



## **ADMINISTRATION CIRCULAR 01.16 –Important Decisions OAA Council Meeting – 22 October 2016**

26 October 2016

The Council of the OAA chaired by President Geoff Gardner met on the Gold Coast on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2016.

### **1.0 Reports**

Council received the following:

- OAA President's – Geoff Gardner
- OAA Executive Director – Yvonne Mullins
- OAA Development Programs – Yvonne Mullins
- OAA Competition Manager – Anthony Curry
- OAA Project Officer – Lars Hansen
- OAA Intern - Sarah
- IAAF Athletes' Commission – Valerie Adams
- IAAF Audit Commission – Geoff Gardner
- IAAF Coaches Commission – Debbie Strange
- IAAF Commercial & Marketing Advisory Group – Matt Mahon
- IAAF Competition Commission – Trevor Spittle
- IAAF Cross Country Committee – Anne Lord
- IAAF Development Commission – Geoff Gardner
- IAA Strategic Communication Commission – Joseph Rodan
- IAAF Technical Committee Report – Brian Roe
- IAAF Values Commission – Yvonne Mullins
- IAAF Walks Committee – Jane Saville
- IAAF Women's Committee – Annette Purvis
- IAAF Youth & Social Media Commission
- OAA Cross Country Committee –Anne Lord
- OAA Technical Commission – Trevor Spittle
- OAA Development Commission – Jay Antonio / Peoria Koshiba
- OMA Report to OAA Council – Lynne Schickert
- Athletes, Commission, Strategic Communication, Youth & Social Media

## **2.0 Information and Decisions**

- 2.1 The OAA Council was delighted to welcome the IAAF President Sebastian Coe to the OAA Council Meeting. It provided a valuable opportunity to discuss the OAA Activities particularly the operations of the OAA High Performance Training Centre and the OAA Regional Development Centre.

President Coe commended the OAA on its initiatives and the continuing successful operations of the Centres and Office.

Council Members provided updates on Member Federation activities. Any matters that were considered in the updates were discussed at length by the Council. Relevant Council Members will report back to their Member Federations on outcomes.

OAA Project Officer, Lars Hansen advised the Council that he would not be seeking to renew his contract in 2017 as he was looking to undertake further studies. The OAA Council wished Lars every success for the future and thanked him for his services to the Association.

Following a long and successful Internship Program which has welcomed Interns from around the Globe the OAA Council has committed to continue with the program. Member Federations are reminded that this program is open to all Federations who have anyone who is interested in seeking an internship in Sports related management and administration. Generally, these are short-term placements – the OAA welcomes any enquiries from potential Interns or Member Federations.

## **3.0 HPTC Activities**

Member Federations are reminded that the IAAF High Performance Scholarships are now open and nominations should be submitted to the OAA Office as soon as possible.

The OAA Council has determined that it now necessary to engage the services of a half-time High Performance Manager. The position will be advertised to commence in early 2017.

Member Federations are reminded that the facilities of Oceania House are available to assist with short-term and long-term training of athletes, coaches, technical officials and administrators. These facilities are available at a nominal charge and should be sourced through the OAA Office.

## **4.0 RDC Activities**

The Council determined that the following activities, subject to endorsement of the IAAF will be conducted in 2017:

1. TOECS Level II Course – Gold Coast - Australia
2. RWJECS Level II Course – Adelaide – Australia - February

3. Development Strategy Seminar (Congress) – Fiji – June
4. Technical Delegates' Seminar – Fiji – June (Women's Activity)
5. School/Youth Activity – June – Fiji Islands
6. CECS Level II (New) – Middle/Long Distance – September – venue TBC
7. CECS II (New) Combined Events OR CECS Level II/III Lecturers' Course

Member Federations are aware that all Level 1 Coach and Technical Officials' Education courses are to be conducted in-country and that funding for these courses should be through Annual Grants, OAD Grants and NOC funding.

The OAA has previously circulated information regarding the conduct of these courses and the timelines to have them registered with the IAAF. The OAA Office will continue to assist MF's in the facilitation of in-country courses.

Following the resignation of RDC Manager in April 2016, the OAA Council has determined to recruit a full-time Manager for the Centre. The position will be advertised to commence in early 2017.

## **5.0 Competition Matters**

- 5.1 Council received one application for the 2017 20km Race Walking Championships from Australia. The OAA Council resolved to award the event to Adelaide.

Date: 19 February 2017

- 5.2 Council received one application for the 2017 10km Road Run and Marathon events from Gold Coast Events. The OAA Council resolved to award the events to the Gold Coast. The decision to award the OAA Marathon event to the Gold Coast was in line with the Commonwealth Games Marathon utilising the same course in 2017 and 2018.

Date: 1-2 July 2017

- 5.3 Following the clash of events with the OAA Half Marathon and the OAA Area Championships in 2017 the Council has negotiated with the Pacific Games Council and Vanuatu Mini Games Organising Committee to host the Half Marathon Championships in Port Vila, December 2017 at the time of the Pacific Mini Games. All Federations will be eligible for a quota of one (1) position for this event, this will be in addition to any PGA quotas.

- 5.4 The 2018 Regional Championships – Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia will be decided by the respective Area Member Federations at the 2017 Oceania Congress. Expressions of Interest are being sought by the OAA Office – a reminder will be sent out at a later date.

- 5.5 Council received one application for the 2019 Area Championships. Following an Evaluation Report on the bid the OAA Council resolved to award the 2019 Area Championships to the city of Townsville.

Dates: 27-29 June 2019 – TBC

## **6.0 OAA Awards**

- 6.1 The OAA Council considered applications for the OAA Merit Award. Mr Rendy Germinaro (FSM) was awarded the OAA Merit Award.
- 6.2 Council discussed the criteria for the OAA Coaches, Technical Officials, Women's and Future Women's Leaders Awards and agreed that the Award information be distributed to Member Federations for awarding at the 2017 Congress. Applications Close in January 2017

## **7.0 Special Grants**

The following Member Federations were successful in their applications for the Oceania Special Grant 2016:

PLW  
PNG  
PYF  
VAN

The next round of Grants will be called for following the February Council Meeting.

## **8.0 Future Meetings**

- 8.1 The OAA Executive will meet in February to discuss the review of the OAA Strategic Plan with a view to presenting a Draft to the Congress in June 2017.
- 8.2 The OAA Council will return to Micronesia for its first meeting in 2017. The meeting will take place in Palau in February, 2017.
- 8.3 The OAA Council will also meet prior to the OAA Congress in Fiji in June 2017.
- 8.4 OAA Congress will be conducted in Suva, Fiji on the 23 June 2017.

