



**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION  
2018 ANNUAL MEETING  
ICAHN STADIUM  
October 21, 2018**

**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Executive Board  
In attendance:

Lauren Primerano  
John Padula  
Tom McTaggart  
Phil Greenwald  
Ken Kraft  
Adrian Crichlow

Jordan Temkin  
Bill Vayo

The 2017 New York Association Annual Meeting was called to order by President Lauren Primerano at 3:16 PM.

Lloyd Cornelius made a motion to waive the roll call, it was seconded by Sidney Milden. Motion was approved by all. There were 52 New York Association members in attendance.

A motion to approve the minutes for the 2017 Annual Meeting was made by Bernie Donegan, seconded by Lloyd Cornelius. Motion was approved unanimously.

President Lauren Primerano introduced the members of the Executive Board in attendance.

President Lauren Primerano presented to the membership the Annual Report. The number of USATF-NY members currently in 2018 is approximately 4600, which is up slightly from 2017. Our Youth membership is up, our Open & Masters membership is down slightly. There has been an increase in the number of membership organizations, from 116 in 2017 to 120 as of October 18, 2018.

Phil Greenwald gave the financial report. The NY Association began the year with a balance of \$334,000. Currently we have approximately \$424,000 in the bank. Financially the Association is building. Hopefully we can grow our Association to be similar to other large USATF Associations. The plan for the future is to continue to grow.

A question was asked from the floor – Does the NY Association lose money when involved in National Meets? Phil answered – No. For the 2019 Indoor USATF National Championships the New York Association of USATF is not the local organizing committee.

John Padula gave the Youth report. This has been a great year for the Youth in the NY Association. Indoors our Youth Athletes broke 29 NY Association records. NY had 31 National Youth Indoor National Champions & 217 medalists. NY also had 2 High School Indoor National Champions and 17 All-Americans. They also set 3 national records.

Outdoors NY had 31 Association records set. We had 22 National Youth Outdoor Champions and 150 youth medalists. At the Outdoor Junior Olympics, we had 2 National Champions & 20 medalists. At the High School National Championships NY athletes won 2 National Championships, had 10 athletes achieve All-American status and had 2 national records set.

There was tremendous involvement in the Youth Cross Country program. 2460 youth athletes competed in the Cross Country Series.

Lastly John mentioned that the NY Association is looking for a long term youth athlete program. We hope to get the young boys & girls to stay in the sport.

Adrian Crichlow gave the Open & Masters report. The Open & Masters athletes had a good year. Indoors, 28 NY athletes competed in the Open Championship & 25 in the USATF Masters Championships. Outdoors, 5 NY athletes won their events at the USATF Masters Championships and 33 NY athletes competed in the USATF National Championship Meet with Deanna Price winning the hammer throw setting a new American record. In Cross Country, the Central Park Track Club won the National Cross Country Team Title. In LDR, Fiona Bayly won the 5K Masters Championships. Lastly, Michelle Carter from the NYAC won the Jackie Joyner-Kersey award as the outstanding female athlete of 2016.

Adrian thanked all who participated in the Adam Sanford Invitational Track meet this summer. He also reminded all that there is a need for more Open & Masters clubs.

Bill Vayo gave a report on the Racewalk. Seven years ago, Debbie & Shawn Frederick started the Nyack Race Walk. This year that racewalk was moved to DeWitt Clinton HS in the Bronx. There were 77 racewalkers, the largest field in the last 25 years. This included 41 High School girls. They all competed in a 5000 meter racewalk. Bill encouraged any coaches in the room to encourage their girls to learn the racewalk. If they would like some help, speak to Bill Vayo.

The Coaches clinic that was held on August 8, 2018 went well. 60 Coaches attended the clinic which focused on the throws. It was run by Angelo Posillico a coach at West Point. Jordan would like the NY Association to host a Level 2 Coaching Certification program.

Phil Greenwald mentioned that the New York Association is looking to credential the coaches who have teams at any NY Association meets. The primary purpose is to protect the sport of track & field, as per the guideline established by Safe Sport. We'd like to keep the non-coaches in the stands and not have just anyone walking around on the field or by the track..

Lloyd Cornelius, the new chairman of the Officials Committee, told the Association that there are currently 108 certified officials in the NY Association. We are in compliance with the USATF Guidelines.

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The USATF New York Officials Hall of Fame was established to honor officials from the past and present. 2018 Inductees included: Frank Bailey, Willie Black Jr., Marvin Johnson, Jacob Korn, Sue Polansky, Warren Ring, Helio Rico, Pat Rico, Adam Sanford and Louis Vazquez Jr. David Katz was inducted into the National Officials Hal of Fame.

Phil Greenwald reminded all that in order to get paid for working at a meet you must sign in. If you are the Chief of an event you should note that on the sign in sheet.

Lauren mentioned several of the upcoming meets. The Milrose Games will be on February 9, 2019 at the Armory. Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on Staten Island and Park Slope Armory in Brooklyn will be holding several Youth Track Series meets this indoor season. There will be several Indoor Championship Meets held in New York this coming indoor season:

February 10	USATF New York/New Jersey Open and Masters, Ocean Breeze
February 22-24	USATF Indoor National Championships, Ocean Breeze
March 3	USATF New York Youth Championships, Ocean Breeze
March 8-10	National High School Championships, Armory
March 15-17	Hershey Youth Indoor National Championships, Ocean Breeze

Outdoor Meet dates have not been finalized at this time. But it plans to be a busy Outdoor Track & Field season in New York. Specifically mentioned was the USATF Club Nationals which have been held at Icahn Stadium in the past. USATF decided to hold the Club Championship meet every other year instead of every year.

Lauren spoke about the NY Association website. The New York Association website can be used for member management, USATF store, sanctioning information, financial information, contact and event information. It is intended to be the means of communicating with the coaches, athletes & their parents. We firmly believe in celebrating our athletes and their accomplishments. Lauren then mentioned social media. The New York Association currently has: 1,572 Facebook followers, 2,179 Twitter followers & 3,624 Instagram followers.

There have been some problems with the USATF National website recently. USATF plans to revamp their website soon

USATF New York held its third annual Awards Banquet to honor the outstanding performances of the athletes in 2017 and the significant contributions made by its officials, administrators and media partners.

Forty Four (45) Athlete of the Year awards were presented to athletes in Race Walk, Long Distance Running, Track & Field, and Youth Athletics

President Award winners included: Dorothy Clinton, Bassett Thompson and Adena Long  
Officials receiving Annual Awards included” Jannie Rosado (Jake Korn Officials Service Award), Sandra Edwards (Warren Ring Lifetime Achievement Award) and Seth Okrend (Louis Vazquez Jr. Humanitarian Award).

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At the 2017 USATF Annual Meeting the New York Association received several honors. Lauren Primerano received the USATF Presidents Award. The New York Association received the Bill Hargrove Award which is presented annually to the association that best promoted youth athletics in the United States. The New York Association also received the “Best Association in the Country Award.”

John Padula told the group that background checks are good for two years. USATF will typically notify a member 30 days prior to their background check expiration date.

Elections were held for the following positions on the New York Association Executive Board:  
President, Vice President – Finance and Secretary.

For President: Tom McTaggart was nominated by Sandra Edwards. Motions closed.

Tom McTaggart was approved by acclimation

For Vice President – Finance: Phil Greenwald was nominated. Motions closed.

Phil Greenwald was approved by acclimation.

For Secretary: Ken Kraft was nominated. Motions closed.

Ken Kraft was approved by acclimation.

Since Tom McTaggart is now the President of the New York Association there was a special election to fill his position as Vice President – North County.

Jim Fillis was nominated. Jim Fillis was approved by acclimation.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Sidney Milden, seconded by Sandra Edwards and approved by all. Meeting ended at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted 11-6-18

Ken Kraft – Secretary New York Association of USA Track & Field