



SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION NEWS

USATF Southern Association Newsletter

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Delegates Travel to the 2017 USATF National Convention

The 2017 USATF National Convention was held November 28, 2017—December 3, 2017 in Columbus, Oh. As representatives of USATF Southern Association, 9 delegates were tasked with attending meetings in the various sports committees. The convention was held in conjunction with the Associations Workshop and the Youth's Workshop, those of which we also had representatives from our Association to attend.

Preparing to Launch Newly Designed Association Website

The Southern Association has been working with USATF National Office to utilize the website template that was designed by the National Office :

Q: Do we have to use this template?

A: Part of the accreditation is to maintain a viable website. Utilizing this template will ensure that we meet the standard for having our website

Q: How often is the website updated?

A: Website postings verify based on the request. There is not an extensive waiting period between the time an item is submitted and the time it is posted.

"Anyone can give up; it's the easiest thing in the world to do. But to hold it together when everyone would expect you to fall apart, that's true strength.

- Chris Bradford

Stay strong no matter what you may encounter.



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USATF Southern Association Official's Chair Gloria Louis

Louis receives Official's Chair Award

Louis is a master level official. She serves as the Officials Chair for the Southern Association for several years. She is very knowledgeable, giving, and she's a great team player. If anyone were to meet Ms. Louis they would describe her as a "fiery" track and field official that has a passion and desire to serve and assist youth. She started her own summer track and field program, 23 years ago on the premises of faith, education and physical fitness. She spends many hours on the track. She works throughout the year both locally and outside her association working meets. She has conducted many hours of clinics and training classes for officials within her association. She travel many miles to conduct the clinics and training with a big smile. Ms. Louis has been expertise in field and running events. She worked numeral meets across the country. She has served as coordinator of officials for the Southern Association, SWAC, C-USA and 2010-2015 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Championships. She has been the Coordinator of Officials for Cajuns Track and Field Officials Association for the last five years. She served as the USATF Youth National Coordinator of Officials in 1996. She has served as the Long Jumps official for the World Junior Trials/ Youth Nationals in 2009, 2011 & 2013 & 2015 and Junior Olympics. She served as a Running, field and Combined Referee for A-10 Div. 1

and 49er Classic, Louisiana Classics, and High School Districts and Championships. She often served as the Running/ Field Referee for USATF Southern Association. She served as a Head Marshal for Southland in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and in 2014 & 2015 NCAA Big East Preliminary Conferences. She worked as a Marshal at the Olympics Trails. She served as the Lead High Jump Official for the WAC, Sunbelt and Southland Conferences. She served as lead official for the Horizontal Jumps at the New Balance, Big East, CCA and AAC Conferences. She has worked many Penn and Texas Relays for the past 15 years.

She has received several Community Service Awards over the 12 years. She has been awarded numeral national and local awards; the USATF Outstanding Official in 2005, 2009 & 2013. USATF Youth Division of - Certification of Appreciation in 2006-2007. She received the Forster Roger of Track and Field in 2013, Outstanding 4-H Leader 2000-2007. Outstanding Service Award-Texas Relays in 2010 & 2015. She received the USATF Southern Association Officials Award, 2008-2012. The LSU Outstanding Track and Field Service Award, and 2009-2014. The Outstanding Coach Award in 2000-2009. She received the Outstanding Leadership and Key to City of Lafayette, NY. & Breaux Bridge Louisiana and the Outstanding Educator in 1998-2009.

Help us congratulate Ms. Gloria Louis.



Turner receives Youth Chair Award

Turner desires to secure a position as manager on USATF National team staff or be used in any position to be able to assist the operation of the USATF National team program.

Professional Highlights:

USATF National Team Assignments

Event Manager – 2012 NACAC Under 23 team, Irapuato, Guanajuato, Mexico

Event Manager – 2015 Pan Am Jr team, Canada

USATF National

Name as one of the USATF media campaign representative for the We Are USATF campaign (2011-present)

National Level Certified USATF Official

Elected as National Youth Committee Delegate at Large (2012 – present)

National Youth Computer Committee Member (December 2010 – present)

National Youth Committee Assistant Representative to Men's Track and Field (December 2009 – present)

Delegate or Attendee to the National USATF Convention (2007 to present)

USATF Southern Association

1st Vice President (August 2012 – present)

Masters Chair (August 2007 – November 2011; 2016 - present)

Youth Chair (August 2008 – August 2010)

MEET MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Meet management for all University of Louisiana at Lafayette track meets since 2010; Meet management for all Southern University track meets since 2010; Meet management for several LHSAA Regional, District and Other High School meets in immediate area; Meet Director for USA Masters Outdoor National Championship; Meet Director for US Express Invitational since 2008; Meet Director for Southwest Region Masters Indoor Meet since 2009; Meet Director for Southwest Region Outdoor Meet (2009, 2010, 2013); Meet Director for South zone Open Championship (2009, 2010, 2013); Meet Director for South zone Youth Indoor Championship (2010); Meet Director for USATF Region VI Junior Olympics (2010) Meet management for USATF Southern Association Junior Olympics since 2011; Meet Director for Louisiana Indoor Classic since 2011; Meet Manager and Finish lynx specialist with Adkins Trak Timing

US Express Track Club

President/Co-Founder /Assistant Head Coach in 2008

31 - Athletes received College Track and Field scholarships; 5 – National Junior Olympic 6 - champions; 56 - Youth All-Americans

USA Masters National Champions; 2 – USA Olympic Trial Qualifiers; Produced 161 Champions at the USATF Association, Regional or National Junior Olympics level

Help us in congratulating Byron Turner

PEAK PERFORMANCE TRACK & FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY TRACK CLUB HOSTED THE USATF SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP. THE MEET WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. COACH DENNIS GROLL WISHES TO THANK EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED, VOLUNTEERED AND OFFICIATED. THE NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP MEET WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2017 AT THE TUCKER CIVIC CENTER IN TALLAHASSEE, FL.



Southern Association Remembers A Dedicated Official



Lisa Pitre Guevara, 57, of Gretna, Louisiana passed away in her home on September 15, 2017 after a two-year battle with cancer. Born in Houma on April 15, 1960, Lisa grew up in Cut Off, Louisiana before developing a life-long fascination and engagement with the Spanish Language and culture. Most recently she taught Spanish at the Academy of Sacred Heart where she was much loved by students and faculty. Previously, she taught at St. Martin's Episcopal for fifteen years and spent time teaching at St. Cletus, Salem Lutheran and Concordia schools on the Westbank of New Orleans. She is survived by her son David Alejandro Guevara and girlfriend Rocio, of Madrid, Spain; daughter Andrea Cristina Favalaro and husband David of New Orleans; her brother Elrod Pitre and his wife Carol; Niece Cristie Pitre Pape and her son Matthew; many aunts, uncles and cousins; and her faithful canine companions, Sammy and Maggie. Lisa was an avid traveler: Japan, Colombia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, and of course Spain, comprised her travel itineraries. An avid racewalker, Lisa completed eight marathons. She was a member of the New Orleans Track Club, the USA Track and Field Organization, and the Athletic Amateur Union. The family would like to thank the Academy of Sacred Heart and St. Martin's School communities, among countless lifelong friends, for their love and support throughout the years.

*This edition is in memory of our Racewalking Official
Lisa Pitre Guevara*



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