

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

To be considered at the 2014 annual meeting.

Amend Article 17-B, IAAF and USOC Representation, by adding the underlined language and ((deleting the language in double parentheses)) as follows:

ARTICLE 17

IAAF AND USOC REPRESENTATION

A. IAAF delegates and alternates: USATF shall be represented in the IAAF Congress by the President, the CEO, and one (1) other delegate who shall be selected quadrennially by the Board from nominations made by the Nominating and Governance Panel at the annual meeting of USATF immediately preceding the IAAF Congress held in conjunction with the World Championships held prior to the Summer Olympic Games. The Board shall name alternates for any of these three members who are unable to attend an IAAF Congress. If the Board is unable to name an alternate, the remaining delegates shall name the alternate.

B. IAAF Council, officers, and committees: The membership shall elect USATF's candidates for positions on the IAAF Council, including IAAF officers, at the annual meeting prior to the IAAF election. The Board shall select candidates to be placed in nomination by USATF for positions ((on the IAAF Council, including IAAF officers, and)) for chairs and members of all other IAAF committees. ((The Board shall select the IAAF Council candidate from nominations made by the Nominating and Governance Panel.)) The Board shall ((also)) select nominations for the committees after giving due consideration to the recommendations of the appropriate USATF committees and councils. The Board shall make the((se)) nominations for IAAF committee positions at an in-person meeting no later than the end of February in the year of the IAAF election for the positions. The Board shall not nominate any individual for more than one (1) position in any IAAF election. The Board shall determine whether any individual nominated for ((the IAAF Council or)) an IAAF Committee may run for an officer position on the ((Council or)) Committee. If, prior to the IAAF's deadline for making nominations, the candidate for IAAF Council elected by the membership or a candidate selected by the Board for a committee position ceases to be a candidate, the Board shall elect a substitute candidate for nomination by USATF. The Board may not amend or delete any part of this paragraph.

- 1. Cross-Country Committee:** The Long Distance Running Division shall make a recommendation for the Cross-Country Committee;
- 2. Masters Committee:** The Masters Track & Field and Masters Long Distance Running Committees shall each make recommendations for the Masters Committee;

- 3. Race Walking Committee:** The USATF Race Walking Committee shall make recommendations for the Race Walking Committee;
- 4. Technical Committee:** The Rules Committee shall make recommendations for the Technical Committee; and
- 5. Women's Committee:** The Women's Track & Field Committee shall make recommendations for the Women's Committee.
- C. IAAF expenses:** USATF shall provide a budget for its reasonable share of expenses for attending meetings of its representatives to the IAAF Congress, and of its nominees selected to serve on the IAAF Council and committees.
- D. Early IAAF nominations:** Where USATF has no member on an IAAF Committee or on the Council, the Board may move the nominations process up by one (1) full year, to afford the nominee a greater opportunity to build name awareness prior to the next IAAF election
- E. USOC representation:** The CEO and the Board Chair, or their designees, shall represent USATF at the USOC Assembly. The CEO or the CEO's designee shall represent USATF on the USOC National Governing Bodies Council (NGBC).
- F. USOC Athletes Advisory Council:** The Athletes Advisory Committee shall elect one (1) Active Athlete representative and one (1) alternate (of opposite gender from the representative) from this committee to the USOC Athletes Advisory Council. The representative and an alternate shall be elected at each annual meeting following the Summer Olympic Games and shall have represented the United States in international Athletics competition under IAAF or IOC jurisdiction within the preceding ten (10) years. No individual shall serve on the USOC Athletes Advisory Council for more than two (2) full quadrennial periods.
- G. Expenses of USOC representatives:** USATF shall pay the reasonable expenses for its representatives to attend meetings of the USOC and Athletes Advisory Council.

Note: If this amendment is adopted at the 2014 Annual Meeting, the next order of business shall be to elect USATF's candidate for IAAF Council and officer position for the 2015 IAAF elections. Nominations shall be taken from the floor and the election shall immediately follow. This note shall supersede all other provisions regarding elections in the Articles or Regulations for purposes of this election, only. The Board may not amend or delete any part of this note.

ACTION REQUESTED: Amend Article 17-B as stated above to provide that the USATF membership, and not the Board, will nominate USATF's candidates for IAAF Council member and IAAF officers. An open election for USATF's nominee to the IAAF Council is to be conducted immediately after the passage of this amendment.

RATIONALE: Prior to 2009, USATF's membership voted for USATF's nominee for IAAF Council. The current Article 17-B cedes the authority to the Board the authority to

make the nomination. This proposal returns the authority to the membership, effective immediately.

Bob Hersh is USATF's long-standing IAAF Council Member and has risen to the level of Senior Vice President. His service has been exemplary. A prominent Board member is campaigning to have the Board replace Mr. Hersh as USATF's nominee. Passage of this emergency legislation is necessary this year because the Board will otherwise select the nominee for the next four-year term in February 2015.

Under the current Article 17-B, the Council Member is put in a position of having to play along to get along. He or she knows that questioning or disagreeing with the majority of the Board on any matter could result in the Board's replacing the Council Member at the earliest opportunity. This can compromise the Council Member's independence and impair that individual's value as a Board member.

The IAAF Council Member needs to be aware of the sports-related interests of all USATF constituencies. He or she should be nominated by all of USATF's members.

CONSTITUENCIES AFFECTED: USATF's membership.

ESTIMATED BUDGET IMPACT: None.