

Emergency Proposal Submitted by: David Greifinger, Member of the Law & Legislation Committee on behalf of the Athletes Advisory Committee and the Youth Committee:

To be considered at the 2014 annual meeting.

Amend Article 11-B-11, Composition of Board, by adding the underlined language and ((deleting the language in double parentheses)) as follows:

B. Composition: The Board shall be composed as follows:

1. The IAAF Council member from the U.S.A.;
2. The USATF President;
3. An individual with experience and expertise in High Performance, nominated by the High Performance Division and selected by the Nominating and Governance Panel;
4. An individual with experience and expertise in Long Distance Running, nominated by the Long Distance Running Division and selected by the Nominating and Governance Panel;
5. An individual with experience and expertise in General Competition, nominated by the General Competition Division and selected by the Nominating and Governance Panel;
6. An individual with experience and expertise in Youth Athletics, nominated by the Youth Athletics Division and selected by the Nominating and Governance Panel;
7. An individual with experience and expertise in officiating, nominated by the Officials Committee and selected by the Nominating and Governance Panel;
8. An individual with experience and expertise in coaching, nominated by the Coaches Advisory Committee and selected by the Nominating and Governance Panel;
9. One representative elected at the annual meeting following the Summer Olympic Games by the representatives of the sports organizations, which conduct a national program or a regular national competition in Athletics on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of athletes to represent the United States in international Athletics competition, as described in Article 5-C. Each of these sports organizations shall have the right and opportunity to have an individual non-voting representative attend all Board meetings. Current members are listed in the exhibits section of this handbook;
10. Three independent members selected by the Nominating and Governance Panel; and
11. Three International Athletes, including at least one male and one female, elected by the International Athlete delegates at the annual meeting. The International Athlete delegates shall also elect an alternate International Athlete member, who ((may attend and participate in all Board meetings, and who)) may vote if one or more of the three International Athlete Board members is not present when a vote is conducted. The alternate International Athlete member shall otherwise have all the rights and privileges of all other Board members, including but not limited to access to all information

provided to other Board members, notice of all meetings, the right to attend all meetings, including meetings held in executive session, and expense reimbursements for attending meetings and performing other duties as a Board member. The Board may not amend or delete any part of this paragraph.

ACTION REQUESTED: Amend Article 11-B-11 as stated above to provide that the alternate International Athlete Board Member will be accorded the same rights and privileges as all other Board Members.

RATIONALE: In 2011, that Athletes Advisory Committee submitted a package of legislation to increase athlete representation on various USATF committees, including increasing the number of International Athletes on the Board from three to four. Because of some reluctance to increase the number of voting members from 15 to 16, a compromise was struck under which the fourth athlete would serve as an alternate, voting only if one of the three athlete members were absent. The alternate would otherwise have full rights and privileges as a Board member. The athletes elected Curt Clausen, a preeminent race walker and attorney, as their alternate. The agreement has not been honored. Mr. Clausen has been locked out of executive sessions, has not received notice of meetings, has been excluded from receiving information available to other Board members, and has not had his expenses to attend meetings reimbursed, unlike all other Board members. Informal efforts to resolve this matter have been shunted aside. This discredits USATF and its tradition of heeding the voice of its athletes. The membership must act.

CONSTITUENCIES AFFECTED: Athletes and USATF's membership.

ESTIMATED BUDGET IMPACT: Shift of expenses for attending Board meetings from the AAC to the general fund. No net change.