



Adaptive Track and Field, USA 2022 Annual Chairman Report

The 2022 ATFUSA Board		Board Terms
<u>(** term ends in 2022)</u>		
Philip Galli	Chairman / Long Distance Racing Chair	2021-2024
Jerry Clayton	Vice-Chair – Officials Chair	2022-2025
Tom Southall	Treasurer	2020-2023
Jessica Cloy	Secretary	** 2019-2022
Pam Carey	Member at Large (MAL) – High School	2022-2025
Pam Chiavaroli	MAL – MAL	** 2019-2022
Brian Seamann	Athlete Representative	2020-2023
Teresa Skinner	MAL – High School & Coaching Chair	2020-2023
Cindy Latham	MAL – Field Coaching	2020-2023
Randy Chiavaroli	MAL – Field Chair	2021-2024
Jim Strunk	MAL – Records & Track Chair	2021-2024
Denise Hutchins	MAL – Classification Chair	** 2019-2022
Frank Anzaldi	MAL – T20 Chair	** 2019-2022

2023-2026 Election Candidates

CANDIDATES

Jessica Cloy
Pam Chiavaroli
Denise Hutchins
Frank Anzaldi

About Adaptive Track and Field USA (ATFUSA):

ATFUSA is a 35+ -year old Texas based 501C3 organization that was formed to support Adaptive Track & Field and Adaptive Wheelchair Road Racing in the USA.

Until 2000 ATFUSA was the National Governing Body (NGB) for Wheelchair Track and Field and Road Racing in the USA. In 2002, the United States Olympic Committee became the National Paralympic Committee and U.S. Paralympics became the NGB for Para (all disabilities) Athletics (Track and Field) in the USA.

ATFUSA's Mission:

Since 2002 the ATFUSA mission is to support and promote community based Adaptive Track and Field and Road Racing in the USA for all World Para Athletics (WPA) defined disability classes and be the Lead for Juniors under 14 (U14) and Master Age groups M35, M50, M60 in the USA (groups not controlled by USA Para Athletics). Through this effort we continue to be the major US Paralympic feeder into the elite athlete ranks by doing the following:

- Sanction Track & Field meets (through Move United for multiple sport events and individually for Athletics only competitions and our national championships),
- Sanction Wheelchair Road races at the 5K, 10K, 15K, ½ Marathon and Marathon level
- Expand Para Athletics in the USA
 - Work with states to set up or maintain High School Wheelchair and Ambulatory Athletic divisions at their Dual, Group, Regional, and State level meets.
 - Partner with other organizations to Expand Para Athletics in the US; Challenged Athlete Fund (CAF), Move United (MU), USATF and others.
- Set the rule exceptions for U14 and Master Para athletes.
- Keep the USA records and event results for all age groups U11 through Master, championships.
- Work with US Para Track & Field and USATF to grow the number of Level 1, Level 2 and WPA NTO Para Officials in USA to prepare for Para Meet Growth in the USA and the 2028 LA Paralympics.

ATFUSA has a Memo of understanding with Move United. In this partnership Move United has been given the rights by ATFUSA to sanction Track and Field competitions (usually when they are held in a multi-sport competition) and ATFUSA provides management services to oversee the sanctions and T&F direct support at the major Level 2 and 3 competitions.

The Board:

The Board is currently made up of 13 members but can be from 11 to 15. Each member serves a 4-year term. The Board terms are staggered with a portion of the Board up for election yearly. The Executive Board's (Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, & Treasurer) terms are staggered so that they do not all end their term in the same year.

All positions outside of the Executive Committee are member-at-large positions. Chair positions for Track, Field, High School, Records, CP, etc. are appointed by the Chairman from the MAL members with the approval of the Board.

2022 Board Elections:

There are four positions up for election in 2022, the secretary, and three (3) Member at Large board members. Currently these positions are held by Jessica Cloy, secretary, and Pam Chiavaroli, Frank Anzaldi, & Denise Hutchens Members at Large. All have decided to stay on for another term.

A call for board interest was sent by the chair in November few individuals have expressed interest in providing support for the board going forward.

Since the selection and voting process is no longer valid due to Move United no longer being an individual member organization the board must revise the By-Laws in 2023 to change the process to select the board.

The Board therefore, would like to acknowledge the re-appointment of Jessica Cloy, Pam Carey, Frank Anzaldi, and Denise Hutchins to the board.

2022 Focus Areas:

1. **Meet Management:**
Update the SAMS Meet management software.
2. **Develop Para Officials:**
Continue work to increase Para Certified Officials and Run an NTO course.
3. **Meet Results:**
Maintain the Standards, Results and Records database on the ATFUSA Website.
4. **Rules:**
Communicate and set the U14 and Master rule exceptions.
5. **501C3:**
Maintain ATFUSA's non-profit status.
6. **Long distance Racing:**
Grow the number of ATFUSA Sanctioned Road Racing events.
7. **Equipment Sales:**
Provide Track and Field implements to the Para community.
8. **Meet Support:**
Provide operational support for the Move United Athletics competitions and run the competition at the Move United Junior National Meet in Colorado.
9. **High School:**
Continue to help states create Para Divisions for Athletics for both Wheelchair and Para Ambulatory athletes.
10. **Education:**
Work to improve our value to Athletes and Coaches on our Website and through clinics
11. **By-Laws:**
Continue the work to update the By-Laws to agree with the current way we are conducting business.

2022 Detail:

1. Meet Management:

The IT Committee made up of Phil Galli, Kevin Crytzer, Jim Cuevas, & Paul Johnson:

- a. Is working to create SAMs 2. SAMs is meet management software equally owned by Move United and ATFUSA, which was created in the early 90's to help Meet Directors run a multi-sport Para meet. The original program was premise based and somewhat difficult to use if a region only ran 1 meet per year. The objectives of the updated SAMs2 program are:
 - i. Create a cloud and premise-based program
 - ii. Offer; up to date data on rules, records, results, and classification for just in time meet population
 - iii. The ability to transfer meet results and post meet reports to MU and ATFUSA.
 - iv. Simplify the administration screens to allow all meet directors use the tool without extensive training.

The program effort for this phase is being done in India and as you can expect has slowed due to Covid. The Indian IT Team have delivered most of the port.

Testing is underway to accept the work.

The mutual goal of Move United and ATFUSA is to have the program available for the 2023 season.

2. Develop Para Officials:

Continue to grow USATF Certified Para Officials

- a. 251 Officials have been certified this Quad. 36 Officials were added in 2022.
- b. The committee is also working on delivering multiple WPA NTO courses from 2022 through 2027-8. The first course ran from 12/8-11/22 at the USOPC headquarters in Colorado Springs. At this session 13 USA and 2 Canadian Officials passed the course. The USA needs 50 to 70 NTO's by the 2028 Paralympics in Los Angeles
- c. ATFUSA (Phil Galli) presented a summary of the 2022 Para Committee news to the USATF Officials committee at their Orlando Annual Conference 12/1-4/2022.
- d. Continue the Evaluation process to rate the skill level of our Certified officials working Para meets so these officials can qualify for the NTO course.

3. Meet Results:

To maintain records in track and field for Para athletes.

- a. This year was the 11th year junior and Master athletes can set records at Level 3 regional events. Many national records were set. Jim Strunk is working finalizing the 2022 records.
- b. Records were updated on the Web and in SAM's June of 2022 prior to Junior Nationals, and will be updated shortly to be ready for 2023.
- c. The Boston Athletic Club Sanctioned their Para ½ Marathon in November. The course/event was WPA approved and new records were set for many of the Wheelchair and Para Ambulatory classes.
- d. Jim will be sending out record Certificates to all 2022 Record setters (if we have their e-mail address).

4. Rules:

- a. There was only 1 major rule change in 2022. This was the World Athletics change to allow an athlete to be able to touch the inside lane line on the curve once during an event without being disqualified.

5. 501C3.

- a. ATFUSA will file the mandatory postcard with the US Internal Revenue Service and the state of Texas for 2022.
- b. ATFUSA maintains its Corporate Address as:
14900 Ranch Road 12,
Wimberly, TX 78676 (residence of Wendy Gumbert).
- c. ATFUSA maintains its working address as:
ATFUSA
1421 Orleans Rd.
PMB 263
Harwich, MA 02645

6. Long distance Racing:

Racing was back.

- a. The Peachtree Road race was our National 10K and Jerry Clayton served as the Para Referee for the event.
- b. Jerry Clayton and Phil Galli worked the, Boston and NYC Marathons as TD and Para Ref.
- c. The Boston half Marathon was sanctioned by the BOA and Phil Galli served as the Para Ref.

7. Equipment Sales:

We continued to market equipment to our members.

Partial proceeds of these sales go to ATFUSA (and Dixie).

Actual 2022 sales of \$290.00 from Jerry Clayton purchasing a W&M Kit and clubs for a WPA training session in a foreign country.

Accounting is included in the Treasurer report.

8. Meet Support:

- a. ATFUSA provided direct support for Desert Challenge, GLASA Adult Nationals, Tri-State, Palmetto Games, Dairyland, US Para Track & Field Championships, New England Disabled Sports, and Louisiana.
- b. ATFUSA ran the T&F competition at the MU Junior Nationals which is the ATFUSA Junior Nationals.

9. Education:

We did not make much progress to our goal to organize the available Training materials on the Internet and documenting where Educational/Coaching materials need to be Developed.

10. By-Laws:

We need not make progress to revise the By-Laws. We will attempt again in 2023.

The Board Discussions and Actions for 2023:

1. Rules:

- a. Review the rules from 2022 and determine if changes must be made.
- b. Continue to communicate important rules for coaches and athletes.

2. 501C3:

- a. Revise the Process to elect and approve Board Members
 - i. From the response to the 2022-member mailing, work a plan to create:
 - 1. A Coaches committee,
 - 2. A Parent committee,
 - 3. An Athlete committee,
 - 4. And the use of the Officials committee,
- To allow each to nominate a number or each to be on the board. Distribution and numbers from each committee to be worked.

We committee to be facilitated by a board member coming from that discipline.

3. Clinics/Education:

- a. We will with MU run 2 Coaches/Athlete Clinics in 2023. One in Texas and one in Spokane
- b. We will run an Officials clinic at MU Nationals.
- c. Continue to review the Best Practices and post them on the WEB.

4. Standards:

- a. Review the Junior standards in track and field and make appropriate changes.
- b. Create Adult Standards for Move United Nationals.

We decided that the standards for Open athletes at MU Nationals will be the present U23 standards.

5. Meet Management & Meet Growth:

Work to increase the number of athletes going to the 2023 Nationals.

Juniors: There were 217 unique Junior athletes who competed in Track or Field in 2022.

Place Refs at all major competition to run the Track and Field Events and provide a consistent level of competition across all the Level 3 meets.

6. Nationals:

- a. Work to run T&F at the Hartford Move United 2023 Nationals.
- b. Work with Move United to implement an OPEN non-elite Championship as a part of Nationals.

7. Road Racing:

- a. Actively market and increase participation of athletes at the 2023 Peachtree Road Race (our National 10K) and our Adult Open championship which will be a part of the MU Nationals
- b. Continue to discuss with Peachtree and Cedartown to hold a Meet in the Heat as a part of the America Series in GA.
- c. Hopefully broaden our sanctioning of Boston Athletics Association Para Events.
- d. Work to develop an Elite Para Ambulatory event with in the 3 Major Marathons.
- e. Work to get additional Road Race Sanctions for 5K, 15K, ½ Marathon and Marathon.

8. WEB Site:

Provide enhancements and review the topics covered on the ATFUSA website.

- a. Continue to develop a coaching committee with the purpose to pull together on our Website all training and coaching videos and deliverables on the internet. The goal to have 1 place for our athletes and coaches to access topics by Para subject.
- b. Continue to enhance the Officials corner to develop Level 2 training deliverables.
- c. Develop additional Webinars for Coaches, Athletes, and Officials on specific Level 2 topics

9. Meet Management:

Implement the new SAMS.

- a. Implement the Base program
- b. Pay for and receive the Stand-alone version of SAMs 2, so you can collect data during a meet if there is no Internet available.
- c. Identify the differences front end screens needed for Level 1, and Level 2, meet management where all the Level 3 capabilities of SAM's 2 is not needed.

10. Para Officials:

- a. Support the challenge to USATF to get to 400 Officials certified by the end of the Quad. Get to 325 by 12/31/2023.
- b. Publish the criteria and track official to qualify for the NTO course.
- c. Organize and name Officials to qualified to attend the second USA WPA NTO course.
- d. Continue the Para Official Evaluation work in 2022 to rank the skill level of our Certified Officials.
- e. Create supplemental Level 2 training to prepare official to qualify for the NTO Course.

11. ATFUSA Revenue:

- a. Continue to promote Equipment sales and other income opportunities.
- b. Continue the MU MOU.

12. High School:

- a. Look into modifying the Level 1 Officials course to address the simpler Ambulatory and Wheelchair High School divisions.
- b. Support the growth of States with Para Divisions when asked.

13. Donations:

Give out the remaining Track chair which were purchased for Emerging athletes.
Brian and Jim to make their recommendations.

This report is respectfully submitted by;

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