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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR MID-ATLANTIC ANNUAL MEETING

This past year has been challenging for the Association where the elected President resigned for personal reasons in mid-July, and the mantle of leadership fell onto my shoulders per the By-laws as the elected Vice President. We saw various retirements in leadership from the Youth Committee, the Treasurer, and the Law and Legislation Chair during the pandemic. I leaned heavily on the Association's Board of Directors, previous leadership, and the National level leadership to manage us through an interim election and various appointments to partially rebuild the Youth Committee and install a new Treasurer while we work toward a Regional Youth Cross-Country meet on October 30. I appreciate everyone's patience and support.

One of the former President's accomplishments was securing the \$5,000 Grow to Impact Grant that USATF offered to its member associations with the primary goal of growth in its associations' membership to pre-pandemic levels and beyond. We have wisely directed funds toward branding, media, advertising and growth in the following ways:

- High Performance Committee - Glove handouts at the Tatnall Mile evening race on April 9. \$532

- Tee shirts handed out to all participants of the Philadelphia Level 1 Coaching Education course on September 30 - \$499

- To encourage participation, we ordered pompom beanies for all Youth participants at our October 30 Youth XC Championships - \$599

-In an effort to secure high resolution, high quality photos for the Association image bank (web and social), we secured a professional photographer to shoot the Mid-Atlantic Association Open/Masters Track and Field meet on June 6 and our Youth XC meet on October 30. - \$1,175

- Acquisition of short hurdles for Youth meets or other needs this summer. - \$818

I have attended the monthly National USATF Grow to Impact Grant progress meetings via Zoom to keep our Association in the loop on our deadlines and perhaps pick up some tips, and it seemed we were on track for meeting National's requirements to apply for another Grant in 2023.

I also have examined the By-laws and felt it was time to look toward the next iteration, and recruited the former chair of the **Law and Legislation Committee** to informally review and collaborate on where we can make positive changes that would improve the Association's governance, with the hopeful approval of the Board. We will collaborate after the Annual Meeting, given time constraints.

Prior to my change in title and duties, I was appointed to chair the **Budget and Finance Committee** to prepare our budget for 2022 and begin development of meeting quarterly reporting requirements. The members of the Committee worked well as a team in securing a budget for our 2022 fiscal year, and we intend to have the budget in place in a timely manner for 2023. With my added duties as President, and without a Treasurer until recently, this Committee I am chairing has not fulfilled the quarterly reporting requirements to the Financial Secretary. I intend to call a meeting in the next 30 days but with the addition of our highly qualified Treasurer (Dave Gingras) as a new part of our team. We are in need of additional members to volunteer to help out!

I am happy to report that this Association is financially sound, as you will hear from our Financial Secretary (Tom Jennings). The Board of Directors functions at a high level

with talent and hard work, and what I call a high degree of institutional knowledge. Because of the good people in place, I believe our ship is headed in the right direction and on course as we prepare our slate of delegates to represent the Association in the Annual USATF Meeting in Orlando in December. We will send 14 live Delegates, and I intend that this time spent by our Delegates will be productive and educational and make our Association stronger.

Despite the pandemic and our internal challenges, I am proud of what our Association members have accomplished, such as:

- Hosting an Olympic Development Race-Walking event that the **High Performance Committee** put together on short notice during the Pandemic in the Spring of 2021, resulting in three athletes qualifying for the Olympic Trials.
- Several **Officials Committee** members invited and serving as Track and Field Officials at the prestigious World Championships held in Eugene, Oregon this past July, which our Association was so very well represented.
- Hosting an in-person 3-day Level 1 Coaching School just two weekends ago coordinated by our **Education Chair**, Rogers Glispy, where 35 USATF members registered.

These accomplishments, along with others I am sure I have missed, were due to the vision of many experienced members in leadership and the international level qualifications required to officiate at Worlds.

I am particularly grateful for the many hours and hard work of our Membership Chair, Robin Jefferis, who graciously agreed to accept a temporary appointment as our Vice President for the remainder of my original term, and the mentoring from our Officials

Chair, Earl Edwards, who has helped me to adapt to my role as this Association's President.

I look forward to the last quarter of 2022 and 2023 and beyond, with hope for our future.

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