

March 16, 1994

To: WAVA Council
From: Al Sheahen

Dear Friends:

Here are some changes I would like to propose to our by-laws:

- 1) Refer to current by-law 6A; proposed by-law 2(2).

WAVA's accounting period shall be of approximately two years' duration. It shall commence 60 days after the end of the World Veterans Track and Field Championships, and conclude 60 days after the end of the next World T&F Championships. Not later than two calendar months following the end of each accounting period, the Treasurer shall send the relevant financial statement and balance sheet to each affiliate and to each Council member.

Reason: Our natural accounting period is from one championships to the next. Our current calendar year period works well when the championships are held late in the year, such as Miyazaki. But it is impractical when the championships are held in July or August.

Moreover, officers take over after the championships. It's a smoother process to assign budgets from games to games, rather than from year to year.

Also, it generally takes about 60 days for the organizers to finalize their accounts and send entry fees to WAVA, and for WAVA to pay its bills.

- 2) If the above passes, then proposed by-law 2(3) should read:

The Treasurer shall submit to the Council an updated report at its periodic meetings, and at an approximate mid-point in the accounting period.

Reason: to conform to the previous amendment, and still mandate the same number of reports as the Council now requires.

- 3) Refer to proposed by-law 2(4).

The WAVA budget shall cover the WAVA accounting period (as outlined above).

No later than 90 days prior to the General Assembly meeting at the Track and Field Championships, the Treasurer, after consulting with the Budget Committee, shall submit a proposed budget to each Council member for their comments and suggestions.

No later than 45 days prior to the General Assembly, the Treasurer shall combine the suggestions of Council members into a proposed budget to be sent to each Council member and to each affiliate. (Note: this would be sent in the packet which the Secretary sends 45 days before the General Assembly.)

Two days prior to the start of the World T&F Championships, the Council shall hold a budget meeting. The first part of the meeting will be open to anyone, and the Council will entertain requests from any affiliate for changes in the proposed budget.

The second part of the meeting will be closed to all except Council members, at which time a budget will be approved for the next accounting period.

The approved budget will be made available to all delegates at the General Assembly. Discussion may be held, and the delegates will approve the final budget.

Reason: Now that WAVA has some money in the bank, the affiliates should have more of a voice in determining how the money is spent. Also, the budget should be approved prior to the start of the accounting period, not months later as is now the case.

The logical time to approve a budget is at the World T&F Championships. By sending a proposed budget to each affiliate in the packet 45 days prior to the Assembly, we alert them to what the Council is planning. If anyone disagrees, the open meeting two days before the Championships -- plus prior letters in the 45-days between -- gives anyone a chance to have his say.

The Council can listen to those arguments and vote them up or down in its private session.

The final step of giving the delegates the right to have final budget approval is an arguable one. Would the Assembly meeting disintegrate into a free-for-all of conflicting budget requests? Not if it was handled properly in the previous correspondence and meetings. And it would make the affiliates feel like they have more control of the process than they do now.

If, however, the Council feels that is too drastic a step to take all at once, we could still implement everything else in this proposal, but leave the Council with the final budget approval at its closed-session budget meeting, two days before the Championships begin.(or anytime prior to the General Assembly).

4) Refer to 4(9) of the proposed by-laws:

9) Budget Committee

- a) The Committee shall be chaired by the WAVA Treasurer.
- b) There shall be 12 members of the Committee plus the Chair.
- c) Each of the WAVA Regions shall have the right to appoint one delegate to this Committee, within 45 days of the close of the Stadia World Veterans Athletics Championships, held in odd-numbered years. If any region does not notify the Chair by letter or fax, postmarked within said 45 days, the Chair can then appoint a person to the Committee. Such person may come from any part of the world.
- d) The Treasurer shall have the right to appoint six persons to the Committee.
- e) The Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Council; shall assist the Treasurer in the preparation of a proposed budget; shall act as a general watchdog on WAVA expenditures; and shall meet at each World Stadia Championships.

Reason: to assist the Treasurer in preparing the budget; to determine creative ways to invest/spend our money; to give the Council more financial expertise.

5) Refer to proposed by-law 13 (1).

Since the Council never took a formal vote on this proposal, I suggest we go back to our former language (1d).

Reason: Some affiliates do not wish, and are not set up, to process dozens, or even hundreds, of entries through its offices. They don't have the manpower or the facilities to handle it. The current language gives an affiliate the option to let individual entries go directly to the organizers, and, thus, is preferable to the language in 13(1) of the proposed by-laws.

6) Refer to proposed by-law 15(1):

I believe Bill has already sent new language to amend this.

7) Refer to proposed by-law 15(10):

I propose to strike the words "of 50 years and over."

Reason: Requiring those under 50 to use a crouch start for the sprints, but not requiring those over 50 smacks of age discrimination, and arbitrary at that. Why 50? Why not 55? Or 45? It may well be that some 40-year-olds could have difficulty crouching. All competitors should decide for themselves whether they want to use a crouch start. (Some top runners do better with a standing start.)

8) Refer to proposed by-law 16:

The language from current by-law 4m is mysteriously missing. It should be included to read, under 16(4):

It is permissible to use a bent pole in competition.

Reason: The language is necessary to allow the use of a bent pole in veterans competition, since the IAAF rule apparently does not allow it. At least one veteran uses a bent pole.-- Jim Vernon of the USA. He has been so successful with it, that he is the only individual to have won a gold medal in each of the 10 WAVA Championships. He has encouraged others to try it, and feels it's an improvement over the straight pole.

I hope you'll have time to review these proposals prior to our Buffalo meeting, and give them favorable consideration.

Best regards,



Al Sheahen, Treasurer

P.S. I have no specific language to propose, but I would like your opinion on whether we need a transition period after new Council members are elected.

There's no language in either the Constitution or the by-laws on when new Council members take office. Thus, they've always taken over immediately after the election, in the middle of the General Assembly.

This creates obvious problems:

- a. Outgoing officers are often in the middle of projects which, for WAVA's benefit, should be completed by them.
- b. New officers are forced to assume authority immediately, in the middle of the Championships, often without any guidelines or direction.

Examples:

It takes the Treasurer about 60 days to finish up the books re the current Championships. When I took over, the outgoing Treasurer (Lynn) essentially kept the job for 60 days before turning it over to me; it was a smooth transition.

The Secretary is in the middle of taking minutes of the General Assembly and Council meetings. It seems cumbersome to have a new Secretary begin taking minutes in the middle of the Assembly. The Secretary is also in the process of obtaining new affiliates and many other important matters. Would it not be better to let him/her to finish the work before turning over the reins to a new Secretary?

The President is in the middle of presiding over the Assembly, Council Meetings, and working with the organizers to produce a successful Championships. Would it not be better to let him finish the meeting and his work with the OC?

The Stadia V-P is also in the middle of the Championships, working closely with the OC to solve problems, implement procedures, and a host of other duties.

The Non-Stadia V-P is working with the OC to produce a successful marathon, which is always held a few days after the Assembly meeting. It would seem unwise to change horses in the middle of this stream.

The Executive V-P, as WAVA's chief liaison with the OC, is also in the middle of trying to stage a successful meet.

The Women's Representative is also in the middle of following through on her responsibilities to the Championships.

In sum, the work of the Treasurer and the Secretary continues for a period of about 60 days after the Championships end -- to finalize the accounting, prepare the minutes, etc. The work of the other officers continues at least through the Championships and, in some cases, for another 60 days.

Therefore, should new officers take over:

- a. Immediately, as is the case now?
- b. After the Championships are over?
- c. 60 days after the Championships end?

If we decide on either (a) or (b), then we should require in the by-laws that the Secretary produce the minutes of the Assembly and Council meetings, which means he/she would attend any Council meetings held in the days after the election; and the Treasurer produce a final accounting within 60 days to the incoming Treasurer.

What are your views on this matter?

See you in Buffalo,



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March 18, 1994

To: WAVA Council
From: Al Sheahen, Treasurer

Re: Proposed 1994-95 Budget

Dear Friends:

Enclosed are:

- 1) A proposed 1994-95 WAVA budget
- 2) A two-page detailed analysis of the proposed budget
- 3) A detail sheet showing estimated expenses for Buffalo in 1994 and 1995 compared to Miyazaki in 1992 and 1993.

Please consider this a first draft only. It was agreed that we would use this as a starting point, and approve a final budget at our meeting in Buffalo, April 10-14.

In another proposal, I'm suggesting we revise our budget procedures so we can approve a budget before the new accounting period begins, and also give more input to the general membership.

In preparing this first budget draft, I received some suggestions from several people, but not from everyone on the Council. So if something is missing which you feel strongly about, please make a recommendation in Buffalo. Or drop me a note, sooner, if you choose.

Some of the suggestions made to me are incorporated into this proposal, including a budget for drug testing, travel for deserving athletes, technical advisors at the Championships, and more. We can discuss the merits of these ideas when we meet next month.

See you in Buffalo,

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PROPOSED BUDGET - 1994-95 -- FIRST DRAFT

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>1992-93</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>1994-95</u>
<u>REVENUES:</u>		
1. IAAF Grant	\$43,600.00	\$44,000
2. Entry fees - Stadia	136,042.50	75,000
3. Entry fees - Non-Stadia	14,000.00	14,000
4. Sanction Fee - Stadia	15,000.00	15,000
5. Sanction Fee - Non-Stadia	500.00	1,000
6. Sponsorship	5,000.00	0
7. WAVA Handbook	285.00	300
8. Bank Interest	5,488.03	10,000
9. Other	<u>.00</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$219,915.53	\$159,400
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
1. Office Expense (phone, etc.)		
President (Beccalli)	\$10,839.00	\$10,000
Executive V-P (Fine)	2,900.47	3,000
V-P Stadia (Taylor)	880.20	1,500
V-P Non-Stadia (Serruys)	1,500.00	1,500
Secretary (Carlius)	5,604.74	7,000
Treasurer (Sheahen)	1,348.55	2,000
Women's rep (Guschmann)	540.00	600
Past-President	<u>93.60</u>	<u>0</u>
	23,706.56	25,600
2. Communications/Statistics:		
Records	1,000.00	1,000
National Masters News	7,200.00	7,200
Bidder's booklet	100.00	1,000
Computer program	90.00	0
Multi-events Committee	938.24	1,000
Age-graded Committee	<u>596.02</u>	<u>500</u>
	9,924.26	10,700
3. Regional Assistance:		
General purposes	13,600.00	14,000
Deserving athletes	.00	18,000
Computer development	<u>.00</u>	<u>6,000</u>
	13,600.00	38,000
4. Council meeting (even-year):		
Air fare for Council members	16,764.98	9,200
Daily cash expenses (\$35/day)	2,415.00	2,450
Miscellaneous	<u>.00</u>	<u>200</u>
	19,179.98	11,850

(more)

5. Council Meeting (odd year):		
Air fare for Council members	22,772.45	16,600
Daily cash expenses	10,600.00	8,400
Presentations to organizers	2,415.61	2,300
Copies	98.80	300
Lunch at General Assembly	1,657.13	1,700
Gifts	299.21	300
Women's meeting	.00	500
Miscellaneous	.00	<u>1,500</u>
	<u>37,843.20</u>	<u>31,600</u>
6. Travel:		
President	415.00	0
V-P Stadia	1,419.00	1,200
V-P Non-Stadia	1,799.43	300
Track Advisor - Buffalo	.00	1,000
Field Advisor - Buffalo	.00	1,000
Non-Stadia Advisor - Toronto	.00	1,000
Other	<u>1,670.00</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>5,303.43</u>	<u>4,500</u>
7. Miscellaneous:		
Bank charges	208.23	200
President - entertaining	444.00	0
WAVA Flags	1,314.96	0
Stationery	100.00	0
V-P Non-Stadia - Gifts	246.57	300
Weight Pentathlon	420.70	200
Other	<u>(.74)</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>2,733.72</u>	<u>5,700</u>
8. Drug Testing:		
Doping tests - Buffalo	.00	10,000
Meeting of drug committee	<u>.00</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	.00	13,000
9. Stadia Committee Meeting	.00	5,500
10. Site-Selection:		
1988 (Non-Stadia)	.00	2,000
1989 (Stadia)	<u>.00</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	.00	5,000
TOTAL REVENUES	112,291.15	151,450
SURPLUS	\$107,624.38	7,950

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED WAVA 1994-95 BUDGET

ESTIMATED REVENUES:

1. IAAF Grant, which was \$43,600 in 1992-93, is expected to be \$44,000 in 1994-95.
2. Entry fees (Stadia) produce \$15 per athlete. We project 5000 in Buffalo in 1995, so $5000 \times \$15 = \$75,000$.
3. Entry fees (Non-Stadia) produced \$7 per athlete in Birmingham, but will increase to \$10 each in 1994 in Toronto. $1400 \times \$10 = \$14,000$.
4. Sanction fee - Stadia remains at \$15,000.
5. Sanction fee - Non-Stadia increases from \$500 in Birmingham to \$1000 in Toronto.
6. Sponsorship. Mondo contributed \$5000 for an ad on the back cover of the Handbook in 1992-93, but there's no word yet on whether they'll repeat.
7. WAVA Handbook Sales came to $57 \times \$5 = \285 ; we estimate \$300 for 1994-95.
8. Bank Interest should increase to \$10,000, based on higher interest rates and more money in the bank.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

1. Office expenses (postage, phone, etc.) was \$23,706 in 1992-93, so we're projecting \$25,600 in 1994-95.
2. Communications/Statistics are estimated at \$9700, which includes \$1000 for a badly-needed bidders' book.
3. Regional Assistance. In 1992-93, the IAAF gave us \$13,600 (in addition to its promised grant of \$30,000) for the specific purpose of funding the regions. That donation is expected to increase to \$14,000 in 1994-95. The regions tell us that money is needed for administrative purposes. Some regions have requested additional funds for buying computer programming, so we've budgeted \$6000 for that; and for providing travel expenses to Buffalo for poor, but deserving, athletes, perhaps on a "matching fund" basis, so we've allocated \$18,000 for that.
4. Council Meeting (even year). Lower air fares to Buffalo instead of Japan should trim these expenses from \$19,178 to \$11,850.
5. Council Meeting (odd year); Again, lower air fares should cut this from \$37,843 to \$31,600. We budgeted \$40/day for expenses.
6. Travel:
 - a. The President's travel to non-Council meetings was paid by the IAAF in 1992-93 and, presumably, will be in 1994-95, so nothing is budgeted.
 - b. The Stadia V-P may have to make a trip to Buffalo in spring, 1995, as he did to Miyazaki in June, 1995, to inspect preparations. Rex Harvey, North American Chairman, could join him, but at minimal expense, assuming Buffalo picks up the hotel tab, as Miyazaki did. Total budget: \$1200.
 - c. The Non-Stadia V-P will likely travel to Toronto after the April, 1994 Council meeting to inspect the road race championship preparations. \$300.
 - d. It has been suggested that we need a technical advisor for both track and field in Buffalo to take the pressure off Bill. \$1000 each.
 - e. The same for the Non-Stadia Championships: \$1000 for an advisor to assist Jacques in Toronto in 1994.
7. Miscellaneous. We traditionally allow \$5000 for other expenses which come up during the period. Also included are minor expenditures for bank charges, non-stadia gifts, and weight pentathlon.

8. Drug Testing. Although the contract with the Buffalo OC mandates they pay for 50 tests, some feel WAVA should pay. If we decide to pay, 100 tests x \$10 each = \$10,000. The Drug Committee may wish to meet with its researchers prior to the Buffalo event, so \$3000 has been allocated for travel and other committee expenses.
9. Stadia Committee Meeting. Last year, the Council authorized expenses for four people to the meeting in Buffalo in Feb. 1994. \$5500.
10. Site-Selection. Although the 1998 and 1999 contracts may stipulate that formal bidders pay for a site-selection trip prior to July, 1995, we've still budgeted \$3000 for travel to potential sites by Stadia Committee representatives and \$2000 by Non-Stadia reps.

In summary, the proposed budget shows estimated revenues of \$159,400 and estimated expenses of \$151,450, for an estimated surplus of \$7,950.

P.S. We had a request to mail more than one WAVA Handbook to each affiliate. Say, one for each 25 athletes in the last Championships to a maximum of 20 books. The postage for this could come out of the Secretary's budget, which was increased to \$7000.

EXPENSES AT WAVA COUNCIL MEETINGS

← ESTIMATED →

		ACTUAL		ESTIMATED		
		1992	1993	BUFFALO 1994	BUFFALO JULY 1995	
			MIYA ZAKI		IAAF WAVA	
AIR FARES:						
1	Cesare Beccalli	2323	1028	1400	800 800	
2	Bob Fine *	1591	161945	500	500	
3	Bill Taylor *	174538	1432	1000	1200	
4	Jacques Serruys	1788	1445	1000	1200	
5	Torsten Carlus	1788	1528	1000	1200	
6	Al Sheahan	1110	1195	500	500	
7	Hannelore Guschmann †	1588	2400	1000	1200	
8	Don Farquharson	1251	1971	-	-	
9	Hans Axmann	1664	892	1000	1200	
10	Pascal MacKonguy *	357560	2025	3300	1700	
11	Rex Harvey #	1755	1418	0	0	
12	Jorge Alzamora # *	2275	2474	2000	2200	
13	Hari Chandra	1152	1103	2000	2200	
14	Jim Blair	1338	890	2000	2200	
15	Cesar Moreno Bravo	0	0	0	0	
16	Pete Mundle	0	1352	0	500	
17	* Reimbursed by OC	-8179		-7500		
18	& Brian Oxley in 1992					
19	# Jose Figueras "					
20	† Bridget Cushen in 1992 & 93					
21		1676498	2274245	9200	16600	
22						
23	OTHER EXPENSES:					
24	HOTEL	0	0	0	0	
25	DAILY CASH EXPENSES	2415	10600	2450	8400	
26	GENERAL ASSEMBLY		165713		1700	
27	WOMEN'S MEETING				500	
28	LUNCH FOR ORGANIZERS					
29	PRESENTATIONS TO "		241561		2300	
30	PRINTING					
31	COPIES		9880		300	
32	GIFTS		29921		300	
33	MISC.			200	1500	
34	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	2415	1507075	2650	15000	
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36	TOTAL EXPENSES	1917998	3784320	11850	31600	
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March 26, 1994

Ron Bell
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Dear Ron:

I just received your fax of March 22. It seems it went to 818-782-7735 which is not our fax, but the person who received it called me and mailed it to me.

Our temporary fax number is 818-989-7118. We were evicted from our office due to earthquake damage, and are still temporarily working out of my residence.

Enclosed are some reports which I sent to the Council, for your information.

- 1) We agree on the need for the delegates to be able to lobby their views.
- 2) I'll bring your idea to the Council for establishing a three-person Budget Sub-Committee to review proposals.
- 3) In the March 16 by-law proposals, I've suggested we approve the budget at the odd-year Championships.
- 4) Barbara feels the G.A. should approve the budget. As you can see in my proposal, I've hedged and said it might be too complicated, and perhaps we could take it a step at a time; do the lobbying procedures first, see how it goes, and then in a few years, see if we wanted the GA to approve the budget.
- 5) I will again propose the lowering of the entry fees. I didn't do it in my March 16 proposals because I wasn't aware there was that much objection to the fees. You indicate there is, however, so I'll pursue it at the Council's Buffalo meeting April 10-14.

Re the May 7 mile, I'm sorry to say I misreported what's going on. The latest I heard the race was still on, and so reported it in the April issue.

What is your correct phone, fax, and mailing address? I tried to phone and fax you a few weeks ago, with no success.

Best regards,

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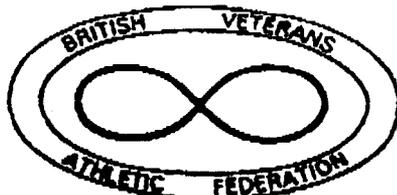
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21 March 1994

Dear Al

Thank you for your previous correspondence. Sadly, I was unable to respond, as requested, because I was overseas with a group of students until a few days ago.

My main comments with regard to your letter of 5 March are as follows:

- a. To open the budget discussion to all delegates would be to cumbersome and I doubt if very much would be achieved or agreed. The only certainty is that a lot of time would be wasted
- b. I would favour the budget being agreed at World Championship [off years], with the support of a sub-committee [3 non-Council Members] representing the views of delegates at a separate meeting with President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer discussing contentious points and reaching agreement, *prior* to going to General Assembly. In other words:
 - i. Form budget sub-committee
 - ii. Circulate budget in advance to all *countries*
 - iii. Countries can lobby the *three* nominated Committee Members
 - iv. Meeting between sub-committee and five Council Members, as above, prior to General Assembly
 - v. Agreed budget is put to full Council for agreement/approval
 - vi. I would favour the surplus funds being utilised to reduce the WAVA capitation fee. To distribute to the regions will create more 'in-fighting' with the strongest receiving the 'lion's share'. By reducing the fee, we may [?] attract more competitors, thus *increasing* entry fees.

Points on other business:

It looks as if the four minute mile attempt may be called off because:

1. Eamon is asking excessive fees
2. Sponsors are reluctant now that sub-four minute has been run
3. David Moorcroft is partly injured
4. Unable now to insure the race because the sub-four minute as been achieved.

I will contact you when a final decision has been made.

Sorry for the delay in responding, but I hope the above comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely

Ron
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March 5, 1994

To: Barbara Kousky, Ron Bell
From: Al Sheahen

Re: Budget Process

Dear Barbara and Ron:

This is a follow-up to my letter of March 3.

As you know, there has been some criticism of WAVA for keeping the budget process isolated in the Council, and not providing opportunities for input by the General Assembly.

Currently, the Constitution requires the Treasurer to submit a budget to the Council "within 60 days after his election." The By-Laws say the budget "shall be subject to approval by a majority of the Council, voting by mail within thirty days of receipt."

In practice, the Council has waited until its even-year meeting to approve a budget. (In the past, the by-law instructions worked, but, with more money in the till, the Council is more interested in a hands-on approach.)

Thus, the Council will officially approve a 1994-95 budget at its April 10-14, 1994 meeting in Buffalo.

What do you think of the following ideas?

- 1) Change the procedures so that the budget is approved by the General Assembly (or, if that's too radical a change, by the Council) at the World Championships for the next two-year period, which would commence either 60 or 90 days from the close of the Championships.
- 2) To implement this, the procedures would be backed up in time, something like this:
 - a. No later than 120 days prior to the General Assembly, the Treasurer shall submit a proposed budget to members of the Budget Committee for their comments and suggestions.
 - b. No later than 90 days prior to the General Assembly, the Treasurer shall submit a proposed budget to the Council for their comments and suggestions.
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to each affiliate (note: this would be sent in the packet which the Secretary sends 45 days before the General Assembly).

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- e. The approved budget will be made available to all delegates at the General Assembly. Discussion may be held, and the delegates will then approve a final budget.

Do you think this makes sense, or will it be too cumbersome to implement?

I see some members of the Council objecting, fearing that a budget discussion on the floor of the Assembly, will:

- a. Take much too long.
- b. Create demands which are fiscally unwise, but which might carry by a majority in the heat of the moment.
- c. Take the decision-making process out of the hands of a small group with a working knowledge of the budget to a large group with, perhaps, less expertise.

Perhaps a compromise, for the first time at least, might be to follow all of the above procedures, but have the Council make the final approval at its meeting two days before the start of the Championships. At least the delegates would get a copy of the budget before they left the GA meeting.

I would like to propose something to the Council when I mail the proposed budget on March 14, so members can digest it before Buffalo. If I propose it cold in Buffalo, it might be too much of a shock, and would likely be defeated.

Thanks for your help,



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