



**2024 ANNUAL MEETING
ZOOM- Virtual (Online)
October 27, 2024**

13th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Executive Board
In attendance:

Lauren Primerano
John Padula
Stephani Irvin
Phil Greenwald
Ken Kraft
Gus Young
Qaasim Wajid
Lisa Edwards
Casey Yamazaki
Laniqua Dinkins - Executive Manager

The 2024 New York Association Annual Meeting was called to order by President Lauren Primerano at 7:05 pm.

Lauren went over the meeting guidelines. She asked everyone to keep their computers muted and to raise their hand when they have something to say. She also added that the chat can be used to ask questions.

Motions can only be made by members of the Executive Board.

Lauren then introduced the members of the Executive Board.

Next, she went over the NY Association membership numbers. While our overall membership dropped during the COVID years, when in 2020 there were 3094 members it has rebounded to 3699 members in 2024.

The member organizations have also increased since the COVID years. In 2024 there were 119 Membership Organizations (Clubs & Race Directors).

Our event sanctions went up for 2024. We sanctioned 337 events in the NY Association area this year.

Our Vice President of Finance, Phil Greenwald gave the Financial Report for 2023. Our Total Expenses exceeded our Total Revenue in 2023 but we still closed out the year with a bank balance of \$329,078.87

1st Vice President John Padula gave the Youth report. Overall, John said we are doing very well. In the 2023 Cross Country season the NY Association Youth won many National & Regional awards. During the Track & Field seasons, several NY association records were broken. NY Association Youth athletes won 224 medals at the Youth Outdoor Nationals that were held at Icahn Stadium. And our youth athletes did extremely well at the Spring Track Junior Olympics both at the Regional meet & the National meet.

The 2024 Cross Country season is still underway but John reported there have been between 350 & 400 athletes competing in the USATF cross country races this year.

John Padula also presented the report on Grant Funding. The NY Association has awarded to Youth Clubs \$10,000 for the Track & Field season & \$7,500 for the Cross-Country season.

Lauren presented the report on Open & Masters Track & Field. The NY Association was well represented at the 2024 Olympics in Paris. NY athletes won 12 medals at the 2024 World Masters Championship. NY Masters athletes won 36 medals at the USATF National Masters Indoor Championship Meet and 30 medals at the USATF Outdoor National Championship Meet. Lauren added that the NY Association Open & Masters athletes did well in cross country & LDR events this year.

Qaasim Wajid gave the Coaches Report. There are several USATF coaching courses that are being offered.

Laniqua Dinkins gave the report on Racewalking. Two NY Masters athletes won their races at the USATF Outdoor Championship meet. 5 NY Masters athletes competed in the 20k Race Walk at the 2024 Olympic Trials. Nick Christie won Gold & Miranda Melville won Silver medals.

Lloyd Cornelius gave the report on the NY Association officials. The Officials Committee held their annual elections at a meeting prior to the General Membership Annual Meeting. Lloyd announced the winners of the elections to the Officials Executive Board. Chris Forti will be the new Chairperson replacing Lloyd who is term limited.

Lloyd said 9 NY Association Officials worked at the 2024 Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon. 5 NY Officials have been selected for the USATF Indoor National Championship Meet. 5 NY Association Officials have been selected for the USATF Outdoor U20 National Championship Meet.

Lloyd next turned to recruitment of new officials. The NY Association has many new Apprentice Officials who have joined in the last 2 years. The total number of Certified Officials in NY has increased. Lloyd said there is still a desire to bring in more new, young officials. Hopefully we can recruit some of the college & high school athletes who are no longer competing.

Shawn Frederick told us about a training event that was held for new officials.

Lauren talked about the upcoming events, Cross Country & LDR; the Indoor Meet schedule and the proposed 2025 Spring schedule. The NY Association will be putting in bids to host the 2025/26 Indoor Youth National Championship meet & the 2025 Outdoor Youth National Championship meet.

Lauren discussed the NY Association website & social media presence. NewYork.USATF.org is our webpage. It can be used for membership, events, meet information and news & information about the New York Association. We are also on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

Lauren talked about the NY Association goals for 2025. We'd like to increase our membership to over 5,000. We want to increase our grant funding to masters, youth & officials' education. We would like to increase the coaches' education opportunities and increase training for our officials. We also should assist clubs with athlete recruitment.

Lloyd Cornelius made a motion to accept & approve the minutes of the 2023 NY-USATF Annual Meeting, it was seconded by Dwayne Evans and approved by all.

The last item on the agenda was Elections. The positions that are open for election are President, VP for Finance & Secretary. They are each for 3-year terms. Lauren went over the rules to be eligible to run for office and the eligibility to vote.

Lauren Primerano was nominated for President. There was no other candidate for President so Lauren Primerano is elected to be President of the NY Association.

Phil Greenwald ran uncontested for the position of VP for Finance; therefore, Phil will be the VP for Finance for the next 3 years.

For Secretary, Sydney Milden won the election. He'll be the NY Association secretary for the next 3 years.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Ken Kraft, seconded by Dwayne Evans & approved by all.

Meeting ended at 8:02 pm