Candidate for Board member representing General Competition Division

Pam Fales



NOMINATED BY:
Karen Krsak, Rick Lee, Lauren Primerano, Dave Shrock, Mark Williams

SECONDED BY:
John Blackburn, Janelle Branch, Mark Dennett, Carroll DeWeese, Inez Finch, Mitch Garner, Irene Herman, Perry Jenkins, Euleen Josiah-Tanner, David Katz, Len Krsak, Don Lawrence, Will Leer, Greg Mohl, Phillip Pillin, Christine Prorock-Rogers, Michael Scott, Stephen Vaitones, David Watkins, Jacqueline White

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:
I am honored to be nominated for the Board of Directors to represent the General Competition Division. Throughout my years of involvement in our sport, I have developed a deep appreciation for athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and organizations which make the entirety of USA Track and Field thrive across the country. As we continue to grow participation, strengthen competition opportunities, and prepare for future generations of athletes, we need experienced, collaborative leadership that understands the needs of our membership and our associations. The leadership roles I have fulfilled within USATF for over 20 years have given me an understanding of these needs. I recognize that our Associations face different challenges, particularly smaller Associations with limited resources.

I am committed to ensuring that the voice of the General Competition Division remains strong and well represented at the national level. One concern I hear from Association leaders is the need for better communication and follow-through. When questions are raised or problems are brought forward, you deserve to know that someone is listening, what action is being taken, and where things stand.

When elected, I will attend Executive Committee meetings, maintain regular contact with leadership, and work to ensure that concerns from both Associations and Masters are heard at the Board level. I cannot promise that every problem will be solved, but I do promise that I will listen, follow through, and keep you informed. I will also focus on strengthening communication and collaboration between the General Competition Division and national leadership and promote sound governance and fiscal responsibility to ensure USATF's long-term success.

My extensive experience developing relationships throughout USATF and my problem-solving skills provide me with the background to engage with stakeholders within the General Competition Division and work to advance practical solutions. My goal is to help build a stronger, more unified USATF that serves all members in the sport we are passionate about. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote for the USATF Board of Directors position representing the General Competition Division.

QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS:

- Honored recipient of the 2024 Robert Giegengack Award from the USATF Board of Directors
- USATF Presidents Awardee in 2012 and 2023
- Current Chair of Organizational Services, member since 2016
- Current Treasurer and championship event liaison for the Masters LDR Committee
- Associations Executive Committee member for the last 4 Association chairs
- Former Associations Executive Committee East Region Representative
- Current New Jersey Association Secretary
- Former Managing Director of the NJ Association (10 years)
- High School, College, post collegiate (Texas Instruments racing team) and masters Track & Field competitor
- Open and masters Long Distance Running competitor