



Masters Newsletter

MTF Headline News from the USATF Annual Meeting

During the USATF Annual Meeting at the beginning of December, the Masters Track & Field Committee made a number of important decisions:

- The current officers were elected to four-year terms:
 - o Chair – **Jerry Bookin-Weiner** (mtfchair@usatf.org)
 - o Vice Chair – **Robert Thomas** (mtfvicechair@usatf.org)
 - o Secretary – **Amanda Scotti** (mtfsecretary@usatf.org)
 - o Treasurer – **Mike Travers** (mtftreasurer@usatf.org)

- **Colleen Barney** was selected as the Active Athlete Representative on the MTF Executive Committee for a two-year term.

- **Robert Thomas** was re-elected to a four-year term as one of the MTF delegates to the WMA General Assembly.

- There will not be a USATF Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships in 2021. The Outdoor Championships are still on the schedule for the second half of July in Sacramento, CA. Final dates will be announced soon.

- Six athletes were elected to the MTF Hall of Fame in the Class of 2020. They will be formally inducted at the Awards Banquet during the 2021 Outdoor Championships in Sacramento in July:
 - o **John Alexander**
 - o **Linda Cohn**

- o **John Hartfield**
- o **Bess James**
- o **Donald Pellmann**
- o **Orville Rogers**

**Apply for MTF Sub-Committee Positions NOW! Applications
due January 11**

All MTF Sub-Committee chair positions as well as MTF liaisons and MTF representatives on USATF committees are now open. Applications for those positions are due by January 11, 2021. The positions are listed below:

Sub-Committee Chair Positions

1. Communications Sub-Committee Chair (serves on the Executive Committee)
2. Championships Games Sub-Committee Chair (serves on the Executive Committee)
3. Anti-Doping and Substance Abuse Sub-Committee Chair
4. Awards Sub-Committee Chair
5. Combined Events Sub-Committee Chair
6. Exhibition Events Sub-Committee Chair
7. Hall of Fame Sub-Committee Chair
8. Inclusion Sub-Committee Chair
9. Race Walking Sub-Committee Chair
10. Rankings Sub-Committee Chair
11. Records Sub-Committee Chair
12. Throwing Events Sub-Committee Chair

Liaison Positions

1. Corporate Competition Liaison
2. Senior Games Liaison

Representatives on USATF Committees

1. Associations Committee Representative

2. Coaching Education Committee Representative
3. Diversity Committee Representative
4. Ethics Committee Representative
5. Law & Legislation Committee Representative
6. Masters Long Distance Running Committee Representative
7. Officials Committee Representative
8. Organizational Services Committee
9. Para Athletics Committee Representative
10. Rules Committee Representative
11. Sports Medicine and Science Committee Representative

In January, the MTF officers will interview the applicants for all positions and make recommendations to the MTF Executive Committee for approval. The intention is to fill all positions by the end of January.

WMA Announces Postponement of Outdoor Championships from 2021 to 2022 – To be Held in Tampere, Finland

World Masters Athletics (WMA) has announced that the WMA Outdoor Championships, previously announced for 2021 in Tampere, Finland, are being postponed to 2022. The schedule of upcoming WMA Championships is now:

- 2022 – Outdoor Championships, Tampere, Finland
- 2023 – Indoor Championships, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- 2024 – Outdoor Championships, Gothenburg, Sweden

More details, including dates, will be forthcoming.

MLDR Headline News from the USATF Annual Meeting

- At the annual meeting, the Masters LDR Committee elected a new Chair, **Lloyd Hansen**. They also re-elected **Bill Quinlisk** as Vice-Chair and **Doreen McCoubrie** as Secretary, and elected **Pam Fales** to the new position of Treasurer.

- **Mary Rosado**, who is stepping down as Chair, supported Hansen as Chair, noting his many contributions to Masters LDR during his service on the Executive Committee, Championships Subcommittee, Masters Membership Initiative, and as WMA delegate. As an active Masters LDR runner, Hansen also brings that perspective. Hansen and the entire Committee thanked Rosado for her important service as Chair over these last 4 years. Rosado will focus her future energies on WMA, Anti-Doping, and Law & Legislation, areas where she has made multiple important contributions over the years.

- Six athletes were inducted in the Hall of Fame. They included **Doreen McCoubrie**, **Marisa Sutera Strange**, and **Debra Wagner** (Road Racing), **Madeline Bost** and **Tom Dalton** (Cross Country). **Bill Roe** also was the posthumous winner of the *Otto Essig Award* for outstanding service to Masters LDR.

Message from incoming MLDR Chair, Lloyd Hansen

Our Committee's main priorities going forward are: 1) establishing a strong, geographically diverse set of Championships; 2) improving communications at all levels; 3) establishing closer linkages with Masters Track and Field, and 4) bringing in new people who are willing to help.

With that in mind, we have initiated quarterly Zoom calls with representatives from our competing clubs. **On our first call, we had 54 "club ambassadors" representing more than 30 clubs from all parts of the country.** We discussed our priorities and plans for the future and details of upcoming events. If you would like to be invited to participate in future calls, please send me an email mldrchair@usatf.org with a copy to pamfales.usatf@gmail.org.

We also have established two key subcommittees, which we will continue to expand:

- First, **Championships**, which will include myself, **Paul Carlin**, **Eric Heintz**, **Irene Herman**, **Perry Jenkins**, **Bruce Kirschner**, and **Bill Quinlisk**.

We especially want to welcome **Eric Heintz** from the Atlanta Track Club, Irene Herman from the Impala Racing Team, and **Bruce Kirschner** from the Boulder Road Runners who are new members of our Championships team.

• Second, **Communications**, which will initially include **Paul Carlin, Bruce Kirschner**, and **Pam Fales**.

In addition to these committees, we are also looking for volunteers to help us with our websites and awards. If you would like to contribute, please let me know.

Finally, **Perry Jenkins** will have new responsibilities to work closely with Masters Track and Field to help identify synergy, especially in communication and marketing. **We want to have a united effort to serve our masters athletes.**

2021 Masters Grand Prix Championship Schedule

The 2020 Masters Grand Prix schedule was decimated by the pandemic. With vaccine inoculations beginning, we feel confident about our ability to emerge from this difficult period. But the pace of emergence is still uncertain. The present schedule includes the following:

2021

June 5 USATF Masters 1 Mile Championships Rochester, NY

Rochester Mile

Sept 19 USATF Masters 12 km Championships Highlands, NJ

By Hook Or By Crook 12K

Oct 17 USATF Masters 5 km Cross Country Championships Boston, MA

Nov 7 USATF Masters Half Marathon Championships Syracuse, NY

Syracuse Half Marathon

We have already begun work on our 2022 Masters Grand Prix schedule and plan to have a full schedule, high quality events, with much more geographic diversity. **Importantly, we are committed to publishing the entire 2022 schedule by October 2021.**

The 2022 Masters Grand Prix schedule will kick off with the 2021 USATF Club Cross Country Championships in Tallahassee, Florida on December 11, 2021. The goal is to have 8-9 geographically diverse Championships on the 2022 calendar, with emphasis on our MLDR Centers of Strength: 3-4 in the East/Northeast, 3-4 West, and 2 in the Midwest/South.

The Club XC Championships in Tallahassee will not only initiate the 2022 Masters Grand Prix, but they also give us the opportunity to celebrate the Award Winners from the 2021 Grand Prix. Don't miss it!