

USATF Illinois Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday April 26, 2026
General Body via Zoom Call

Attendees:

Sue Hallen, Chicago Masters	Stefanie Dobrin, Hammers TC
Ruth Welding, Chicago Masters	Damani Shakoor, Stealth Bombers
Laura Davies, Official	Brandon Strygaqnek, TNT TC
Steve Kessler, Official	Rick Beal
Robell McMiller, Official	Mary Pleticha, Elgin Sharks TC
Mike Mallon, Quad Cities Faster Masters	`Doug Brooks
Tamara Holman	Marques Lowe (Vipers)
Jason Cooper, Hammers TC	Jay Marshall, Official
Brenda Kimbrough, BOD	Art Pahl, BOD
Diane Bluford, BOD	Marc Jones, BOD
Kenneth Nally, BOD	Lorette Cherry, BOD
Melissa Delany, BOD	Jamero Rainey, BOD
Tim Cederblad, BOD	Karen Sersen, BOD
DeVaughn Benion, BOD	Jackie Harris, BOD

Art Pahl, Vice President Operations, called the meeting to order at 1:00.

Old Business – None

New Business – Lorette Cherry proposed the following revision to USATF Illinois By-Laws:

The current Illinois documentation:

Except for renewal memberships from the prior year, in order to be eligible to vote, an individual must be a member of the Association at least one (1) full month prior to the month in which the election occurs (Example: if the election is April 25th, the membership must be processed by February 28th).

Proposed language and Current Governance documentation:

An individual must be a member of the Association at least one full month prior to the election. Example: if the election is April 14th, the individual member must have been a member, paid in full, by March 16th).

The revision will be voted on in the next annual meeting that is tentatively scheduled for April, 2027.

Committee Reports:

Jamero Rainey – Officials – advised that the state of Illinois have 80 certified officials. Additionally, Jamero talked about upcoming events and how to sign up for those events.

Karen Sersen – MUT- talked about upcoming events this year beyond 26.2 miles.

Marc Jones – Youth talked about the difficulties is finding suitable locations. The tentative meets for 2025 are:

- USATF Illinois Junior Olympics, June 26-28, Maywood.
- USATF Illinois Junior Olympics Cross Country, November 14, Elgin
- USATF Reg 7 Junior Olympics Cross Country, November 21, Elgin

Tim Cederblad – Masters – talked about the 2026 track meet series:

- USATF Illinois Masters & Open Indoor Championship, February 1, Romeoville
- USATF Illinois Masters & Open Outdoor Championship, June 7, Romeoville

Respectfully submitted,

Lorette Cherry, secretary