

**Racewalk General Session  
USATF Annual Meeting- Orlando  
Saturday, December 7, 2024**

**Roll Call**

**Voting Delegates**

Megan Allen (New England), Pamela Allie-Moraice (Adirondack) Janelle Branch (Athlete), Jo Burrows (Exec), Nick Christie (Athlete), David Clark (KY), Claude Clayton (Southern), Kellie Crawford (GA), Maryanne Daniel (Exec), Ron Daniel (CT), Matt Dewitt (Athlete), Trent Framke (NE) Ray Funkhouser (VA), Rogers Glispy (Mid-Atlantic), Diane Graham-Henry (Exec), Kelley Grayson (NC), Keith Gunter (AL), Josefina Harris (IL), Loubna Hasseine-Silva (Border), Jessica Heiser-Whatley (Athlete), Susan Heiser (SC), Barbara Hensley (OH), Allen James (So Cal), Dee Jensen (Dakotas), Helene Johnson (UT), Don Lawrence (Niagara), Christie Lone (Gulf), John Martin (AZ), Katie Miale (Athlete), Sue Michta (Long Island), Delores Murrey (Southwestern), Robert Nichols (Ozark), Mary Onken (ME), Joel Pfahler (Athlete), Dan Pierce (Exec), Ed Richardson (Exec), Rich Roberts (Exec), Michelle Rohl (Athlete), Ron Salvio (NJ), Elisabeth Shepard (CO), Christine Standiff (Lake Erie), Robyn Stevens (Athlete), Tracy Sundland (San Diego), Marie Vermeer (OR), Nicole White (Three Rivers),

**Non Voting Attendees**

Virginia Davis, Joel Dubow, Trenice Mullis Dubow, Nya Glispy, Daniel Koch, Diane Martin, Marianne Martino, Aysha Mirza, Jennifer Nanista, Deborah Reid, Michael Rohl, Michael Roth, Cathy Salvio, Steve Vaitones,

**Meeting Called to Order at 2:07pm**

**Approval of Minutes**

Robert Nichols moved to approve the 2023 Racewalk General Session Minutes  
Seconded by Liz Shepard  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**Records:**

Liz Shepard reported from the records meeting (12/5/24)

- The Mixed Marathon Relay American Record of 3:08.58 by Nick Christie and Miranda Melville was accepted by the records committee.
- Nick Christie's 25K, 30K, and 35K ARs have not been accepted until David Katz measures the course in Zittau, Germany

**Discussion:**

- Some concern about if the splits have been published. Jennifer Nanista will make sure those who do not have the information are able to access it.
- Questions about Masters Records
  - Answer: Masters records are not under our purview; they are under the masters committee.

Robert Nichos moved to accept the Mixed Marathon Relay American Record, and table Nick Christie's 25k, 30k, and 35k records until David Katz can verify the course.

Seconded by Susan Heiser

45 In favor, 1 Oppose

Motion Carried

*Note: After the meeting was adjourned, the motion was overturned due to the MMR not being a track event and the record in question was set on the track, not the road. Record and discussion are tabled until next annual meeting.*

### **Standards:**

USATF is no longer filling the fields for any events. Instead, we will now have an automatic standard and a minimum. No times below the minimum will be accepted.

### Discussion

The 5k alternate distance for indoor is significantly harder than the Auto standard for the 3,000. This should be in line with the World Athletics points.

Michael Rohl moved to amend the 5k alternate qualifying time to 25:18 for women and 21:30 for men to align with the world athletics points for the 3k Automatic Standard.

Seconded by Liz Shepard

Motion Carried Unanimously

Liz Shepard moved to accept the standards as written with the addition of the amendment of the 5k approved above

Seconded by Ed Richardson

Motion Carried Unanimously

### **Coaching Ed Report:**

USATF Campus will be live with the new Racewalk course for coaches. This will be a great resource for any coach wanting to be better at coaching the event. It will be pivotal in the new level 1 and 2 recertification as an option for coaches. Thank you to Ian Whatley and many others for their years of hard work!

### **Officials- Delores Murrey**

Today, David Harriman, Ed Richardson, Jo Burrows, Rich Roberts, Roger Hall, and Marie Vermeer took the World Athletics Racewalk Referee test at 6:00 am.

### **Current WA Certified Officials:**

**Bronze:** Ron Daniel, Ray Funkhouser, William Pollinger, Gary Westerfield

**Silver:** Patricia Hanna, Susan Heiser, Faith Hogan, Solomiya Login, Ajay Padgaonkar, Daniel Pierce, Alexander Price, Jeff Salvage, Reginald Wiessglas

**Gold:** Maryanne Daniel

Effective Jan 1, 2025: To be considered for the bronze level test, you must complete two courses on the WA website

- Apprentice Technical (Anyone can take)
- National Referee
  - Three national meets are required to complete the class and have the designation. Once you test you receive the certificate and a sheet to list the qualifying meets. The resume sheet asks for international meets, but for USATF, we only need our national meets. Complete the form and submit it along with your test certificate. Once a NAR, it take three years to build a resume as a referee (does not need to be at only USATF National meets) to meet the criteria as a WA Bronze Referee.

### **Elections:**

#### **Chair Nominees**

- Allen James, Ed Richardson
  - *No Further Nominations may be made per our operating procedures*

#### **Vice Chair**

Robert Nichols moved to open nominations for Vice Chair

Seconded by Robyn Stevens

Motion carries unanimously

Nominations for Vice Chair: Maria Michta-Coffey, Michael Roth

Robert Nichols moved to close nominations for Vice Chair

Seconded by Liz Shepard

Motion carries unanimously

#### **Secretary**

Liz Shephard moved to open nominations for Secretary

Seconded by Robert Nichols

Motion carries unanimously

Nominations for Secretary: Janelle Branch, Robyn Stevens (Self nominated from floor)

Delores Murray moved to close nominations for Secretary

Seconded by Liz Shepard

Motion carries unanimously

#### **Treasurer**

Robert Nichols moved to open nominations for Treasurer

Seconded by Robyn Stevens

Motion carries unanimously

Nominations for Treasurer: Ron Daniel, Solomiya Login

Robert Nichols moved to close nominations for Treasurer  
Seconded by Liz Shepard  
Motion carries unanimously

### **At Large**

Susan Heiser moved to open nominations for At Large  
Seconded by Liz Shepard  
Motion carries unanimously

Michael Rohl moved if a nominee for at large isn't in the room, we will read their information on the documents library instead of a representative reading to the room.  
Seconded by Liz Shepard  
Motion carries unanimously

Nominations for At Large:

- Susan Armenta
- Jordan Crawford
- Susan Heiser
- Don Lawrence
- Miranda Melville
- Katie Miale
- Aysha Mirza (Self nominated from Floor)
- Dan Pierce
- Michael Rohl

Jo Burrows moved to close nominations for At Large  
Seconded by Rob Nichols  
Motion carries unanimously

### **Rules update**

Dan Pierce- Only rule to affect racewalk directly is regarding family members judging their family members.

- Rule 110.8
  - “Where feasible, no official should act in a dual capacity within the decision-making chain of officials of an event. A coach should not serve as an official or Referee for any single event(s) in which an athlete whom he/she coaches competes. *Whenever possible, officials shall not judge an event in which an immediate family member or significant other is entered.*

## **World Road Running Championships**

September 26-28, 2025- San Diego

Road Mile, 5K, Half marathon

All three will have racewalk divisions, with at least \$60,000 (total) in prize/travel

Will be a World Athletics Gold Level event

### **Awards:**

- Riban Award for Individual Contributor: William Pollinger
- Riban Award for Association: San Diego Imperial
- Ron Zinn Female: Miranda Melville
- Ron Zinn Male: Nick Christie
- Henry Laskau U20 Female: Angelica Harris
- Henry Laskau U20 Male: Rowen McDonald
- Chair Awards: Ed Richardson, Janelle Branch, Solomiya Login, David Katz

### **Adjourn**

Liz Shephard moves to adjourn

Seconded by Michael Roth

Motion carries unanimously

### **Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm**

### **Election Results**

- Chair: Allen James
- Vice Chair: Michael Roth
- Secretary: Janelle Branch
- Treasurer: Solomiya Login
- At Large: Susan Heiser, Don Lawrence, Miranda Melville, Katie Miale, Dan Pierce