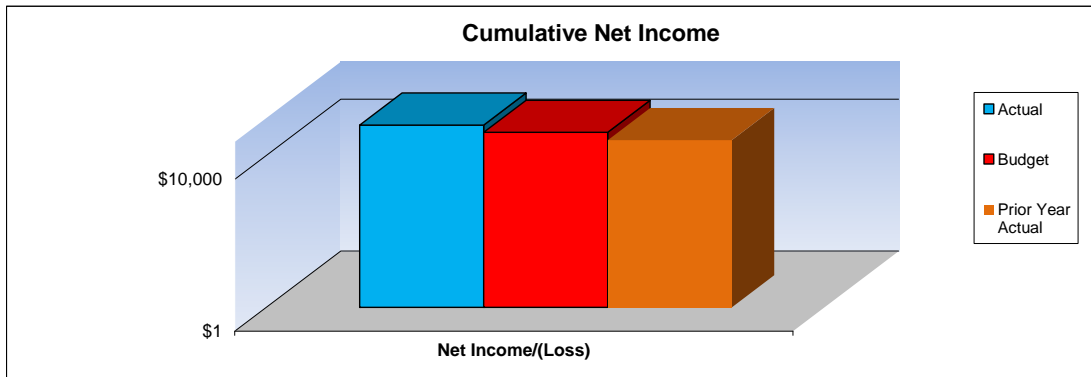
\*Negative variance of \$6,7K, related to facility rental.

\*Compared to prior year, \$3,9K related to equipment- supplies.

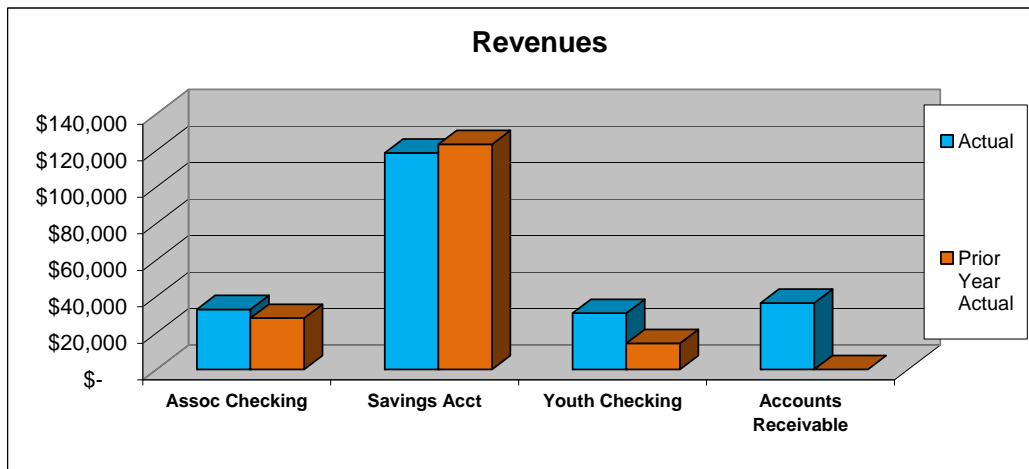
### Travel & Entertainment

\*Positive variance of \$11K, cost related to food, hotel/lodging, and travel.

## Financial Reports continued.....



Expenses	October Actual	October Budget	Variance	Prior Year Actual	Prior Year Variance
Total Revenues	148,483	162,073	(14,641)	109,633	(688)
Total Expenses	85,202	121,417	36,215	84,027	1,175
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>63,281</b>	<b>40,656</b>	<b>21,574</b>	<b>25,607</b>	<b>(1,863)</b>



Revenue	Actual	Prior Year Actual	Variance
Assoc Checking	32,918	28,076	4,842
Savings Acct	118,521	123,342	(4,821)
Youth Checking	30,828	14,337	16,492
Accounts Receivable	36,400	0	36,400
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>218,667</b>	<b>165,754</b>	<b>16,512</b>



# Membership Report

Linda Bommicino

USATF Georgia Association Membership Chair

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## USATF GEORGIA MEMBERSHIP as of 7/30/2013

### Total Membership by Age Category

	Athlete		Non Athlete		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Adult	589	13%	578	12%	1,167	25%
Youth	3,536	75%	5	0%	3,541	75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>4,708</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Officials

Officials	Number
OffAssoc	183
OffMst	11
OffNat	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>

### Coaches

Coach	Number
ChLv11	221
ChLv12	35
ChLv13	7
Coach	375
<b>Total</b>	<b>638</b>

## **Club Membership Report / Background Screening Report**

*Inez Finch, USATF Georgia Association Club Membership Chair*

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### **Club Membership Report:**

2013 has been an exciting year for Georgia Association Club/Organization Membership. USA Track & Field developed a new on-line club registration program. The Georgia Club Membership Chair, Inez Finch, helped with developing this program. The easy way of registering clubs has helped increase the Georgia Club membership program tremendously. At the Georgia Association Annual Meeting in 2011 Georgia had 118 clubs; in 2012 we had 128 clubs. Today we have 152 clubs, the largest count in the history of Georgia Association. We expect to continue to grow by the end of 2013. Georgia is now in the top 3 Associations in member clubs in the United States.

USATF added an on-line tutorial on how to register a club- <http://www.usatf.org/Resources-for---/Clubs/Online-Club-Tutorial.aspx#ClubApplication>. New this year, the club contact person for all Youth Clubs must complete a background screening with TC Logiq in order for their club to be approved.

Also new is the Club management area. This allows clubs to do batch processing of memberships, manage their own club rosters, and easily identify if their athletes are birth verified. They can also print their USATF Club Certificate, apply for Practice Insurance Certificates, add practice locations, and change club information, except for club name and club number. Many clubs are not yet taking advantage of this area. My goal is to hold seminars on how to use the club management area. Georgia Association instituted early registration fees from November 1 to January 31 for \$40.00. This is a good time to do multiple year registration for \$40.00 per year. February 1 to October 31, the fee is \$60.00 per club.

What accounts for continued growth of Georgia Association Clubs? The following has helped our growth:

1. Good website coverage.
2. New on-line registration.
3. A Club Membership Chair who is available daily to give personal contact and information.
4. Referrals from all committee chairs.

Thank you to all clubs/organizations for being a member of Georgia Association. You can find All Georgia Clubs listed on our website with contact information at <http://www.usatf.org/clubs/search/info.asp?associationNumber=45>

### **Background Screening Report:**

USA Track & Field requires that all coaches and volunteers that supervise Youth under the age 18 should be background screened. All coaches and volunteers who have direct contact with youth athletes during scheduled practices and other scheduled club activities must submit the On-Line background screening process with TC Logic, Inc. Georgia has an excellent participation in the background screening process.

USATF has two background screening programs, NCSI and TC Logiq, Inc. All youth coaches must get screened under TC Logiq in order to get into Junior Olympic meets for free and to be covered under liability insurance. The two screening programs have been confusing to some, but if directions are followed on the USATF website, then it will not be a problem.

Georgia is also in the top 5 percentile of associations in USATF with coaches that are Background Screened. Last year we had 244 coaches/volunteers that completed the Background Screening and today we have 316 coaches/volunteers. This is a 30 per cent increase. A listing of all Georgia Association coaches/volunteers that are background screened can be found at <http://www.usatf.org/about/programs/backgroundChecks/info.asp?associationNumber=45>

If your name is listed on the background screening list, but your club name is not listed, please contact Inez Finch at [inezfinch@aol.com](mailto:inezfinch@aol.com) to update your club status. Please give your name, membership number and club affiliation.

Thank you for an outstanding job of becoming a Background Screened Coach or Volunteer!

# Sanctions Report

*Marlene Atwood*

*USATF Georgia Association Sanctions Chair*

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Just into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013, the Georgia Association has processed over 100 sanctions (vs. 83 at this time last year). This represents over 100 separate track & field, road, and cross country events in Georgia. Total participation numbers to date – **95,684** (vs. 71,601 participants to date last year). For total sanction fees collected to date and Association sanction revenues received to date, please see Treasurer's Report. We anticipate surpassing last year's numbers with four and one half months remaining in the year.

## **New for 2013 – Online Sanction Processing**

The Georgia Association is working with the USA Track & Field National Office in an effort to transition to Online Sanctioning. While the Online Sanctioning process has existed for the past few months, we have also continued to accept paper applications. We will be moving completely over to the online process beginning September 1, 2013.

What does this mean for you?

1. A more efficient and user friendly process for sanctions.
2. Ease of use and more capabilities – process your sanction anytime, from anywhere!
3. Ability to order certificates of insurance online.
4. Quicker and less impact to the environment (no paper and no mailing/faxing!).

In order to meet our September 1 goal, there are a few key projects occurring; these are detailed below:

- USATF is working on several enhancements to the online system based on the surveys completed by event directors like you. If you have a specific request or something that you would like to see changed, please let us know and we will forward that to the National Office.
- USATF has developed a series of online tools geared to help you process your sanctions successfully. These include FAQs, Webinar tutorials and sample forms. These tools were available online at [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org) beginning Monday, July 15, 2013.

<http://www.usatf.org/Products---Services/Event-Sanctions/Sanction-Help.aspx>

We are excited to take this big step and look forward to working with you and continuing to provide excellent benefits and customer service as we make this transition together.

Visit the USATF Georgia Association Online Sanction Calendar for all sanctioned events:

<http://www.usatf.org/calendars/searchResults.asp?associationNumber=45>

## 2012 Committee Reports - LDR

Sonja Robinson, LDR Committee Chair

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Following the National Annual Convention the committee conducted a survey of running stakeholders including but not limited to: race directors, coaches, clubs, and former Association LDR Champions, in order to better serve the running community. With the survey results the committee established goals for the year. The following is the committees' progress as of August 1 2013.

### Goal I – Increase Communication

- “Seen While Running” interviews with Athletes

### Goal II - Create Revenue Generation Opportunities

- Partner Race- River City Bank 30K December 2013
- Cross Country Challenge- Berry College October 2013

### Goal III – Create Training Program and Introduce running for fitness and health

- Beginners Clinic Rome GA, Training for Berry Half Marathon, Training for 30K
- Miles in Middle School

## 2013 Open Men’s & Women’s Championship GP Series:

Total Cash Prizes for Overall Series Placers - \$1,350

### The Locomotive 5K

Kennesaw, GA

September 15, 2013

### Peachtree City Classic 15K

Peachtree City, GA

October 19, 2013

### Dalton Red Carpet Half Marathon

Dalton, GA

October 26, 2013

### LDR – Men

1st - \$300

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$100

4th - \$50

5th - \$25

**Total - \$675**

### LDR – Women

1st - \$300

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$100

4th - \$50

5th - \$25

**Total - \$675**

### Highlights:

- Janet Cherobon-Bawcom – Retained Title as US Runner of the Year 2012
- Jill Horst defended Rock & Roll Marathon Savannah (2012) Publix Marathon (2013) Titles
- Dr. David Martin, Chair Emeritus- Inducted into RRCA Hall of Fame (2013)

## **2013 Committee Reports – Race Walk**

*Jim Norvill, Race Walk Committee Chair*

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### **1. Committee Members**

- Chairman: Jim Norvill
- Vice Chairman: Steve Hubbartt
- Secretary: Jean Williams

### **2. Activities for the year:**

- June 1, 2013 - USATF Georgia Association Masters Race Walk 5000m Championship was held in conjunction with the Association Masters Meet at Emory University.
- June 1, 2013 -USATF Georgia Open Race Walk 5000m Championship was held in conjunction with the Association Masters Meet at Emory University.
- June 13, 2013 -USATF Georgia Assn Junior Olympic Outdoor T&F Championship Race Walks 1500m and 3000m.
- Worked with the Georgia Lt. Governors office to support his healthy kids initiative.
- Held Race Walk Judges Clinic at Emory and Georgia Tech.
- Held Race Walk Clinics at several T&F events throughout the year.
- Working with the City of Kennesaw to establish a walking program for kids in the school system.
- Coached kids in Race Walk in several clubs throughout the State in order to grow the sport of Race Walking. Program has rendered several National Champion Youth Race Walkers.
- Established a recruitment drive to bring in more clubs to Georgia Association by giving clinics in both AAU and Crystal League organizations.
- Established walking divisions in two road races; Harris Jacobs, and Lekotek.

### **3. Activities planned for remainder of the year beyond July 31st**

- Race Walk clinic Aug 4 at Lassiter H.S. in Marietta Georgia for athletes, parents, and coaches.
- USATF GA and Regional Open/Masters 10000m Race Walk Championship October 13th at Campbell Middle School in Smyrna Georgia.
- Begin a drive to recruit and train Race Walk coaches in Association Clubs and to support new coaches in the development of new youth clubs for Race Walking.
- Begin a drive to recruit and train additional Race Walk Judges.
- Push to get more clubs to hold invitational Race Walk Championships.
- Piggy back more USATF Sanctioned road races with Race Walking events.

## **Committee Reports – Track & Field**

*Gwen Loud-Johnson, Interim Track & Field Chair*

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### **2013 Summary**

After many years of outstanding leadership, Track & Field Chair, Dexter McCloud transitioned his service as Track & Field Chair to AAC Secretary for USATF National. Dexter will continue to be a great source of support within the Georgia Association. We wish Dexter much success in his new position. In April 2013, Gwen Loud-Johnson was nominated as Interim Track & Field Chair.

The highlight of 2013 session is our June 1-2, USATF Georgia Open/Masters/and Race Walk Championships. Many outstanding Track & Field performances were achieved at our two day event held at Emory University.

We kicked off the two day event under the stars featuring Saturday night twilight events. Featuring the Shot Put, 3000 meter race walk, 5000 meter run, 5000 meter race walk and 10,000 meter run. We had over 130 athletes register to compete. It was indeed a team effort. We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to those in the Association who assisted in helping to make this two day event a success. Results from the Championship can be seen online at the following link:[C:\Users\gwenl\\_000.PC.000\Downloads\FullResults.htm](C:\Users\gwenl_000.PC.000\Downloads\FullResults.htm)

### **Highlights included:**

- Master Record Set Charles Ross - Steeplechase
- Olympic Trials Participant D'Angelo Cherry - 100 meters men
- On site vendor
- Remote Radio Broadcast featuring Olympians Kevin Young and Dannette Stone
- Featured Photographer Steve Strother/My Track Pix
- Award Presentation by Ambassador Tunde Adtunji/ African Heritage Foundation

### **2014 Outlook**

The Track & Field committee looks forward to the opportunity to serve USATF of Georgia Association and its Open Athletes. Are aim is to provide vision, leadership and to promote cooperation with all members. The Track & Field Committee will continue efforts to accomplish more planned activities to establish more visibility:

- Market, Develop and Host more professional competitions in Georgia
- Work closely with Athletes Advisory Committee and all Association Committees
- Build a Track & Field Committee Board
- Promote membership
- Provide services to educate and promote athletes performance success

Gwen Loud-Johnson  
Track & Field (Interim) Chair

## Committee Reports – Masters

*Jim Bitsko – Interim Masters Committee Chair*

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Masters had a significant presence at this summer at the USATF track championship. The fields were strong for the sprints, middle distances and field events. There is an opportunity to improve next year by attracting stronger fields for the long distance track race.

This fall will see master opportunities on the roads with the USATF GA Grand Prix. Association championships will be held in the 5k, 15k and half marathon. Points toward a grand prix championship will be earned at each of the state championship race.

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## Committee Reports – Youth

Jacqui Collins, Youth Committee Chair

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Eric Merriweather, Vice Chair – Admin

Tony Dunning, Vice Chair – Operations

Wendy Collins, Secretary (resigned June 2013)

To: Executive Board Members, Youth Committee and Youth Membership, Georgia Association USA Track & Field

From: Jacqui Collins -Youth Chair, USATF Georgia Association

Goal: To continue our development of Youth programs and grow our Youth Division in Georgia

The Youth Committee officers are Jacqui Collins, Chair; Tony Dunning, Vice Chair of Operations; Eric Merriweather, Vice Chair of Administration; and Wendy Collins, Secretary(Resigned June 2013).

### Greetings to All USATF Georgia Members,

I come to you in my fourth year as your elected USATF Georgia Youth Chair. I once again extend my gratitude and thank all of you for this opportunity to “Drive success through our Youth” and for such a dedicated team of Coaches, Athletes, parents, officials and volunteers. You truly make the difference!!

**The USATF Georgia Membership has 3519 Youth Members, 1150 Adult Members (302 are Youth Coaches)**

**Special Thanks to Wendy Collins** who has been our secretary for the Youth Committee for 2012-2013. Wendy resigned in June 2013 and we extend our sincere gratitude to her for her insights, ideas and support. We will continue to hope that she will join the youth again soon and continue in her unwavering support of our programs. “Truth is at the door waiting with Wisdom”

Your Youth Committee has continued steadfast in growing opportunities to serve our youth in Georgia. We have grown our youth membership, continued transparency for our great youth coaching staff, introduced additional communication vehicles, changed the structure for running our youth programs. We eagerly reached out to many of you for guidance and assistance. Each time you have stepped to the plate. Your dedication, diligence, devotion to our Youth is what has made the difference in growing our membership and excelling our youth and revenues for the Association in 2013. We are on the true path to ‘success’ as long as we remain focused on our vision for our youth in Georgia. No time to give up or stop now, we are excelling into the record books for all areas of our youth programs.

To our athletes and parents, the USATF Georgia Association along with the Youth Division “congratulate” you for your fantastic 2013 outstanding performances and your patience as we journeyed into a new Region 4 for 2013. Our parents and loved ones continue to sacrifice their time, support, and finances to ensure each athlete has the opportunity to excel through the Georgia USATF Youth Division. You’ve shown the difference between being ‘a Member versus just a Spectator’!

**“CONTINUE...to Make it Right by Making it Happen”**

### Overall USATF Junior Olympics Championships and Qualifiers for 2013 by attendance:

Meet Name	Athletes Entered	Athletes NOT Scratched	Athletes Competed
USATF Nat'l JO's	8338(up by 700)	8303	5121
Youth Outdoor Championships	2187	2092	2087
<b>Region 4 T&amp;F Championships</b>	1821(834 GA athletes)	1791	<b>1738</b>
GA Association Championships	2177(Up 848 from 2012)	2075	1888
Area North Qualifier	703 (Up 211)	694	619
Area South Qualifier	944 (Up 453)	944	862
Area Westlake Qualifier	708	707	657
GA Association XC Championships 2012	642 (Up by 100)	599	594
Region 3 XC Championships	921(65 GA Clubs)	921	826
USATF National JO XC Championships (New Mexico)	2350(11 GA Clubs)	2349	1987
GA Assoc XC Dev Meets(5)	537 (Avg)	492	489(Avg)



## Committee Reports – Youth continued...

### Cross Country

Our 2012 Cross Country season carried the Georgia Association Youth Division financially. The Cross Country GA Youth clubs did a superb job with Youth Clubs and Athletes. The creative work of the Cross Country Committee with their 'eye' for detail made for very full and exciting events. **Special Thanks to Chad Lohman (Peachtree City Running Club, Matthew Chestnut (Alpha Crush), Tracey Stevenson and Sean Runyan of Etowah, Rudy Tanasijevich of Walton Youth Track, Jim Lambert of Lassiter Jr XC and all of the Youth Coaches who made it happen.** We began the season with a schedule of six(6) Cross Country Developmental meets hosted by the individual Youth clubs. This preparation allowed us to have record numbers at our Developmental XC Meets and our GA Association XC Junior Olympic Championships held in Peachtree City at a newly completed Cross Country venue. This venue was designed and completed by the church and the Peachtree City Youth Track Club. We had an average of 537 athletes registered for the Developmental Meets and fun for all. **Overall participation doubled in 2012 for Georgia Youth Cross Country.**

**The GA Association XC Junior Olympic Championship** had over 500 athletes compete. We had 23 clubs and 53 unattached athletes compete (Up from 17 teams in 2010). We awarded our athletes with medals and all first (1st.) place athletes and teams also received a bag. Our officials stepped up once again and we had a great meet and a fantastic audience of spectators and vendors. We thank the PTC Flash team and their parents for managing the setup and concessions for this event.

**The 2012 Region III XC Championship** was held in Peachtree City at Heritage Christian Church on November 17, 2012. There were 921 athletes of which 826 competed. Georgia had approx 23 Youth Clubs compete and 31-unattached athletes. Total Georgia athletes were 463. Georgia once again did a superb hosting for this event and received over 50 emails congratulating us on a job well done and a great course for the athletes.

**The National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship** was held December 10, 2012 in New Mexico Georgia had 157 athletes at the Nat'l XC JO Championships . We had two athletes who stood out... Lindy Long of PTC Flash who came in 7<sup>th</sup> in the 5K event with a time of 19:23 and Raymond (Ty) McCormick of Lanier Running Club for the 5K Young Men's event with a time of 15:28 (missed first by 6 seconds). Job well done! Our Georgia youth were well represented. Team Spirit for GA athletes could be felt throughout the venue.

**The Youth Committee met for the Annual Winter Meeting and Planning Session in February 21, 2013.** This meeting was small in attendance. Many topics were covered relating to changes in process and Association actions being discussed that would affect the Youth Division. A copy of the minutes will be given for approval at the Annual Meeting.

### Track and Field Season 2013 - No Protest filed/received at any of our Georgia Events!!!

**Area Preliminary Meets and Association Championships: In February at the Winter Youth Meeting we had two (2) bids for the Area Meets.** The North Area Meet was held at Carrollton HS, Carrollton, Ga., The South Area Meet was held at Strong Rock Christian, Locust Grove, GA, Due to the large numbers registered at the last minute we added an additional venue to allow better management of the Area Meets. The Westlake Area Meet was added within 72 hours of competition. This last minute change went very well, all clubs stepped up and assisted and this meet was the first one to complete competition No Protest were submitted. **Area Meets had a total of 2355 (athletes who registered). USATF GA Association had a total of 2177 who registered.**

### **The 'NEW' Region IV Championship** was held at Showalter Stadium in Orlando, Florida, July 4-7, 2013.

This event had approx 1821 athletes compete. Up over 250 from Region 3 in 2012. Georgia was well represented with 65 Clubs compete (52 in 2012) . Our new Region 4 had issues and concerns but in the end we had great competition and for the first time there were many new youth clubs and competitors thus viewing this event as a "Win" The Georgia Association in 2012 would like to thank Rik Moore and Josh Lovelady along with Mill Creek High School for their dedicated support. We also extend our sincere Thanks to the coaching staff s, administrators and team support at Mill Creek High School for ensuring success for the USATF GA Association JO Championship with dedication and fantastic support.

## Committee Reports – Youth continued...

The Georgia Association will be reimbursing for the entry fees for all Georgia Athletes who competed at the **National Track and Field Junior Olympic Championship at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC** Georgia Association had **477 athletes** compete. There were Five (5) National Records Broken and 2 Junior Olympic Records. Our Athletes showed outstanding performances. Congratulations to All Georgia Athletes!!!! A listing of the national finalist is on the website and will be submitted at the Annual Convention for your perusal.

\*\* Sincere apologies for anyone I may have missed while manually pulling this data to report. Just let me know

<b>Athlete Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Age Division</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Prior Record</b>
Carson Dingler	Unattached	13-14 Girls	Pole Vault	3.65m	Nat'1 3.50m
Sabrina Gaitan	Throw1Deep	15-16 Girls	Hammer Throw	47.57m	JO's 46.84m
Sydney Harris	JackRabbit TC	7-8 Girls	400M	1:09.11	Nat'1 1:10.69
Sydney Harris	JackRabbit TC	7-8 Girls	Long Jump	3.75m	Nat'1 3.73m
Tia Jones	Full Throttle Elite	13-14 Girls	100M Hurdles	13.53	Nat'1 13.85
Tia Jones	Full Throttle Elite	13-14 Girls	200M Hurdles	25.80	Nat'1 26.63
Isis Grant	Cougar TC	7-8 Girls	400M	1:11.12	JO's 1:11.55

### GEORGIA GIRLS ROCK!!!

**Congratulations to all** the World Youth Team, Youth Outdoor, Association, Region, and National Champions! Visit our website [www.usatfga.org](http://www.usatfga.org) or [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org) for official meet results.

<b>World Youth Athlete Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Age Division</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Trials</b>	<b>World Youth Games</b>
Nyla Woods	Throw1Deep	Women	Hammer Throw	Youth Trials	1st	60.74m	59.68
Kenneth Selmon	Gazelle TC	Men	400M Hurdles	Youth Trials	2nd	50.90	51.30 3rd
Ryan Clark	Star Track	Men	400M	Youth Trials	1st	46.89	46.46 2nd
Ryan Clark	Star Track	Men	200M	Youth Trials	2nd	21.56	21.56
Kelli Thomas	Throw1Deep	Women	Hammer Throw	Youth Trials	3rd	55.13	
Kenneth Brinson Jr	Throw1Deep	Men	Discus Throw	Youth Trials	3rd	57.67m	

We thank all clubs, coaches, parents, athletes and volunteers who for their service and dedication to the USATF Georgia Youth Program for 2011. We made some milestones, we had some pitfalls however we prevailed and have other youth Track Organizations around the country traveling home from each meet once again with "Georgia On their Minds" Applaud yourselves for a job well done.

### 2013-XC and 2014 USATF Youth Championships the Bid Awardees are:

USATF Region 4 Championships	Rock Hill, South Carolina	July 3-6, 2014 or July 10-13	Florida, Georgia, South Carolina Associations
USATF Youth Outdoor Championships	Des Moines, Iowa	June 24-29, 2014	
USATF National JO Championships	Houston, Texas	July 21-27, 2014	
USATF National XC JO Championships -2013	San Antonio, Texas	December 14, 2013	National Shooting Complex
New Balance Scholastic Championship	Greensboro, North Carolina	June 13-15, 2014	North Carolina A&T State University

## Committee Reports – Officials

*Murray Sanford, Officials Committee Chair*

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**Total Certifications and Recertifications** to date for **2013: 199.**

### **Association Meets: Number of officials present:**

- JO Association 2013-(66)-2012-(52), 2011-(52), 2010-(55), 2009-(34), 2008-(33)
- JO Area meets...2010...Area A-(14), Area B-(10), Area C-(19) = 43
- JO Area meets...2011...Area A-(17), Area B-(13), Area C-(11) = 41
- JO Area meets...2012...Area A-(14), Area B-(14), Area C-(16) = 44
- JO Area meets...2013...Area A-(9), Area B-(15), Area C-(8) = 32
- Open T&F 2010-(18) and Masters-(21)
- Open T&F/Masters/Youth 2011-(23)
- Open T&F/Masters-2012-(25) and (28)
- Open T&F/Masters-2013-(30)
- Race Walk-2012-(18)
- JO XC-(9)
- JO XC Region-(23)

**Upgrades-2013:** To National-Carol Pierce, Phil Pierce, Lynn Woodard, Patrick Woodard.

**Georgia Officials** selected to officiate USATF National Championships. (Senior Indoor) Randy Brown. (Senior Outdoor) Andy Carr, (Wr/Youth Outdoor), Leticia Beverly, Vernika Reeves, Patrick Stafford, (JO Outdoor) Cassandra Harris, Rodney Henderson, Darren Johnson, Carol Pierce, Phil Pierce, Patrick Stafford, Katharine Trapp, Patrick Woodard, Lynn Woodard. (Outdoor Masters) Cassandra Harris, Murray Sanford.

**Officials of the Year** for 2012...To be Selected.

**Rookie of the Year** for 2012...To be Selected.

**The Committee** put on (6) certification/recertification clinics (3) event clinics in 2013. Total of (30) new officials and (169) Recertifications.

**Officiating Opportunities** Fall of 2013: **September 15** (Carrollton Inv), **October 13** (Association Race Walk), 26<sup>th</sup> (Carrollton Last Chance), **November 09** (GA State HS Carrollton), 16<sup>th</sup> (JO Association), **December 14** (JO XC Nationals)

... Also check [GATFXC.COM](http://GATFXC.COM) and [usatfga.org](http://usatfga.org) for more meets and meet information.

**Remember** to send in your 2013 resume of meets officiated and clinics attended at the end of cross country season. Make your request for certification in new event skills at this time.

**All Official Committee documents are posted at [www.usatfga.org](http://www.usatfga.org) Officials page under Forms and Documents. Operating Procedures, Certification Guidelines, New Upgrade requirements all revised**

**The Officials Committee** would like to thank all area representatives for providing officials through out the season. Thanks to all of you that served as officials coordinators. Most of all thanks to all the officials that officiated the meets. Thanks also goes to the many volunteers that assisted...See you on the 10<sup>TH</sup> !!!

*Murray Sanford, Chairman  
Officials Committee*

## ***Committee Reports - Coaches Advisory***

***Ron Williams, Chair***

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The Coaches Advisory Committee was established in the fall of 2010 to serve as a source of reference, opinion, and advice to the President, Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors of USATF-GA with regard to current or contemplated policies of USATF-GA and in all matters relating to coaches and coaches' rights; and to encourage and foster the representation and active participation of coaches at USATF-GA annual meetings, Board of Directors meetings, Committee meetings, and all other levels of decision making within USATF-GA and in Athletics.

- Continuation of the Coaches Forum/teleconference dialog (coaches roundtable).
  - Coach Sue Humphrey (2004 Olympics Women's Head Coach)
  - Coach Vince Anderson (Texas A&M Sprint Coach)
  - Dr. Josh Glass (Owner of Georgia Sports Chiropractic)
  - Harris Patel PA-C ATC ( Sports Medicine South)
  - Terrence Trammell (Olympian)
  - Adam Ward (Augusta State Head Coach)
  - Agne' Eggerth (Kennesaw State Assistant Coach)
  - Mike Spino (Integral Athletic Training Center)
  - Dr. R. Amadeus Mason (Emory Sports Medicine Center)
  
- Level 1 & 2 Certification School Grant
- Representation on the Bylaw Committee
- Representation on the Website Committee
- Representation at US Track & Field Cross Country Coaches Association

Outlook for 2013 - 2014:

- Town Hall Meeting (Youth Club Coaches, High School Coaches, and Parents)
- Coaches Roundtable Continuation
- Level 1 & 2 Certification School Grant
- Medical Committee Blog

I would like to thank every member of this committee that help set the foundation to build what I hope will be a viable committee to support the coaches and USA Track & Field Georgia Association.

Submitted by:

Ron Williams, Coaches Advisory Chair

USA Track & Field Georgia Association

***Athletes Advisory Report***

*Kevin Young, Chair*

***No Report Filed.***

***Budget & Finance Committee***

*Jon Middlebrooks, Chair*

See Treasurer's Financial Reports (Pages 14 – 16)

## ***Bylaw Committee***

*Pamela Hudson, Chair*

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Dexter McCloud, Vice Chair

Ken Dennard; Tony Dunning, Ron Williams.

Secretary (Vacant)

### **Summary of Work:**

- Reviewed status of 2012 proposed amendments, to wit: During the 2012 Annual Meeting, a motion to adopt the packet of proposed amendments failed; a motion to individually consider each amendment also failed.
- Resolved to submit an abbreviated set of proposed amendments for adoption during the 2013 Annual Meeting; excluded amendments that (a) if adopted, resulted in no substantive changes, (b) were intended to conform to USATF regulations, and/or (c) were intended to align one bylaw with another.
- Prepared abbreviated set of amendments for submission, as follows:
  - Introduce “Operating Procedures” as a defined term with proviso that bylaws overrule committee Operating Procedures. Art 2
  - Revise “Written Notice” to include electronic communications. Art 2
  - Remove “immediate dismissal” as a mandatory penalty for failure to renew membership by 1/31 per Art 5E; revise to leave “dismissal” to discretion of decision makers. See Art 9D
  - Require nominees to submit biographical profiles in support of candidacy, including nominees from the floor; require circulation of a nomination report in advance of the Annual Meeting; remove restriction on twice-nominated candidates; introduce a “good standing” requirement as a condition of nomination; adjust voting membership deadline to “at least 30 days before date of election.” Art 7A
  - Add Coaches’ Advisory to list of Board voting members; require Board to issue and adhere to Operating Procedures; expressly limit each voting member to one vote (regardless of number of positions held); introduce reprimand and censure as alternative to removal from office. Art 10
  - Add Coaches’ Advisory to list of committees; adjust committee terms to begin same date as officer terms (i.e., 11/1); remove “Georgia” requirement for ACC Chair. Art 11
  - Revamp protocol for amendment submission to include vetting by the Bylaw Review Committee with recommendations to the Board; provisions for amending Operating Procedures by any Association member; and, building a database with amendment legislative history with a search engine. Art 20



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