USATF Mid-Atlantic Association Annual Meeting Notes (approved 10.28.26)
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026
Meeting Start: 8:05 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Robin Jefferis, Tom Jennings, Alison Schwalm, Rogers Glispy, Ken Kapner, Andy Martin, Earl Edwards
USATF Mid-Atlantic Election Facilitator: Andy Martin
Absent: Nelson Berrios, Sal Scarafone, Tom Steenkamer

Meeting Recap:

The USATF Mid-Atlantic Annual meeting focused on the annual business of the USATF Mid-Atlantic association, including a review of the past year's activities and financial standing. USATF opened with a summary of the association's growth, noting 3,800 athletes, 87 clubs, and 150–200 sanctioned events, while highlighting successful youth and high-performance meets. The board approved a bylaw change to consolidate the treasurer and financial secretary roles into a single treasurer position to improve efficiency and accountability. No nominations were accepted from the floor for president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer, leaving those officer positions unfilled. Financial Secretary/Treasurer Tom Jennings reported a strong financial position with total assets of approximately $180,000 and a current year-to-date surplus of $20,000, though a year-end deficit was expected due to upcoming Q4 expenses.

Committee reports covered the LDR Road and Off-road series, Open and Masters High-performance events, and Youth committees youth participation challenges. Earl provided an update on officials, noting approximately 89 certified officials and the importance of verifying credentials.

Robin also shared information about the upcoming annual meeting delegates and a USATF (USA Track & Field) logo refresh.

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1. Opening remarks (President)

- **Association Growth:** The meeting opened with a summary of the association's growth, noting 3,800 athletes, 87 clubs, and 150–200 sanctioned events.
- **Technical Reminders:** Technical difficulties with Zoom links were noted, along with a reminder regarding the importance of members signing in to secure voting privileges.

2. Bylaws vote: Treasurer / Financial Secretary

- **Bylaw Amendment Passed:** Attendees voted on a bylaw amendment to consolidate the treasurer and financial secretary roles into a single Treasurer position to improve efficiency and accountability. The amendment passed unanimously.
- **Role Challenges:** Robin Jefferis and Earl Edwards discussed concerns about the combined role, highlighting the ongoing challenge of finding candidates for these positions.

3. Officer nominations from the floor

- **No Floor Nominations:** No nominations were accepted or received from the floor for President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, leaving those officer positions unfilled.

4. Committee reports

- **Treasurer / Financial Secretary:** Tom Jennings reported a strong financial position with total assets of approximately $180,000 and a current year-to-date surplus of $20,000. A year-end deficit is expected due to upcoming Q4 expenses.
- **Membership & Sanctions / Clubs:** Growth metrics confirmed the association now supports 3,800 athletes and 87 clubs.
- **Long Distance Running:** Covered updates on the LDR Road and Off-road series.
- **High Performance (Open & Masters T&F):** Highlighted successful high-performance events, including the HP Open and Masters meet.
- **Youth:** Discussed youth participation challenges and successful events like the Association Youth JO and Region 2 JO championships. Earl Edwards explained the rolling start procedure used for youth races, starting with the under-8 age group and moving forward based on participant numbers.
- **Noted:** Youth Chair Nelson Berrios submitted is resignation. He will continue until the Youth JO Cross-Country meet. We are waiting for the Youth Committee to share Nelson's replacement.
- **Officials:** Earl Edwards provided an update noting approximately 89 certified officials, though USATF previously reported 129. Because the number is currently under 100, the association only qualifies for one official delegate. Earl shared a resource for verifying official certifications through USATF's official registry to protect youth athletes and ensure safety compliance.

5. Officer elections

- **Unfilled Positions:** The region's officer elections resulted in zero nominations for any of the four positions: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.
- **Candidate Declinations:** Robin Jefferis declined the nomination for president due to workload concerns, and other proposed candidates either declined or were unable to serve due to outside commitments.
- **Next Steps:** Due to the risk of potential dissolution or restructuring, current leadership encouraged all participants to help recruit and appoint candidates.

6. 2026 USATF Annual Meeting delegates

- **Composition & Travel Restrictions:** Robin Jefferis and the board explained new restrictions on delegate composition, resulting in a decision to limit travel to 9 people for the upcoming meeting in Portland. This spots have been filled.

7. New business

- **USATF Logo Refresh:** USATF announced a logo refresh returning to "USA Track and Field" branding. This requires updates to all materials by January 2028. Approximately $15,000 has already been invested in current signage that will require replacement.
- **Insurance Deadline Concerns:** The group addressed the need to submit a Certificate of Insurance (COI) to Widener University to reserve the venue for the June 4-6, 2027 for the Youth JO meet.

8. Adjournment

- **Meeting Concluded:** 9:18 PM
- **Note:** The corresponding meeting presentation will be attached to the Meeting minutes section of the website.

Full Attendee List: Robin Jefferis (Organizer), David Love (External), Michelle Getchell (External), Edwin Richardson (External), Earl Edwards, Jim Falatek (External), Rogers Glispy (External), Monique White (External), Mike Leonard (External), Tom Jennings (External), Paul Poiesz (External), Mike Flanagan (External), Annette White (External), Alison Schwalm (External), Andy Martin (External), Angela Gordon (External), Chris Kline (External), Kenneth Kapner (External), Cheryl Bellare (External), Lauren Siegal, Fernando, Lauren Ganzer, and 9 others.

SNEAK PEEK: 2027 New USATF Mid-Atlantic logo

