



# USATF GEORGIA ASSOCIATION 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Piedmont Church  
570 Piedmont Road Marietta, Georgia 30066  
Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

## Registration

### Opening Session:

- Inez Finch, President welcome everyone to the meeting and introduce the Board and Committee members.
- Lunch
- In Memoriam – (moment of silence)

### Keynote Speaker – Steve Lewis – “Safety”

Mr. Lewis spoke on “soft targets” such as sports events, jogging, walking to your car etc. Suggestions for keeping yourself safe:

- Get out of a crowd, when panic happens.
  - Do not run with ear plugs in your ears, keep all form of awareness.
  - Always communicate unusual activities quickly.
  - Identify entrances and exits of any facility you enter, in case of an emergency.
- Lunch

### USATF Georgia Business Meeting:

- Approval of 2018 USATF-GA Minutes –Wendy Collins made a motion to approve 2018 minutes, Seconded, Tina Klein. The motion carries unanimously
- President’s Year in Review
  - Atlanta Track Club will donate \$25,000 to USATF Georgia for having and sanctioning their 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon.
- Treasurer’s Report La-Tarvia Hilbert-Shanks gave a summary of the balances in each account. Felicia Sotillo made a motion to accept the budget report. Seconded, Darren Johnson, The motion carries unanimously
- President Awards:
  - Gwen Loud-Johnson
  - Tina Klein
  - Walter Pinion
  - Stephon Rivas
  - Leshonda Jones
  - Bruce Eure
  - Pedro Vasquez

- La-Tarvia Hilbert-Shanks
- Eric Merriweather
- Vonda Stanton
- Derek Harper
- Andy Carr
- Emoni Coleman - Outstanding Female Athlete
- Timmy Cole - Outstanding Male Athlete

### **National Youth Chair Award**

- Larry Turner

### **USATF Georgia By-Law Revision/Voting**

- **Article 21 B.1.** – National Convention – (Delegates) Jeff Rigdon made a motion to accept the language change. Seconded, Lamar Grant  
Vote: 50- Yes, 2- Abstentions. Motion carries.
- **Article 20 B.1.** – Proposes by- laws amendment to even number of years at the Annual Meeting. Lamar Grant made to motion to accept. Seconded, Cindy Slayton. Vote: 75 – Yes. Motion carries.
- **Article 10** – Board of Directors- Term limits to 2 consecutive terms. John made a motion to table discussion. Seconded, Jacqui Collins. Vote: 48 Motion carries.
- **Article 2** – Definitions- Passes unanimously.
- **Article 7** – Counting of ballots. Lamar Grant made a motion to approve wording. Seconded, Gwen Loud-Johnson. Vote: 48 – Motion carries.
- **Article 10** – add missing word – Motion carries.
- **Regulation 1** – Filing a grievance. If it's against an officer, the officer cannot be part of the grievance process and to give a Time & Date notice has to be filed. Wendy Collins made a motion to accept changes. Seconded, Phil Özel. Vote: 48- Yes, Motion carries.
- **Article 15** – Sanctions – Darren Johnson made a motion to accept changes. Seconded, Terrell Webb. Vote: 56 – Yes, Motion carries
- **Article 16** – Legal Matters – Jeff Ridges made a motion to accept language change. Seconded, Gary Crawford. Motion carries unanimously

### **Board Election Results**

- **President** – Charles Muhammad
- **Executive Vice President** – Dexter McCloud
- **VP of Communications** – Matthew Chestnut
- **VP of Sponsorships** – Arlena Epps
- **Treasurer** – Susie Sleight
- **Secretary** – Eric Merriweather

### **Sports and Administrative Committee Election Results**

- Long Distance Running
  - Chair: Euleen Josiah Tanner
- Masters
  - Chair: Tina Klein
  - Vice Chair: Karnell Vickers
- Race Walking

- Chair: Kellie Crawford
  - Vice Chair: Peggy Curtis
- Track & Field
  - Chair: Gwen Loud-Johnson
  - Vice Chair: Devin Houston
- Youth Athletics
  - Chair: Lamar Grant
  - Vice Chair - Administration: Ken Jones
  - Vice Chair - Operations: Monica Ross
  - Secretary: Leshonda Jones
- Coaches Advisory
  - Chair: Ron Williams
  - Vice Chair: Ronda Broome
  - Secretary: Vernika Reeves
- Officials - Officers will be elected by members of the Officials Committee at the first meeting of the committee held after the Annual Meeting at which elections were held.
  - Peggy Curtis
  - La-Tarvia Hilbert-Shanks
  - Darren Johnson
  - Phil Ozell
  - Cindy Slayton

Kellie Crawford **Moved** to Adjourn the Meeting. Gary Crawford Seconded the **Motion**.  
unanimously accepted the **Motion**. The **Motion** passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
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