

USATF 30 th Annual meeting report by Rod Larsen

### ***Waves of Change - Mountains of Opportunity***

All 3 voting members from The Florida Association attended both National Officials Committee meetings: Pam Betz, Eric Smith and Rod Larsen. Other Florida officials that attended the meetings were Sandy DeNoon, Ron McRea and James Williams.

A new recertification policy was announced. To recertify you only need to take the highest level rules review for each discipline (Track, Field, LDR, Race walk and Combined events): Association, National, Masters or Referee. Note, some people will have to take both the Track and the Field Referee reviews.

It is important that people keep their addresses current.

All officials should sign up for the National Officials emailed newsletter. ***Listserv of the USATF National Officials Committee (NOC). It is for information purposes only and open to any USATF Certified Official. The subscription is free. Please remind your fellow officials to subscribe now at: [www.usatfofficials.com](http://www.usatfofficials.com) click on Listserv.***

Starting January 1<sup>st</sup> currently certified officials will be covered with liability insurance. Remember USATF membership is required to be certified.

Master level officials should be able to lead a crew at a National championship. In order to do this they need to have traveled and worked at National level meets before become a Master level official.

The newly elected National Officials Committee Officers are:

Len Krsak – Chair  
George Kleenman – Vice Chair Rules  
Rex Harvey – Vice Chair for Training  
Tom Hott – Secretary

The three nominees to the USATF Board to represent the Officials Committee:

1. Dee Jensen
2. Sue Polansky
3. Linda Melzer

The Pan American Cup has had a name change to America's Cup.

NACAC under 30 Race Walk is now every other year.

The Technical Officials committee passed a resolution that just because someone is a NTO, ATO or ITO they should not automatically be disqualified from being an official at one of our National Championships.

The Officials Race Walk committee is looking at re-writing the Rules of Race Walking.

Other Committee meeting that I am a voting member of whose meetings I attended:

1. Officials Law & Leg.
2. Technical Official Committee
3. Masters Track & Field Race Walk Committee
4. Officials Race Walk Committee
5. IAAF Race Walk Judges

Committee Meeting I attended that I am not a voting member of but have interest in:

1. Race Walking
2. Masters Track and Field
3. Master Track and Field Southeastern Region