

# 2002 USATF President's Award

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2002 Annual Meeting officially begins with Opening Session

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – USA Track & Field President Bill Roe officially opened the 2002 USATF Annual Meeting Thursday morning in Kansas City by honoring the sport's top contributors, while CEO Craig Masback recounted the successes of 2002 and looked to the future. Celebrating a theme of "These are the Days ... To Remember," the Annual Meeting's Opening Session was attended by nearly 800 delegates.

Roe welcomed the delegates to the meeting in his opening remarks. "I declare open our 24th USA Track & Field Annual Meeting," he said. "Kansas City has rolled out the red carpet for USATF to create some special memories for you, and we thank the city, as well as the Missouri Valley Association, for all of their hospitality."

Roe himself rolled out the red carpet for 12 President's Award winners, given annually by the current USTAF president to USATF figures who have made notable contributions to the organization and the sport.

The 2002 President's Award winners are: Long Distance Running Committee chair Jerry Crockett; former Officials' Committee interim chair Finn Hansen; outgoing Athletes Advisory Committee Chair and two-time Olympian PattiSue Plummer; new Rules Committee Chair John Blackburn; Masters Committee Chair George Mathews; Associations Chair Alan Roth; USOC Athlete Representatives and Olympians Sandra Farmer-Patrick and Andrew Valmon; two-time Olympic gold medalist and athlete activist Gail Devers; strategic advisor David Morey; Mountain/Ultra/Trail Committee Chair and World Mountain Running Association treasurer **Nancy Hobbs**; and Penn Relays Director and track & field historian Dave Johnson.