



April 4, 2018

Ms. Hillary Walker
General Secretary
International Association of Ultrarunners

Dear Ms. Walker;

On behalf of USA Track & Field, the national governing body for the sports of track & field, long distance running and race walking in the United States, and speaking for USATF's Mountain/Ultra/Trails Committee, I send this letter of strong endorsement for Dr. Richard Lion Caldwell for the Presidency of the IAU.

I am delighted to join with our Mountain/Ultra/Trails Committee in expressing very strong support for Dr. Caldwell's candidacy. He has an extraordinary career in both long distance and ultra running, as well as a long and exemplary medical career. As his resume shows, Dr. Caldwell is a 40+ year long distance and ultra runner. He's also had a varied and extensive medical career with the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Indian Health, during which he's developed excellent administrative skills.

Finally, and no less important, is Dr. Caldwell's passion and lifetime dedication to the sport of ultra running. He would now like to lead the IAU in the continued development of the sport throughout the world.

Thanks for your time in consideration of his candidacy. Let us know if you need additional information or have questions about Dr. Caldwell.

Yours truly,

P. "Duffy" Mahoney

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Chief of Sport Performance

Cc: Nancy Hobbs
Chair - USATF MUT Committee