

## AEC Conference Call September 30, 2012

### Attendees:

Karen Krsak	Jackie Callender	Ron Mascarenas	Alan Roth
Marlene Atwood	Tom Confer	Jim McKee	Steve Vaitones
Willie Banks	Pam Fales	Patty Petesch	Sherry Quack
Linda Bommicino	Val Foss	Pat Pretty	Gary Morgan
Katharine Branch	Mike Hinz	Bill Roe	Dave Schroch -Guest

Conference call began at 8:06 pm ET.

**Associations Grant Program** – Willie would like to promote the grants and increase the number of applicants. Over the years, we have given many grants to Associations, but we are not getting enough applicants to give away all the money we have. We need to discuss a Grant Workshop or be more proactive in how we encourage the Associations to apply. There's \$15k available, and Associations can apply for \$2k. We don't want to have this amount cut, so we need to ensure it is used. Alan suggested a questionnaire on the subject at the Annual Meeting. Sherry commented that most Associations said there weren't enough hours in the day to complete the task. Karen asked Dave Schroch if he would be willing to give a presentation on grants at the Annual Meeting since he has written grants in the past. Dave will work with Karen to put this presentation together.

**Board of Directors** – High Performance meeting on 10/2 regarding the High Performance Plan for 2013-2016. There is an upcoming meeting and four individuals will be named to the Board as it is a change year.

**AAU** - Almost every club in New England got a notice from the district AAU program that discussed how to revitalize Track and field. It appears they just pulled the club list from the USATF NE website. Steve will attend their meeting to find out what their goal is. Others reported increased AAU activity as well.

**Colorado** – Held elections and most officers are newly elected. They will be revamping their by-laws and trying to start from scratch.

**Associations Manual** – Andy is still pursuing finishing the manual with Rene. October 15<sup>th</sup> is the next date in the process with Nov 1<sup>st</sup> as the final. Goal is to have it up and running by the Annual Meeting. The volunteers who are working on chapters will, hopefully, continue to monitor it over the years so we don't get into this situation again where we are without the Manual.

**Accreditation Task Force** – Bill Roe reported that Jim McKee was a guest to talk about communications, as well as Len Krsak for Officials. They are shooting for 10 to 12 standards total, doing away with two groups of standards and combining all standards into one group. The first hour of our Associations meeting at the Annual Meeting will be a report from the Accreditation Task Force. There will also be a Communications workshop session for the reps handling Delivera, as well as a dispute resolution session.

**Region Reps** - Tom Confer – Southern California will go with the National web design.

Marlene Atwood – Weak points are newsletters, website and Association Championships. Talking about setting up grand Prix's. They are meeting to plan so they can get together at the Annual Meeting.

Jackie Callendar – West Texas is coming along nicely and both Jackie and Sherry are very pleased with their progress.

Steve suggested parliamentary procedure would be a good topic for the Workshop. Karen suggested recruiting someone from Indy for next year. Marlene suggested topics relating to Board Governance. For example, how to deal with the different personalities on the Board, etc. Karen commented that we have had sessions for them in the past, but they often do not think it is relevant to them.

**On-line Sanctions** – we are moving forward with it, bypassing the piece relating to pricing. We will go with what is in place now for each Association; however it will be done on-line.

If anyone has any agenda items for the Annual Meeting, please send to Karen.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm. The next meeting is Sunday, October 28, 2012.

Submitted by

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