



## PACIFIC ASSOCIATION USATF FOUNDATION

### DIRECTOR BIOS

#### **Jay Abbott, Director, Pacific Association USATF Foundation**

I joined the Pacific Association USATF Foundation because I was impressed to see the Foundation's plan to grow and address more needs in our track and field region. Being part of the Foundation would enable me to better understand and contribute to a wide variety of PAUSATF activities.

During my professional career, I managed energy and infrastructure programs that were co-sponsored by public and private entities. The success of these efforts depended upon the credibility and the demonstrated progress of my team. I am comfortable with the continuous scrutiny of an organization that I represent, with outreach to stakeholders, and producing communications intended to inspire cooperation and, at the same time, to control expectations. I served for one two - year term as secretary of the officials' executive committee and I could fill that role for the Foundation if needed.

With my retirement in January 2013, I have been able to focus my volunteer activities on my church, the Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, the American River Parkway Advisory Commission, and track and field officiating. Providing time for the Pacific Association USATF Foundation will fit nicely in the time I have available to serve athletes, coaches, officials, and the general track and field/LDR community. The following are activities with which I have been involved.

My position title was that of: Resource Economist, Energy and Environmental Manager

#### **SPECIALTIES AND INTERESTS:**

Open Space and Recreation Planning Natural Resources and Sustainability Energy Transmission; Electricity and Natural Gas  
Renewable Energy and Conventional Generation  
NEPA/CEQA and Permitting  
Stakeholder Engagement

**I retired from Black & Veatch in Jan 2013** with forty years of experience on energy, water, and other infrastructure projects. Leader of industry and government teams on major project assignments.

Manager of the following types of projects:

- o Renewable energy planning and implementation
- o High voltage electric power transmission line approvals
- o Natural gas, crude oil, and products pipeline approvals
- o Hydropower and pumped storage investigations
- o Regulatory restructuring initiatives
- o Construction monitoring and environmental compliance
- o Disaster recovery

#### **With Black & Veatch, I served as Project Manager for:**

- o California Energy Commission, Renewables Strategic Plan, Cost Reduction and Investment/Finance elements
- o European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Ukraine Sustainable Energy Lending Facility, Strategic Environmental Review

- o US Army Corps of Engineers, Solar Power Feasibility Study, Yuma Proving Ground
- o Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Owner's Engineer, 125 MW Solano Wind Project Phase 3 EPC
- o Southern California Edison, Transmission Project Licensing, Process improvement and project scheduling

**Earlier in career, some of my highlights were:**

- o FERC Office of Energy Projects, NEPA process for ten interstate gas pipelines, including first 3rd party EIS and first EIS under pre-filing consultation process
- o California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP, 500 kV, 1,600 MW), Assistant Project Director, responsible for NEPA/CEQA, permitting, and land acquisition
- o Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, Manager of Environmental Affairs, and Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, Environmental Coordinator for Alyeska

**COMMUNITY ACTITIVIES:**

- Chair, Sacramento County Open Space Commission, 1988 – 1991

**EDUCATION:**

- University of California, Davis, Master of Science, Resource Economics
- Johns Hopkins University, Bachelor of Arts, Social and Behavioral Science

**Steve Crow - DIRECTOR AND CFO/TREASURER**

- BS, California Polytechnic State University, 1966. Major: Business Administration. MBA, Golden Gate University, 1981. Major: Taxation. MS, University of Kansas, Lawrence, 1970. Major: Accountancy. PhD, University of Southern California, 1990. Major: Business/Taxation
- Professor retired at California State University, Sacramento. At the Undergraduate Level, teaching interests and responsibilities were focused on taxation, International Accounting, Accounting Fundamentals, and a series of First Year Experience courses.
- Research interests focused on implications of cultural and economic differences across for International taxation and the treaty negotiation process.
- Served on the United Nations Sub-Committee to Revise UN Manual for the Negotiation of Bilateral Tax Treaties Between Developed and Developing Countries, (2006)
- Awarded Images of Excellence, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. (May 1999 and 2001).
- Received the Gold Award, State Information Officers Council. (January 2000).
- CSUS Representative on Board of Directors, Sacramento Chapter of the Junior Achievement Organization. (2005 - 2006).
- Served as United Nations Ad Hoc Group Participant, Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cooperation in International Tax Matters. (1995 - 2006).
- Never a track and field competitor on any serious level, but has been and is a runner for recreational and casual competition purposes.
- Assisted in a number of volunteer roles in regard to track and field set up to announcing meets for California State University, Sacramento.
- Certified in 2004 and presently holds certification at the National Level.
- Became involved in the Foundation due to his interest in the financial side of the Foundation organization based on education and experience, both as a professor/employee and a volunteer with respect to other organizations.

**George Kleeman – DIRECTOR AND INTERIM SECRETARY**

- Gonzaga University: BS in Chemical Engineering. University of Minnesota: Doctorate
- Process Engineer and Technical Manager for Shell Oil for 33 years until retiring in 1999.
- USATF Official: 1980 to Present.

- Involvement in Athletics for 39 years, first as a competitive athlete in Long Distance Running and Race Walking, then as an official and meet, association, national and international athletics management. I have been involved in most aspects of the sport.
- National Official Committee as Training Chair: Elected 1996 to 2003.
- USATF Officials, Rules Committee Chair: 2003 to 2013.
- Founded the National Equipment and Facilities Specification Subcommittee and Chaired the Committee from 1989 to 2009.
- Pacific Association President for two four year terms: 1992 - 1996 and 1996 – 2000.
- Officials' coordinator for the 1995 National Championship and the 2000 Olympic Trials both held in Sacramento.
- Technical director: 2002 Combined Events Championship at UC Berkeley; NCAA Division I Championships 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007; Olympic Trials in Sacramento 2004; USATF Masters T&F Championship 2010 and World Masters Athletics Championships 2011, both held in Sacramento.
- Originated the idea for the Pacific Association USATF Foundation: 2005.

### **Dena Evans – DIRECTOR**

- Stanford University: BA American Studies 1996; M.Ed. 1997.
- Co-Founder and Director for the **USATF Elite Development Club New Balance** Silicon Valley.
- Co-Director of the **Bay Area Running Camp** (Youth and Adult)
- All-American athlete in the middle distances at Stanford: 1995 (DMR), 1996 (DMR &1500m)
- Track and Field & Cross Country Coach, Stanford University: 1999 and 2005 Assistant Track / XC; 1999-2003 Head WXC; Asst. Track 2003-2005.
- Coached Stanford to a NCAA Championship in Cross Country 2003.
- NCAA Division I Women's Coach of the Year 2003
- Pac-10 Coach of the Year: two times. 2003 & 2004
- West Regional Coach of the Year: 2004
- National Assistant Coach of the Year for Women's Distances on the track: 2004.
- Team leader for three US women's international Teams.
- Coach and consultant for **runcoach**; nationwide online training for recreational and competitive athletes.
- Coached Sara Hall to the 2011 Pan-American gold medal in the steeplechase and the 2012 USATF Cross Country individual title.
- Work presently with a wide range of athletes in a variety of disciplines, distances, age groups, and abilities.
- Competed her 10<sup>th</sup> marathon with the 2013 Boston Marathon.

### **Shannon Rowbury - DIRECTOR**

- Duke University: BA (Magna Cum Laude) 2006; MA 2008 in Humanities
- Nike Track and Field
- Four time USATF National Champion
- World Bronze Medalist 2009
- Olympian: 2008 and 2012.
- Highest place finish in the history of American women in the 1500m Olympic Competition 2012
- Ran the second fastest time in the Mile Race in American history.
- Co-Founder of the **Bay Area Track Club** (2009 to Present) to support Olympic and emerging elite athletes, as well as, promoting lifelong fitness within the Bay Area.
- Co-Founder & President of **Imagining More** (2012 to Present) which promotes arts and athletics amongst young women.

- Member of the 5000 M National Team competing in the 2013 World Championships