



Masters Long Distance Running

USA RESOLUTION – DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

WHEREAS, WMA has requested input from the affiliates regarding proposed changes to the structure of the organization by January 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, one of the proposed changes to the constitution would eliminate the six regional delegates on the WMA Council and be replaced by a Regional Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, one individual no matter how industrious and/or hardworking, can represent all of the diverse and multicultural stakes of the associations in the various regions; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the regional delegates would de facto silence the voices of the regions in WMA; and

WHEREAS, reduced and/or nonexistent regional representation would jeopardize region growth and development, specifically in Asia and in Africa;

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the United States delegates that:

We strongly object to the elimination of the six regional delegates as they are the individuals chosen by the respective region associations and/or countries. These regional delegates are in the best position to articulate the concerns and needs of the regions.

Although, we are aware of the need to cut costs in administration and to increase efficiency, this proposal makes the Council appear more autocratic, which we know is not their intent. While there has been dissatisfaction with some of the regions delegates' functioning, education and mentorship would be more appropriate, instead of wholesale amputation.

Furthermore, we support the Council as it currently stands and prefer that it remain as is, including keeping the Regional Delegates and the Vice Presidents of Stadia and Non-Stadia. A look at the other corporate boards, the average size is between 13 and 15 members, including our federation.



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