

## 2011 USAS Convention Report

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### **Athlete Protection Committee**

The National Athlete Protection Committee, which I am a member, held a general business meeting at which pending legislation was discussed. The legislation largely mirrored that which was passed by the MS HOD in May. This was a 90% year at convention and the chances of the legislation passing was slim but on the HOD floor it did receive 88% of the vote failing to pass by about 10 votes. The primary goal of the committee this was to put this legislation at the forefront of discussion at convention and that goal was accomplished. New legislation will be brought to convention next year which is a 50% year. The committee will refine the legislation this year based on the feedback from convention and the LSC's during the course of the year.

### **Athlete Protection Committee Education Presentation**

The presentation for the educational component of membership requirements was well received in front of a packed house. All non-athlete members of USAS will be required to complete this online training program, about one hour in length, prior to registering for the 2012 membership year. Every non-athlete member will be required to take an updated version of this program every 2 years. The program is available for access at this time.

### **Officials Committee Presentation**

I was requested by Clark Hammond, the Officials Committee National Chair, to do a presentation on the USAS Athlete Protection Program. It gave the committee the opportunity to outline the program and discuss why officials were being brought into the program. I believe it was both well received and well supported.

### **Audit Committee**

As the former chair of the National Audit Committee I continue to attend as many of the budget, audit, finance and investment committee meetings as possible. USAS remains in good fiscal condition. We are fortunate to have Jim Harvey as a CFO. He is a talented and highly detail oriented CPA who was very open in the discussions at each meeting.