

**AEC Conference Call  
February 19, 2012**

**Attendees:**

Karen Krsak	Pam Fales	Andy Martin	Steve Viatones
Linda Bommicino	Val Foss	Patty Petsch	
Jackie Callender	Mike Hinz	Pat Pretty	
Tom Confer	Ed Koch	Alan Roth	

Conference call began at 8:10 pm ET.

**Region Reps survey** – only received 11 responses to the survey.

**Sanctions** – Task force met to discuss the late fee policy and what the process should be for Associations to approve or deny a sanction. There will probably be a tiered set of dates out from the event with graduated increases in late fees. There will be a set of on-line questions designed to help determine if the event should be sanctioned. As soon as the sanction is submitted, the Sanction Coordinator in the Association will get an email so they can review it. The sanction will not automatically be approved; there will be language as to when the approval or rejection will be sent. If they check off that they are a member, they will be taken to the club database so they can select their club/organization. The club/org data will then be populated automatically on the application. Andy is also discussing safety requirements with Essix and is also reviewing the addendum forms that the Associations may be using.

**Association Manual** - Andy would like to have a small group review the Manual. He has received many requests that he is trying to include. Three people are needed. Karen asked if there was a club manual, but there is not. Bill and Ashley were working on it years ago, but we don't know the current status.

**Accreditation Review** – Linda and Pam will serve on the task force, along with Herb and Ed from Organizational Services. Ed will need to find the original report as a starting point, so we can understand why the numbers we are using got selected. We will also add Herb Nichols to our AEC calls.

**On-line Directory** – Karen mentioned that the on-line directory was out of date. One reason could be that people must have a current year membership to appear in the directory. However, Steve pointed out that all the different levels do not link to the same place. You need to be able to get to every page in the links. Committee by-laws are also outdated in some cases. Andy will ask Sherry to compile a list of Associations who have not turned in their committee membership form.

**Fine Design** – There were two trademark infractions where they were using the USATF logo without our permission. We told them they are not allowed to engage in business where our logo is being used. This goes down to all levels of USATF. This was a very serious offense. Associations will need to get approval if they want to use Fine Designs for anything. They are very aggressive in the marketing to Associations.

**Region Bid Applications** – Karen has seen some applications go out. West, East and Northwest are awarded already. Marlene sent in a report since she could not be on the call. She has distributed the Open T&F championship bid application. One association that was interested has declined, but she has two others bidding (GA/FLA).

**Membership Database access** – Over the last year or two, Andy has received several requests to add additional people to the access list for individual Associations. We have always relied on the best discretion of the Membership Chair to make the decision. However, Andy reports that people are requesting a more defined policy. At the 2006 Workshop we had a session on the membership system and guidelines were given out at that time. Andy is working on updating that document to turn it into a policy vs. guidelines. It is almost ready to go to the Legal Dept. The Event Directors database is available to people who do not need access to the full membership database.

**Association Workshop** – there is a first choice city who Andy is working with to secure a hotel. Location is east of the Mississippi.

**Lawsuit** – has been filed against National and the Indiana Association. They are not happy with the financial information that has been provided to the membership. There is an injunction against the Masters Meet, because Indiana is the host of it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. Our next call will be March 25, 2012.

Submitted by  
Linda Bommicino, Secretary