

USWTCA General Meeting Notes 2023 USATF Annual Meeting

Present Officers: April Smith – President, Simone Terry– 1st Vice President, Joy Upshaw-Shelton - 2nd Vice President, Kim Dismuke – Treasurer

Absent: Amina Smith - Secretary

1. Call to Order –

- a. President Smith calls the meeting to order. 2. Executive Committee Introductions
- b. President introduces Executive Committee – Present and Absent.

April Smith – President

Simone Terry– 1st Vice President

Joy Upshaw-Shelton - 2nd Vice President - Voting scheduled for December 2023

Kim Dismuke – Treasurer – Entering 5th year term – Voting scheduled for December 2023; may run for consecutive terms.

Aminah Smith– Secretary – Entering 2 year term – Voting scheduled for December 2023; may run for consecutive terms.

The purpose of this organization shall be:

Section 1: To work for the improvement of Track and Field for women. In so doing, it shall:

- a. Encourage the extension of participation in track and field throughout the entire membership;
- b. Encourage the achievement and maintenance of the highest possible standards in track and field coaching
- c. Encourage an expanded program of research in track and field in both its technical and medical aspects;
- d. Strive for good public relations and communications in order to promote and publicize the sport;
- e. Disseminate information throughout the membership in order to improve the skills and opportunities of those coaching girls and women in track and field; and
- f. Provide a voice for those coaches in the governing body and in the track and field community at large.

Section 2: To study the rules and proposed rule changes and make recommendations to the appropriate rules making bodies

Section 3: To cooperate with national and international Coaches Associations in the improvement of track and field worldwide.

3. Report of the Secretary and Approval of the 2022 Minutes

- b. Moved by Kim Dismuke , seconded by April Smith

4. Report of the Treasurer

- a. Budget \$17,458.41
- b. PayPal \$211.48
- c. Nell Jackson Grant

5. Scholarship Review-

Coaches Education Scholarship Award that needs to be paid.

- Erica Frayley, Level 1 Tuition Recipient

- a. Proposed by April Smith, friendly amendment by Simone Terry and seconded by Joy Upshaw-Shelton, New Coaches Educational Grant awarded to an association that applies and has the recipients report back via email/video log about the course upon completion.
 - i. First recipient to receive this grant is the Central California Association, accepting this grant is Lynell Glover. (Ozeme Cooley will be receiving in his absence)

6. Communications Report

- a. Website - April Smith, President and Cristy Snellgroves, Former President
- b. Social Media
 - i. April Smith asked if there was anyone that was interested in working on these, but she will continue to maintain in the interim. Facebook is active and working, Instagram opened 11/30/2023

7. Education Report

- a. Promote Coaching Education Special Programs & Registered Coaches Program: Information on all these grants programs can be found at the Resources tab for Coaches at:
 - <http://www.usatf.org/Resources-for---/Coaches/Coaching-Education/Special-Programs.aspx>.
- b. World Athletics - GACA Coaching Matters Forum
- c. Women's Commission – General Meeting 6:00-7:30pm, social 7:30-8:00pm

Election Proposal: Simone Terry proposed a discussion on changing the term limits from 2 years to four years to match the Olympiad. Allows for more preparation and opportunity to continue the long term plan of the committee, which will be proposed and voted on in the General Session.

8. Old Business

9. Election of Officers & Advisory Board

- 2021-2023 President – April Smith
- 2021-2023 1st Vice President - Simone Terry
- 2021-2023 2nd Vice President – Joy Upshaw
- 2021-2024 Secretary – Aminah Smith
- 2021-2024 Treasurer – Kim Dismuke

2021-2023 Advisory Board

- a. NCAA intercollegiate coach - Vacant
- b. NAIA intercollegiate coach - Vacant
- c. Junior College coach - Vacant
- d. High school coach – Vacant
- e. Cross-Country – Vacant
- f. Race Walking – Charlotte Sneed
- g. Long distance running – Vacant
- h. Youth athletics – Dr. Shariffa Barksdale
- i. Para – Richard Robert
- j. Transgender – Gigi Melchor
- k. Club coaches minimum of 2 – LaTawnya Martin

10. Installation of New Officers

11. New Business – Will look to fill these positions.

- A. Selection of Committees
 - a. Nominating Committee
 - b. Auditing Committee
 - c. Social Chairperson
 - d. Communications Chairperson

12. Special Recognition – Joy Upshaw-Shelton

The USWTCA Executive Meeting was adjourned by Joy Upshaw-Shelton