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From the President's Desk

Dear ATOM Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and enjoying your summer with friends and family. I wanted to take a moment to thank all the ATOM members who helped make the State Finals a huge success for all the athletes that competed. We had 61 ATOM officials working the five state final sites for all of Michigan. This included 12 starters, 16 referees, 6 clerks, 17 umpires, and 6 head field event judges.

Thank you also to all the host sites for all their hard work as well. The unique nature of track and field is such that "it takes an army" to run successful finals meets. Not only do we need multiple locations, but each location needs several workers and volunteers to cover all the details. We had well over 500 volunteers working the five finals locations.

Special thanks to our host sites and Athletic Directors for all their time and efforts put in to make the events successful for the athletes.

- D1 host East Kentwood High School; Blaine Brumels**
- D2 host Zeeland East High School; Tim Ritsema**
- D3 host Comstock Park High School; Chris Sposaro and Tony Petkus**
- D4 host Hudsonville Middle School; Kevin Wolma and Mike Rotier**
- UP host Kingsford High School; Al Unger**

As we wrap up the 2018 season, remember to clean and store your officials equipment properly so it is ready to go this fall for Cross Country (or next spring for Track and Field). Also take some time to inspect your equipment and replace any worn or damaged items. Now is also a great time to order more shells. Stock up now as supplies run short during the season.

Thank you all for another great season of high school track and field here in Michigan!

Sincerely,

Michael VanDyke, ATOM President 2018

Please send announcements, photos, submissions, or other correspondence to atomichigannews@gmail.com.

The 2018 MHSAA Cross Country Rules Meeting is available [online](https://www.mhsaa.com/officials): August 6-September 13 at <https://www.mhsaa.com/officials>.