**Proposed Postponement of 2020 PVA Annual Meeting**

**(Dated July 24, 2020)**

Here is a proposed notice to be posted on the PVA website regarding the scheduled 2020 election of Officers, Sport Committee Chairpersons and the Officials Committee Chairperson:

**"Article 9 “Elections” of the PVA Bylaws states the following in pertinent part: “…Election for all officers of the Association shall be conducted by secret ballot every two years coinciding with the Summer and Winter Olympiad at the Annual Meeting which shall be held in September. Each elected officer will serve a term of two (2) years. Each Officer-Elect will commence his/her term of office the following October 1st. …Elections for all Sport Committee Chairpersons and the Officials Committee Chair of the Association shall be conducted by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting. Each Chairperson shall serve a term of two (2) years. Sport Committee Chairpersons can serve an unlimited number of successive terms in that office.”**

**Due to continuing concerns regarding the public health risk associated with the COVID-19 virus in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) area, and the myriad of phased opening guidelines/directives that have been issued by each jurisdiction, the PVA Board of Directors believes that it is prudent at this time to postpone the September annual meeting and the scheduled elections until such time that cohesive directives regarding the COVID-19 pandemic are issued and the annual meeting and elections can safely take place. This decision is being made because the welfare of our members remains our top priority.**

**The Board of Directors hereby recommends that all individuals currently serving as Officers, Sport Committee and Officials Committee chairpersons for the Association continue in those positions until such time that elections can be held. Bob Platt and Michael Bennett are hereby appointed as co-chairpersons for the currently vacant Women’s LDR chairperson position.**

USATF has issued an email which contains guidance from CDC on what should be done and needs to be in place to address concerns associated with COVID-19. This Guidance sets as primary consideration the rules and regulations set forth by public health authorities and state and local governments, which are different across the country. In either case ([State/Local](https://usatf.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=abfae9ba2c613ee022153363a&id=e6dd110e05&e=445e9c2b20) or USATF), whichever regulations are more restrictive should be the guidance that is followed. This also does not prevent associations, local clubs, and events from adopting even more strict or more conservative approaches than those mandated by local public health authorities or recommended by the USATF Guidance.

Thanks to each of you for your time and patience during these trying times for all of us. I know that it has been tough for a lot of you this spring and summer not having to prepare for track meets and practice but enjoy some time for yourself and being with your families. We will be “back on track” before you know it. Wishing the best to you and your families and please continue to be safe and practice "social distancing" whenever possible.

Regards,

Phillip T. Barrett, Sr.

President

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