



**SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting
September 13, 2015
3:00 pm-5:00 pm**

Call to Order: Called to 3:25 pm

Roll Call of Officers: Lester Mount, President; Toni Nichols, Secretary; Robert Williams, Vice President; JoAnn Neal-Williams, Treasurer; Lesia Dunn; Membership; Lisa Rosborough, Communications; Regina Bagby, Cross-Country Council; Barbara Granberry, Womens T & F; Michael Murphy, Mens T&F; Apryl Hampton, Coaches Education; Delores Murray, Race Walk, Barrett Hopper, LDR.

Officers not in attendance: Michael Murphy, Apryl Hampton, Barrett Hopper, Delores Murray

First Order of Business: There were two changes in the current bylaws:

1. The addition of a Chief Operating Officer

There was a submission by the president for a change to the current bylaws for the addition of a non-voting position of Chief Operating Officer. The Board of Directors may hire or contract for the services of who shall be responsible to them and who the president shall oversee.

The Executive Manager shall have the following duties:

- Conduct the office of operations of this association.
- Appoint and supervise such additional staff persons and may be authorized by the Board of Directors.
- Maintain records of the Association, including current membership and financial records.
- Disburse such funds as may be authorized by the Board of Directors or other proper authority.
- Maintain in conjunction with the Secretary a current list of all committee chairs and Board of Directors, its members and publish them on the association website.
- Such other duties as may be prescribed by these bylaws or the Board of Directors.

There was a motion from the floor and seconded to accept the addition to our current bylaws. The motion was accepted, carried and the addition of our current bylaws for the acceptance of the new position for Executive Manager was added.

2. To change the meetings from our current four meetings per year to only one.

The rationale being that because most of our board members are also officials we are missing meetings due to obligations to the association's track & field meets. We are also short of officials for all of the meets during the track season. We suggested we can function with just one annual meeting and any special meetings during the year as necessary.

There was a motion from the floor to change from 4 meetings to 1 meeting and any special meetings as necessary during the year and seconded. The motion was accepted, carried and the change from 4 meetings to 1 was changed in our current bylaws.

Secretary: Reading of last meeting minutes was conducted silently and at the conclusion of the reading there was a motion to accept the minutes. The minutes are accepted as written.

Report of President: We had a year for the sports committees, however, there are areas that have to be worked on. We look forward to the upcoming year to do a better job in recognizing problems and dealing with them, which is one of the reasons we are implementing the addition of an Executive Manager.

Treasury Report: Tabled for this meeting

Report of Administrative Committees:

Law & Legislation: We have an interim replacement, Master Sergeant, Larry Menendez, who will join us at our 2015 Annual Meeting.

Membership:

Individual: See attached

Sanctions: See attached

Clubs: To date we have approximately 105 clubs and of this morning there were two more pending. We are at the start of cross country season and anticipate more to come. We are looking at a tentative date of 11/14/2015.

Coaching/Athlete Education: See attached, will be on our swusatf.org website.

Communication/Public Relations Report: See attached, will be on our swusatf.org website.

Report of Sports Committees:

Youth Athletics: Our season started with a bang this year, we had many obstacles due to the weather, and there were dangerous downpours throughout the season that kept us from even having practices. We started our first day of our association championship with a rain out, however, thanks to everyone's help we were able to recover and start the meet later in the day. We were able to finish up the meet by glorious standards and move on to the next level. With all of that being said, we showed up to our region 12 championship and the same thing occurred and we had another rain out. This time we had to move we had to move a whole day over. That was not without its controversy; however, because of all of you, we recovered in great style. By Friday, we were back on track and our region 12 championships, was a success. We did well in Florida as well, I have to say this entire season was not without its controversy over all, but we endured. Thank all of you for supporting the Southwestern Association through all of this and we look forward to getting better.

Men & Women T & F: Not at this time

Masters T & F: We had a great meet in July for both the Open & Masters Association and Regional Championships.

LDR: There is no report at this time.

Officials: There is no report at this time.

Old Business:

Accreditation Report: We passed with 100% compliance in 2014.

New Business:

1. Bylaw changes: Introduced the position of executive manager and accepted by unanimous vote.
2. Installation of new appointments, executive manager, resolved.
3. Changes from 4 scheduled meetings to one meeting plus one as necessary by board of directors. Motion and seconded.
4. New direction of membership committee. Motion to remove the membership services, not resolved.
5. Safe Sport schedule, video will be shown each month to all coaches, members any interested parties.
6. Selection of delegates: Delegate selection was made and consists of our board members who are automatically delegates, others are selected when one of the board members is unable to attend.

This year it was the LDR chair whose area consist of three positions, Men's, Women's & Masters LDR. In addition, the interim chair for Law & Legislation, Mr. Larry Menendez.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm