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TO: Members of USATF Southern Association

FROM: Keith T. Johnson, Sr.  
USATF Southern Association

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the members of the Southern Association for electing me as your new President. It is my honor and pleasure to have an opportunity to serve you for the next two years.

However it has been some discussion and reference to our election held in Lafayette on October 1<sup>st</sup>. After reviewing the allegations with the National Office Staff, Southern Association Secretary-Earlett Buckley, and Regional Zone Representative Jackie Callender, I attempted to have an Executive Committee conference call to discuss the allegations. Unfortunately, the Executive Committee was unable to meet to review the allegations and other unfinished business. In the best interest of the Association I have chosen to move forward at this time with the business of the Association. If a formal grievance is filed then we will address it at that time.

In order to build a more unified Association I have asked those individuals who ran for office to join as committee chairs. I am pleased to announce their acceptance. I have appointed the following individuals to serve as chairs of committees. Byron Turner-Chairman of Masters, Dennis Groll-Chairman of LDR, Kathey Early-Chairman of Records, Recognition and Social Media, Tori Lynn Bliss (Former LSU Throws)-Athlete Representative and Al Olive-Chairman of Athletes Advisory.

During the meeting in October we did not vote on the delegates to the National Convention. Therefore based on our "Bylaws" the following individuals will be delegates to the 2016 National Convention. President Keith Johnson, Secretary Earlett Buckley, Treasurer Martha Brown-Earls, Youth Chair Roderic Newton, Officials Chair Gloria Louis, Master Chair Byron Turner, LDR Chair Dennis Groll, Athlete based on the recommendation of the National Office, By recommendation of Officials Chair Gloria Louis, Official assigned to Rules Lloyd McMillan, Official assigned to Law and Legislation Kathey Early. If needed Race Walk Chair Reverend Burnett King will be the alternate.

If we are to build a stronger and unified Association I will need your help. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions and / or recommendations to help move the Association forward.

See you in New Orleans January 2017.

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