



## **ADMINISTRATION CIRCULAR 07.16 –Important Decisions OAA Council Meeting – 15-17 February 2017**

10 March 2017

The Council of the OAA chaired by President Geoff Gardner met in Koror, Palau on the 15-17 February 2017.

### **1.0 Reports**

Council received the following:

OAA President – Geoff Gardner  
OAA Executive Director – Yvonne Mullins  
OAA Development Programs – Regan Kama  
OAA Competition Manager – Tom O’Shaughnessy  
OAA Project Officer – Sarah Runzheimer  
OAA Intern – Lachlan Volling-Geoghegan  
IAAF Athletes’ Commission – Valerie Adams  
IAAF Coaches Commission – Debbie Strange  
IAAF Walks Committee – Jane Saville

### **2.0 Information and Decisions**

Members of the OAA Council and OAA Staff met in Melbourne for a Planning Session prior to the OAA Council Meeting in Palau. The Planning Session coincided with Athletics Australia’s Nitro Athletics and was an opportunity for the Council and Staff to meet with Athletics Australia Board and Staff Members, IAAF President, Sebastian Coe and other stakeholders in the Sport.

### **3.0 Strategic Plan**

The OAA Council is currently working on updating the OAA Strategic Plan. The Council will continue to update the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan and will be presenting the Plan to the OAA Congress in Suva.

### **4.0 Oceania Administration Seminar – Suva**

The OAA Administration Seminar in Suva will include several sessions that are planned to assist Member Federation in further developing their capacity. A number of issues will be addressed including:

- Federation Governance
- Health & Safety Youth – Child Protection Policies
- Education – RDC Courses
- Administration
  - Meetings
  - Marketing, Media and Finance
  - Sponsorship
  - Access to Funding

- Strategic Planning
- Planning for Events
- Oceania High Performance Training Centre
- Integrity in Sport

## 5.0 HPTC Activities

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.

## 6.0 Celebrating Athletics in 2017

The IAAF has decided that they will not be hosting *World Athletics Day* in 2017 - they are instead looking at ways to re-brand the concept and re-introduce a varied program in 2018. The Oceania Athletics Association is therefore pleased to inform you that in 2017 we will be hosting *Celebrating Athletics in 2017*. The OAA Office will send information to all Member Federations inviting them to be part of our very own Oceania Event.

## 7.0 RDC Activities

### 7.1 RDC Courses - 2017

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

1. CECS I -13-20 March – Port Vila, Vanuatu (OAA Special Grant 2016) – Albert Miller
2. CECS I – 31 March – 9 April – Nauru (PSP Innovation Grant) – Albert Miller
3. CECS II - **Throws** – 22 to 30 April, Suva, Fiji (funded PSP) – Lecturer tbc - **NEW CECSII Course**
4. TOECS I – 27 April to 2 May, Tuvalu – Filimoni Waqa
5. CECS I – 1 to 11 May – Nuku'alofa, Tonga - Sarah Runzheimer
6. CECS II - Sprints, Relays, Hurdles – 14 to 20 May – Brisbane, Australia (Athletics Australia Activity) – Cliff Mallett - NEW CECSII Course
7. CECS LI – 18 to 29 May – Kiribati - Tekabara Arobati
8. TOECS LI – 22 to 29 May – Kiribati – Yvonne Mullins
9. **Road Measurers' Course** – 14-19 June, Suva, Fiji (funded PSP) – Dave Cundy
10. **Development Strategy Seminar** (Congress) – 23,24,25 June – Suva, Fiji
11. **Technical Delegates'/Comp Manager Seminar** – 27-30 June - 1 July – Suva, Fiji (Women's Activity)
12. **School/Youth Activity – Sport for Development** - 29-30 June, 1 July - Suva, Fiji
13. CECS III – **Throws** – August – Canberra – Lecturer tbc - Australia (Athletics Australia Activity) – **CURRENT Level 4**
14. CECS Level II – **Middle/Long Distance** – September – Gold Coast, Australia - Lecturer tbc – 8 days
15. **TOECS II & Refreshers Course** – 25 to 30 September – Trevor Spittle and Helen Roberts, Gold Coast, Australia
16. CECS II/III **Lecturers Course** – Date, Venue and Lecturer tbc
17. CECS II – **Jumps** – July - Brisbane, Australia (Athletics Australia Activity) - Lecturer tbc – **NEW CECSII Course**
18. CECS III – **Sprints, Relays & Hurdles** – October – Gold Coast, Australia (Athletics Australia Activity) - Lecturer tbc - **CURRENT Level 4**
19. CECS III – **Jumps** – November – Canberra, Australia (Athletics Australia Activity) – Lecturer tbc - **CURRENT Level 4**
20. CECS II – **Sprints Relays & Hurdles** - December – Melbourne, Australia (Athletics Australia Activity) - Lecturer tbc - **NEW CECSII Course**

## **7.2 CECS I and TOECS I Courses**

Member Federations are reminded 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, IAAF AOD Grants and NOC funding. The OAA is available to assist in facilitating these courses.

## **7.3 Coaches Seminar**

After discussions with Members of the OAA Development Commission the OAA will be hosting interactive coaching seminars during the Area Championships in Suva. The objective of these seminars is for our coaches to network, discover the new CECS program, understand the RDC HPTC programs, and how to support, assist and manage your athletes.

## **7.5 Youth Activity**

The RDC will be conducting a series of Youth Activity Seminars at the Area Championships in Suva. These will include:

*Sending Messages through Sport – “Why do we do sport and activities, the importance of the relationship between sport and healthy lifestyle”:*

- a. NCDs
- b. Nutrition - Obesity
- c. Bullying
- d. Domestic Violence
- e. Codes of Behaviour
- f. Athlete Rights
- g. Social Drugs and Alcohol
- h. Safe Sex

Messages of Voices of the Athlete – ONOC Program

- a. Play Safe
- b. Play True
- c. Go Green
- d. Be a Leader

## **7.4 Technical Delegate / Competition Director Seminar**

The Oceania RDC will also conduct a Technical Delegate/Competition Director Seminar at the Area Championships. Nominations will be forwarded to Member Federations in March 2017.

## **8.0 Competition Matters**

### **8.1 Competition Timetable – Area Championships 2017**

The OAA Council agreed that to maximise the time in Suva at the Area Championships the event would commence on the 28<sup>th</sup> June where events will be hosted alongside the Opening Ceremony. A full program of events, including the draft Competition Timetable will be available by the middle of March.

## **8.2 Oceania Regional Championships 2018**

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. Member Federations are reminded that the EOI's were due at the OAA Office on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## **8.2 Oceania Area Championships 2019**

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.

## **8.3 Championship Events – Expressions of Interest**

Member Federations are reminded that the decision on the 2018 Regional Championships will be made at the OAA Congress in Suva. If you need any advice relating to these Championships, please contact the OAA Office. The decision on the hosting of the Regional Championships will be made by the respective Member Federations of each of the Regions, i.e. Melanesia, Micronesia, Polynesia.

- 2018 Melanesian Regional Championships (AUS, FIJ, NFI, NCL, PNG, SOL, TUV, VAN)
- 2018 Micronesian Regional Championships (FSM, GUM, KIR, MHL, NMI, NRU, PLW)
- 2018 Polynesian Regional Championships (ASA, COK, NIU, NZL, PYF, SAM, TGA)

It is also suggested that discussion regarding the 2020 Regional Championships be initiated at the 2017 OAA Congress with a decision on the hosts of the 2020 Regional Championships to be made at the time of the 2018 Regional Championships.

The Oceania Athletics Association is now calling for expressions of interest and applications to conduct the following Championship events. Expressions of Interest should be received at the OAA Office no later than the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

- 2018 Oceania Half Marathon Championships
- 2018 Oceania Marathon Championships
- 2018 Oceania 10,000 metre Road Race
- 2018 Oceania Cross Country Championships
- 2018 Oceania Combined Events Championships
- 2018 Oceania Race Walking Championships
- 2019 Oceania Half Marathon Championships
- 2019 Oceania Marathon Championships
- 2019 Oceania 10,000 metre Road Race
- 2019 Oceania Race Walking Championships

#### **9.0 OAA Awards**

Council discussed the OAA Coaches, Technical Officials, Women's and Future Women's Leaders Awards and Athlete of the year Awards. Nominations for the Awards will be discussed by the Awards' Panels with the Awards to be presented at the OAA Congress and Championships in June 2017.

#### **10.0 Special Grants**

The OAA Council has decided to review the current Special Grant Application as many of the applications are now funding through the IAAF Athletic Olympic Dividend Funding. It is expected that the next round of Grant applications will be available after the OAA Congress in June.

#### **11.0 Future Meetings**

- The OAA Council will also meet prior to the OAA Congress in Fiji 22 June 2017
- OAA Congress will be conducted in Suva, Fiji on the 23 June 2017
- The venue for the first OAA Council Meeting in 2018 is tentatively organised for Tonga
- Member Federations are asked to consider hosting future OAA Council Meetings by sending through an Expression of Interest to the OAA Executive Director.