



2013 USATF Georgia Association Annual Meeting

Norcross Cultural Arts Center, Norcross, GA

August 10, 2013 – 9:30 a.m.

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- I. **Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.**
- II. **Opening Session:** President Dube introduced the USATF Board of Directors. He also welcomed member organizations, youth clubs, athletes, and guests that were present at the meeting.
- III. **Keynote Speaker – Adam Nelson, Olympic Gold Medalist (Shot):** 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. Nelson spoke at length of his early years and the many directions his life has taken – from a TV reporter to a football linebacker, to a brief time taking acting lessons, to an Olympic athlete. His presentation was very inspiring.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – Annual Meeting – August 25, 2012.** Motion was made by Jacqui Collins to accept the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Reuben Woods.
 - In favor – unanimous. Motion passes.
- V. **President's Awards:**

This is the fourth year for these awards. Award winners were selected across several categories: athletes, coaches, officials, administrators. President's Awards were presented to the following individuals:

 - Sam Crenshaw, Sportscaster
 - Smart Meet Management
 - Tia Jones, Athlete
 - Jon Ross, Photo Journalist
 - Kendell Williams, Athlete
 - Rik Moore, Mill Creek High School
 - Josh Lovelady, Mill Creek High School
 - Murray Sanford, Former USATF GA President, Officials Chair
 - Honorable Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
 - Roy Neill, External Affairs, Governor's Office
- VI. **Bylaw Revisions – Presented Bylaw Committee Chair Pamela Hudson**

Mathew Chestnut moved to vote on bylaw revisions by amendment. Jacquelyn Anthony seconded. Vote – unanimous. Motion carries.

Article 20 was completely revised. New Article 20 was reviewed.

Proposed Article 20, C.1 Amendments to Committee Operating Procedures – Changes:

1. Proposed amendments to any committee Operating Procedures may be submitted at any time by any Member including committee non-members, and shall be considered and voted, **AND APPROVED** upon by the committee's full membership before submission to the Board.

Mathew Chestnut **Moved** to vote on Article 20 as amended, seconded by Mavis Chubbs.
In favor – 94; Opposed – 8; Abstained – 0. **Motion Carries.**

Proposed Article 7, B – Nominating Process of the Officers Executive Committee – Changes:

7,B.1.d - Further nominations may be made and must be allowed from the floor at the Annual Meeting, provided the biographical sketch described above is included with the nomination. ~~No person may be nominated who has previously, in the same election, been nominated for the same office and has declined.~~ No nomination may be made for an absent person unless that person has notified the nominations committee in writing of his or her willingness to accept that specific nomination.

Murray Sanford **Moved** that the portion that references biographical sketch be tabled. Vince Dicecco seconded.

- In favor – 104; Opposed – 1; Abstained – 0. **Motion** carries.

John Bevilaqua **Moved** that article 7 be approved as amended, Reuben Woods seconded.

- In favor – 111; Opposed – 0; Abstained – 0. **Motion** passes.

Proposed Article 10 – Board of Directors

Revisions included adding Coaches Advisory Chair to the Board, removing the 10 year rule for athletes, addition of Board of Directors' Operating Procedures, no Proxy Voting (one person/one vote), and Expulsion – changes to verbiage. (See enclosed revised bylaws for detail).

After some discussion on these items, Corey Hammond **Moved** to table further discussion and move to the officer elections. Stephon Rivas seconded.

- In favor – 20; Opposed – 82; Abstained – 0. **Motion** does not carry.

Motion was made by John Bevilaqua, seconded by Mathew Chestnut to approve Article 10 as submitted.

In favor – 104; Against – 8; Abstained – 0. **Motion** carries.

Proposed Article 2 – Definitions

Proposed Revisions:

- Defining Operation Procedures
- Written Notice – further defines electronic form

Proposed Article 5 – Membership

Proposed Revisions:

- Changes to verbiage on Renewal of Membership

Motion was made by Wendy Collins to approve Article 2 and Article 5 as submitted, seconded by Mathew Chestnut.

In favor – 114; Against – 5; Abstained – 2. **Motion** carries

VII. **General Elections**

Ballot Tally Committee: Corey Hammond, Tony Dunning, Linda Bommicino, Wendy Collins

Changes: Mathew Chestnut removed his nomination for 2nd Vice chair against incumbent Mike Judge.

Ron Williams **Moved** to accept the Nominations Report by Sonja Robinson as submitted.

In favor – 92; Against – 0; Abstain – 0. **Motion** carries.

Nominations for Treasurer:

- Tricia Jenkins, incumbent.
- Nomination from the floor – None

Linda Bommicino **Moved** to approve Tricia Jenkins as Treasurer by acclamation, Belinda Turner seconded.

- Vote was unanimous. **Motion** carries.

Nominations for President:

- Ian Dube, incumbent.
- Inez Finch (on nominations report)
- Nominations from the floor – Jacqui Collins – nominated by Archie Smith, seconded by Neil Young

Motion was made by Reuben Woods, seconded by Phil Pierce, to close the nominations.

Voting was unanimous. Nominations closed.

Results - President:

Ian Dube - 59

Inez Finch – 57

Jacqui Collins – 32

Run Off Election Required. Votes were re-cast.

Run Off Election Results - President:

Ian Dube – 66

Inez Finch – 79 (winner)

Nominations for Executive Vice President:

- Mike Spino (nominations report)
- ~~Ron Williams (withdrew nomination)~~
- Nomination from the floor – Eric Merriweather, nominated by Casey Zeller, seconded by Chris Todd.
- Nomination from the floor – Ian Dube, nominated by Lydia Woods, seconded by Mavis Chubbs.

Belinda Turner moved to close the nominations, LaTarvia Shanks seconded. (No vote captured.)

Results – Executive Vice President:

Mike Spino - 45

Eric Merriweather - 25

Ian Dube – 69

Run Off Election Required. Votes were re-cast.

Run Off Election Results – Executive Vice President:

Mike Spino - 59

Ian Dube – 77 (winner)

Nominations for Vice President - Communications:

- Marlene Atwood (nominations report)
- Charles Muhammed – (nominations report)
- Nomination from the floor – Rhonda Broome, nominated by Tony Dunning, seconded by Cassandra Harris

David Petty moved to closed nominations, Shawanna White seconded. (No vote captured.)

Results - VP of Communications:

Marlene Atwood - 60

Charles Muhammed - 43

Rhonda Broome - 30

Run Off Election Required. Votes were re-cast.

Run Off Election Results – VP of Communication:

Marlene Atwood – 69 (winner)

Charles Muhammed - 55

Nominations for Vice President of Marketing/Sponsorship:

- Mike Judge – incumbent
- Nomination from the floor – Charles Muhammed nominated by Mavis Chubbs, seconded by Lynn Hampton.

Motion to close nomination – none requested.

Results – VP of Marketing/Sponsorship:

Mike Judge – 73 (winner)

Charles Muhammed – 54

Nominations for Secretary:

- Kristi Gee (nominations report)
- Nomination from the floor – Jean Williams, nominated by Jacqui Collins, seconded by Crystal Smith
- Nomination from the floor – Jacquelyn Anthony, nominated by Murray Sanford, seconded by Phil Pierce.

Ron Williams Moved to close nominations, Shawanna White seconded. (No vote captured)

General Elections continued...

Results - Secretary:

Kristi Gee - 21

Jean Williams – 59 (winner)

Jacquelyn Anthony - 37

- End of Officer Elections -

VII. Closing Session/Committee Election Results:

*****Committee Elections*****

LDR Committee:

Mike Spino, Chair

Shawanna White, Vice Chair

Sonja Robinson, Secretary

Masters Committee

Jim Bitsko, Chair

Tina Klein, Vice Chair

Cassandra Harris, Secretary

Race Walk Committee:

Jim Norvill, Chair

Celso Fernandez, Vice Chair

Jean Williams, Secretary

Track & Field Committee:

Gwen Loud-Johnson, Interim Chair – No elections held.

(Committee to be selected at a later date)

Youth Committee:

Jacqui Collins, Chair

Monica Ross, Vice Chair, Operations

Lamar Grant, Vice Chair, Admin

Arlena Epps, Secretary

Officials Committee:

Bob Brier

Darren Johnson

Phil Ozell

Tom Shinnick

Cindy Slayton

(Committee elects its own chair at future meeting)

Coaches Advisory:

Tony Dunning, Chair

Neil Young, Vice Chair

Cassandra Harris, Secretary

VIII. **Meeting Adjournment:** Meeting informally adjourned – 6:45 p.m.

Submitted By,

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PROPOSED BYLAW REVISIONS LINK:

http://www.usatfga.org/Portals/0/Documents/GA_Bylaws%20Amended%2007_13.pdf