

Streamlines... from the National Office

Greetings from the National Office...

The snow is finally gone but it looks like "ice out" won't be happening until rather late this spring here in New England. Good thing most of us swim in indoor pools! What a winter we had!!!

This Spring issue of Streamlines... is a BIGGIE! So... grab your water bottle, a snack, find yourself a comfortable seat with good lighting and read on.

As you know, the USAS Convention will be in San Diego, September 10-14th. The registration packets will be slightly delayed this year due to the fact that the registration information will not be finalized until after the USAS meeting on May 13th. Once this information is received at the National Office, it will be sent out ASAP to – Board of Directors, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons, Special Assignments, all committee members, LMSC Chairmen, and those who have been selected by their LMSC as a delegate. If you are not "one of the above" and would like a registration packet, sent, contact me at usms@usms.org or 800-550-SWIM (7946) and I will get one to you.

Has your LMSC sent their 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes and Financial Report to the National Office? The deadline was April 30th. Check the list on page _____. If your LMSC is not listed that means I don't have it. PLEASE get these in ASAP.

Following the traditional sections of this newsletter you will find the Mid Year reports from the Executive Committee, National Office, Committee Chairs, Zone Reps, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons and Special Assignments. I find it absolutely amazing how much work has taken place in just a short few months! Thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

For those of you who are going to SC Nationals at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, enjoy your taper and I'll see you there!!!

Tracy

Could I Be A Masters Swimmer?

The NEW "snazzy" USMS Brochures are now available through the National Office. The brochures are free, you just pay for postage.

THINGS TO DO...

Listed are **all deadlines** from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 2003 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org under **Administration**

MAY ~ 2003

1st

- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office (Electronic Files sent to Esther at Registration@usms.org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
- Convention Registration packet for 2003 Convention sent out via e-mail or snail mail from the National Office
- Cost Center Heads receive budget forms (for 2004 budget) from Finance Chair (Tom Boak - Finance@usms.org)

15th

- Controller's filing deadline with IRS for Form 990
- Convention Committee Chair (Michael Heather - Convention@usms.org) sends out final notice to Committee Chairs regarding equipment requirements for convention.
- First Quarter Financial Reports prepared.

15-18th

- USMS Short Course National Championship, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.
- Ransom Arthur award winner announced at SC Nationals.

20th

- National Office sends reminder to LMSCs of July 10th deadline for submission of proposed code amendments

31st

- Committee Chairmen send reports containing updates on activities to Executive Committee Liaisons.

Other deadlines this month ~

- Pre-meet site visit by Championship committee Liaison to LC Nationals Host, Rutgers University, Piscataway, New Jersey
- Notify Sponsors of LC Nationals due dates for booths, banners and ads.
- USMS Secretary (Sally Ann Dillon - Secretary@usms.org) sends reminders to LMSCs for names of delegates to 2003 Convention, San Diego, California

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JUNE ~ 2003

1st

- Cost Center heads send 2004 Budgets to the Executive Committee Liaison
- Committee Chairs, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons & Special Assignments receive annual report forms (for 2004 convention packet) from USMS Secretary (Sally Ann Dillon - Secretary@usms.org).
- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office (Electronic Files sent to Esther at Registration@usms.org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)

8th

- Zone Reps submit list of events for SWIM calendar for the September/October issue to Zone Chair (Lynn Hazlewood). Zones@usms.org

15th

- National Office reminds Committee Chairs, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons & Special Assignments that annual reports and convention agendas are due August 1st.
- Summary of liaison reports due from Executive Committee members to the President.
- Cut-off date for LMSC registration/delegate entitlements to the 2003 convention (National Office notifies Secretary of LMSC membership numbers as of June 15th. Secretary notifies LMSCs of any additional delegate entitlements).
- Editorial material due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening - SWIMEditor@usms.org) for September/October issue.
- USMS Coach of the Year applications due to Coaches Committee Chair (Michael Collins - Coaches@usms.org).
- Deadline for Nominating Committee to finalize slate for elections for Executive Committee.

30th

- LMSC SCY Top Ten reports due to Records and Tabulations Chair (Pieter Cath - TopTen@usms.org).
- Quarterly Swim Info product sales report and payment due to USMS

Other deadlines this month ~

- **Requests for Delegate-at-Large appointments due in writing to the President (Jim Miller - President@usms.org).**

JULY ~ 2003

1st

- Committee Chairs, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons & Special Assignments send their annual report to their Executive Committee Liaison. Those who will be having a meeting at convention, also send their agendas.
- Preliminary equipment requirements for convention due to Convention Committee Chair (Michael Heather - Convention@usms.org).

- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office (Electronic Files sent to Esther at Registration@usms.org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)

2nd

- Postmark deadline for LC National Championships, Rutgers University, Piscataway, New Jersey

9th

- LC National Championships entry receipt deadline.

10th

- Proposed Rules, Long Distance and Legislative amendments due to respective committee chairs (Rules – Leo Letendre - Rules@usms.org, Long Distance – Peter Crumbine - LongDistance@usms.org, Legislation – Rob Copeland - Legislation@usms.org)
- SCY Preliminary Top Ten mailed for proof reading.
- Deadline for receipt of photos from candidates for USMS Executive Committee.

15th

- Executive Committee Liaisons send their committees budget requests to Finance Chair (Tom Boak - Finance@usms.org).
- Coach of the Year selected
- Deadline for submission of information to be included in the Summer issue of Streamlines... from the National Office

20th

- President (Jim Miller - President@usms.org) appoints Delegates-at-Large for the 2003 convention.

24th

- Corrections for SCY Top Ten due to Records and Tabulations Chair (Pieter Cath - TopTen@usms.org).

30th

- USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Award nominations due to Recognition and Awards Chair (Kathy Casey - Awards@usms.org).
- Summer issue of Streamlines... sent via email or snail mail

Other deadlines this month ~

- Summer Coaches Committee Quarterly (CCQ) mailed.
- Summer issue of Streamlines... mailed/e-mailed

AUGUST ~ 2003

1st

- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to National Office (Electronic Files sent to Esther at Registration@usms.org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office) SWIM MAGAZINE LABEL MONTH!!!
- Deadline for USAS for early convention registration and inclusion in USAS Directory
- Bids for Fitness Events due to Fitness Committee Chair (Pam Himstreet - Fitness@usms.org)

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equipment requirements from committee chairs and workshop planners due to Convention Committee Chair (Michael Heather - convention@usms.org)

- All proposed rule/code changes from Rules, Long Distance and Legislation due to National Office
 - Final SCY Top Ten List sent to printer
 - Second Quarter Financial Reports prepared
- 8th
- Zone Reps submit events for SWIM Calendar for the November/December issue to Zone Chair (Lynn Hazlewood - Zones@usms.org)

11th

- Bids for 2005 Long Course, Short Course, and Long Distance National Championships due to Committee Chairs

12th

- Convention packets mailed to all certified delegates
- 13-17th
- USMS LC National Championships, Rutgers University, Piscataway, New Jersey

15th

- Editorial material due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor for November/December issue (Bill Volckening - SWIMEditor@usms.org)

29th

- Audited Financial Statement of advertising income due from SWIM Magazine

31st

- Deadline for submission of ISHOF candidates

Other deadlines this month ~

- USAS sends convention registration list to National Office. Secretary notifies LMSCs who have not sent delegate certifications

CONTACT UPDATES...

Following are updates received by the National Office after the printing/distribution of the 2003 Rule Book and USMS Directory. * listed in the USMS Directory

- Jean Apker (Midwestern) – correct phone is 402-614-4956
- Steve Borowski (Hawaii) – new e-mail – swim@kona.net
- Gary Clough (Florida Gold Coast) – new phone and e-mail – 561-795-7663, cluf334@msn.com
- Neil Conrad (Delaware Valley) – new e-mail – nconrad01@comcast.net
- Katherine Cox (Southeastern) – new e-mail – ckkmcw@cox.net
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- *Jack Geoghegan (Connecticut) – new e-mail – jgeoghegan@gqlawyers.com
- *Errol Graham (Southern Pacific) – new address and phone – 1544 N Hayworth Ave., #8, Los Angeles, CA 90046, 323-851-7171

- *Edie Gruender (Arizona) – new e-mail – ediebg@cox.net
- *Bruce Hopson (Ozark) – new e-mail – bhopson@swbell.net
- *Carl House (Florida Gold Coast) – most trustworthy e-mail addresses are carlhouse@gkw.com or carlhouse@worldnet.att.net
- *Mary Hull (Southern Pacific) – additional e-mail addresses – lazyswimmer@pacbell.net or mary@spma.net
- Katy James (Arizona) – new e-mail – katyjamesswims@hotmail.com
- Anne LaBorwit (Florida Gold Coast) – new e-mail – laborwit@bellsouth.net
- *Leo Letendre (Ozark) – new work phone – 314-274-6004
- *Sally Maddox (South Texas) – new e-mail – sallymaddox@austin.rr.com
- *Nancy Miller (Virginia) – new work number – 804-741-7077
- Rich Minter (Oregon) – new address and phone – 2725 NW John Olsen Ave #C31, Hillsboro, OR 97124, 503-533-5315
- *Scott Rabalais (Georgia) – new address, phone & fax – 20 Oak Park Point, Savannah, GA 31405, 912-234-0679, 912-525-4824
- *CJ Rushman (Ohio) – new e-mail – cjswamuc94@aol.com
- San Diego-Imperial Masters – new e-mail – sdi-allsports@sbcglobal.net
- *Carl Saxton (Central) – new address – 310 S Lathrop Ave #608, Forest Park, IL 60130, 708-366-3425
- Melinda Schmidt (Kentucky) – new e-mail – mels.canes@insightbb.com
- Jeffrey Sheldon (South Carolina) – new e-mail – jeffreyswims@hotmail.com
- Laura Smith (Colorado) – corrected address and new e-mail – PO Box 1513, Vail, CO 81658, lksmith94@hotmail.com
- Mary Sweat (Oregon) – new address – 6744 NW 30th St, Redmond, OR 97756. 541-504-5338, marysweat@email.com
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NEW LMSC OFFICERS...

A full list of LMSC Officers can be found at www.usms.org/usmsdirsearch.htm

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Adirondack

- Chairman, vacant
- Coaches, Scott Petriquin
- Editor, vacant
- Long Distance, vacant
- Secretary, Mary Field, 366 Burgoyne Rd, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, frankfield@earthlink.net
- Webmaster, John Sims, simsj1@wyeth.com

Alaska

- Chairman – Janet Rumble, jandean@alaska.net or jan_rumble@fishgame.state.ak.us
- Vice Chairman & Secretary, Joanne Wainwright
- Top Ten, Paula Smith, kwinter@alaska.net
- Sanctions, David Leonard, dlak@ak.net

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- Editor – Nadina Torres, 606 N Estrella, El Paso, TX 79903-4218, dindint@yahoo.com
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- Top Ten – Sonny Pitts, 6019 Pino Real, El Paso, TX 79912, 915-833-3789, sonswa@aol.com

Colorado

- Webmaster – Rob Nasser, rnasser@qwest.net, 303-791-7843

Indiana

- Chairman – Dick Sidner
- Vice Chairman – Cheryl Gettelfinger

Metropolitan

- Secretary – Carol Kirkpatrick, 146 Clark Rd, Goshen, NJ 10924, 845-651-4202, ckirkpatrick@hvc.rr.com

Michigan

- Chairman – Frank “Skip” Thompson
- Editor – Jennifer Parks
- Sanctions – Jim Coleman
- Top Ten – Milton French

Missouri Valley

- Top Ten – Bill sherman, 8405 Cherry, Kansas City, MO 64131-2210, 816-363-6215, bsherm81@aol.com

Niagara

- Sanctions – Amy Johnson

North Carolina

- Treasurer – Jerry Clark

Oregon

- Coaches- Stephani Turner, 15000 SW Davis Ln #60, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, 503-697-3117, sturner@themac.com

- Top Ten – Mary Sweat

Pacific

- Fitness, Barbara Thomas, 48 white Pine Lane, Danville, CA 94947, 925-648-1750, bthomas@crosslinkcapital.com

- Long Distance, Cindy Clements, 557 Scenic Ave, San Anselmo, CA 94960, 415-457-3717, cindy_clements@berlex.com

- Vice Chair Administration – Richard Smith

Pacific Northwest

- Chairman, Jeanne Ensign
- Editor, Paul Freeman, 515 West Raye St, Seattle, WA 98119-2250, 206-263-3802, pfwrite@blarg.net
- Fitness, Jo Moore, 16604 SE 17th Pl, Bellevue, WA 98008-5125, 206-240-4665, mdec@halcyon.com
- Secretary – Hugh Moore
- Vice Chair – Steve Peterson

Potomac Valley

- Top Ten – Jeff Roddin

South Carolina

- Editor – Barry Clark, PO Box 41, Columbia, SC 29202-0041, 803-951-2114, bclark@bwclark.com

South Texas

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- Treasurer – Randy Rice, 6525 Whitemarsh Valley Walk, Austin, TX 78746, 512-329-9442, randyr@archtelecom.com

Southern

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- Editor, Tim Ratchford, 225-292-1004, tratchford@arcadis-us.com

BARBADOS SUPER 7 LATYCAR 2003

The Barbados Amateur Swimming Association and the Organizing Committee of BARBADOS SUPER 7, LATYCAR 2003 extend a warm welcome to the Masters Swim Clubs in the United States, Mexico and the Caribbean to participate in a great and extraordinary event for the Masters swimming family scheduled to be held in Barbados, West Indies from August 31 – September 6, 2003.

Meet information is not available as of the printing. The contact person is Sonia O'Neil, President of the Barbados Amateur Swimming Association and she can be reached at basa@caribsurf.com

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Article 502.7 Records and Record Keeping

Each LMSC shall comply with the financial record keeping and reporting requirements of USMS. The LMSC shall forward to the USMS National Office the minutes of the annual meeting and annual financial reports within 4 months of the end of the LMSCs fiscal year or by April 30, 2003.

2002 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RECEIVED

Adirondack, Alaska, Central, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware Valley, Georgia, Gulf, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Minnesota, New England, New Jersey, Niagara, Oklahoma, Pacific, Potomac Valley, San Diego-Imperial, South Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming

2002 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES RECEIVED

Adirondack, Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware Valley, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Minnesota, New Jersey, Niagara, North Carolina, North Texas, Ohio, Oregon, Pacific, Pacific Northwest, Potomac Valley, San Diego-Imperial, South Texas, Southern Pacific, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

FINA World Masters Swim Championships Riccione, Italy 2004

The Organizing Committee of X FINA World Masters Championships, with the agreement of FINA, has fixed the prices of hotels. A full range of different options (full board, half board and bed & breakfast) of all hotel categories (4 through 2 star) has been taken into consideration.

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e-mail: eventi@firmatour.it

website: www.firmatour.it

2004 US Swimming Olympic Team Trials Long Beach, California July 7-14, 2004

USMS members are invited to participate in a special discounted ticket purchase opportunity. This offer applies only to 15 Session Passes and will expire on May 31, 2003. Single session tickets will go on sale in January of 2004.

Pricing:

15 Session Passes – Gold \$375.00, Silver \$275.00, Bronze \$175.

A limited number of Club Boxes (10) and Suites (30) are still available. For information, call – 562-407-5215 or e-mail kurt@bettertimes.org

For information and to purchase tickets on-line, visit: www.longbeach2004.com. For questions contact: 562-495-8341 or KaiaH@longbeach2004.com

From The “Mouths” (keyboards) Of Registrars – some fun and educational quotes received at the National Office from registrars heroically trying to adjust to the new permanent swimmer ID and Leoware registration program.

- “I am finding the Leoware so easy, I think I have done something wrong!” *Marion Johnson – Iowa*
- “As soon as you enter a swimmer's name to register, there is a pop-up screen that comes up in the upper right hand corner – being one that generally ignores traffic signs and pop-up screens, I never noticed that final entry is F5 – donations. You either click on the line or hit function key F5 and voila!” *Marilyn Fogelsong – Arizona*
- “Yes! I was tickled when I finally found the input screen for contributions. Saves a lot of time.” *Marilyn Fogelsong – Arizona*
- Concerning how to enter somebody you know is a transfer in – “I'm happy to say it was as easy as can be. I selected External Transfer and the very first field to fill our is “Prev.Reg.” and you simply type in the number from the copy of the card that the swimmer should have provided. Once all the other data is entered the new number generated has the new LMSC prefix but the last 5 digits are the same as before.” *Jeff Roddin – Potomac Valley*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MID YEAR REPORTS

PRESIDENT
Jim Miller, MD

(also includes International Liaison and USAS Representative reports)

I have had the honor in representing USMS in many of the United States Aquatic Sports meetings. We are receiving more attention due to our bid to FINA for the 2006 World Championships. I have a meeting in Chicago the weekend after Tempe, dealing with this and other topics. I am also in communication with the other aquatic disciplines to determine their needs for a world class event. This bid will include Masters Water Polo, Synchronized Swimming, and Diving.

I also represented USMS at the opening of the Masters Hall of Fame in January. This was the first induction ceremony which recognized all those Masters who were already in the ISHOF. Masters will continue to be inducted into the ISHOF at a rate of 2 per year for all aquatic sports and all nations. The Masters Hall of Fame will not have this limited number of inductees per year. Todd Spieker has done a fabulous directing the opening of this hall.

I serve as the moderator of the Data Base Task Force. The members of this task force have spent untold hours directing USMS along a path that will make the communication within our organization much easier. I feel that we owe it to our volunteers to make their jobs as easy and streamlined as possible. The permanent ID numbers went into effect this year. As our experience with this system grows, we may be able to look at truly permanent numbers that do not have a dated component. At this time the constant movement of members in and out of USMS makes it difficult to keep up with them without a date related component.

The theme of last year's convention was to initiate the process of linking committees with similar themes so that they would see their similarities and begin to forge links between them. We recognized that projects such as FINA Worlds will take considerable joint tasking to be successful. This year we will take that theme the next step and configure the convention so that these teams of committees will be able to continue to work together by aligning them so that they do not conflict within the teams. The available committee time has been substantially expanded in response to the feedback that we received last year.

Finally, I would like to thank the other members of the Executive Committee as well as our national office and our Legal Counsel for the incredible job that they do for all of us. As the burdens of leadership increase, their personal sacrifices also increase to meet the demand of leadership.

VICE PRESIDENT
Scott Rabalais

As a member of the Executive Committee team, it is my duty and pleasure to take part in the continuing business tackled by the group. As your Vice President, I have continued to participate in regularly scheduled conference calls and attended the productive Executive Committee retreat in Phoenix just after the first of the year.

I have been intensely involved in the task of creating and promoting a set of core objectives that would serve as guiding principles for our organization's administration. In the coming months, all USMS members will be reading more about these purposeful ideas in SWIM Magazine.

Each Executive Committee member is appointed as liaison to several committees. I am pleased to report that Coaches, Fitness, Planning and Recognition & Awards are on-track in serving the needs of our membership. Please refer to their reports to read of their productivity over the past six months.

I look forward to the summer months as our Executive Committee gears up for another great convention. I encourage all administrators in USMS to keep up the great work, and I look forward to seeing you at Nationals and/or convention!

SECRETARY
Sally Ann Dillon

It's hard to believe that over six months have passed since we met at convention in Dallas/Ft. Worth. We all know the saying "time flies when you're having fun" and if you work hard and keep busy, it flies even faster.

The EC conducted monthly conference calls and we held our mid-year planning retreat in early January. I have taken notes and prepared minutes for all of these meetings. The minutes have been distributed to the Board of Directors, Vice Chairs, liaisons, and special appointments and they have been posted on the USMS web site.

SECRETARY, continued

To prepare for the 2003 convention, the Delegate Entitlement information has been revised and should have been distributed to the LMSCs before you read this. I would like to remind the LMSC officers that a timely selection of your delegates is very important. The information about convention registration and reservations will come from the National Office but I cannot guarantee that your delegates receive it until their names are submitted to me. The convention packet that will be sent mid-August might be delayed as well. Last year there were a number of delegates who were not selected until late August and they had little time to digest the materials and be prepared for the business that takes place. Having said all this, I strongly encourage LMSCs to make their delegate selections no later than June 30. Please use the official LMSC delegate form when you submit your list.

In recent months I've been working on organizing the USMS documents that are in my possession. The Secretary retains the following documents:

- a. Convention materials: minutes from HOD, BOD, EC, and committee meetings; pre-convention packets; delegate lists.
- b. Executive Committee minutes and correspondence outside of convention.
- c. Corporate resolutions.

Unfortunately, some of the documents are missing. I have generated a list of what is in the files and what is missing. If you have saved old convention documents and think you can help me "fill the gaps" I would be happy to send you my list. Please drop me an email at Secretary@usms.org

Finally, I've managed to get in some workouts at various pools in the west from Southern California to British Columbia to the Hawaiian Islands. It was great fun training in Maui with Mike Ritter in Lahaina and Janet Renner in Kihei. I have swum laps in a 20-yard, 4-lane pool in Sun Valley and in a 32-meter pool in Banff, Alberta. None of this wandering around with sporadic training has prepared me for SC Nationals but I'll be there anyway. What the heck, it's warm in Arizona!

TREASURER Doug Church

Activities of the Treasurer for the first half of 2003 have focused primarily on the usual and routine activities of paying bills, monitoring accounts and tracking the budgeted expenses and income. Our investment returns have been low given the state of the market and the conservative approach we take to investing our reserve funds. There have been no significant activities relative to budget that stand out and it appears that through the midyear we are on budget for the most part. The working relationship between the Controller, Cathy Pennington, the staff headed by Tracy, our internal auditor, Jeanne Ensign, has been excellent. This collection of folks provides a good set of checks and balances and reacts quickly to meet needs and to resolve issues.

In addition to the traditional role of the Treasurer, serving as a member of the Executive Committee has been interesting and challenging. I am working on several special projects that will be germane to the activities of the EC along with others. My role as liaison to Finance and Championship committee's has been interesting, as usual, and the work of both of those committee's goes on with excellent direction from the chair's, Tom Boak and Barry Fasbender.

In conclusion, the bills are paid and there is money in the bank! Respectfully submitted, Doug Church, Treasurer

PAST PRESIDENT Nancy Ridout (also includes the USOTC Liaison Report)

As Past President I am an active member of the USMS Executive Committee and participate in the monthly (or more) conference calls. I was also present and a contributor during the mid-year meeting in Phoenix where the long-term and short-term goals for USMS are formulated and developed. This time together is extremely valuable to the organization.

The 2003 USMS High Altitude Training Camp was held February 1-5 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. It was one of the best camps yet! Twelve swimmers from across the United States and five staff spent 5 days being tested, learning from experts, and practicing new skills under the skilled eyes of coaches Mike Collins, Kris Houchens, Scott Williams and ROM specialist and CPT Steve Thompson. The involvement of USA Swimming was outstanding and liaison John Walker suggested new ideas and procedures that worked out very well. Our athlete rep was Cristina Teuscher who spent 2 days talking with our athletes and participating in the scheduled program for the day. Our sponsor,

PAST PRESIDENT, continued

The Victor, is to be commended for their continuing support to this valuable asset to our program and their assistance is greatly appreciated.

It will be an honor to represent USMS at the 2003 International Swimming Hall of Fame inductions May 9-10th. USMS swimmer Laura Val will be inducted as one of nine honorees from the fields of swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, water polo, contributors, coaches, and pioneers.

I have the pleasure of working closely with the Chairs of Registration (Anna Lea Roof), Records and Tabulations (Pieter Cath), and Marketing (Rich Burns) and with the USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening) as Liaison from the Executive Committee. These chairs are doing fine jobs on behalf of USMS and for the 42,000 swimmers in our ranks.

ZONE CHAIR Lynn Hazlewood

One of the major tasks of the Zone Chair is, of course, to lead the Zone Committee. You can see what we have been up to in the Zone Committee report. One aspect of that report I would like to talk about is the election of the Zone Representatives at the next convention. It's not too early for zones to be considering who they will be electing to serve for the next two years. From now until convention, the committee will be creating a functional job description for Zone Reps. I am hoping that this job description will be informative for those who wish to run for election as well as those who are voting.

Serving as Executive Committee Liaison to the Webmaster/IT Director and Vice Chair of the Database Task Force occupies most of the rest of my time. The Enterprise Database we told the convention about last September will be a reality much sooner than expected with a lot of valuable features for everyone. We are about to launch into the History & Archives DB conversion and many other pieces are starting to fall into place. You can follow the project's progress by reviewing the minutes and documents from the Task Force's monthly meetings, which are posted at www.usms.org/admin/excom.

I am also liaison to the Long Distance and Communications Committees. These are mature and well-run committees that are always "on top" of issues. Please take some time to read the committee reports. Finally, but not least, the election of national officers is moving forward smoothly. As of January 1, all sitting officers were automatically nominated for re-election. I am pleased to report that all four intend to run for another 2-year term. The March 31 nomination deadline passed with no additional names for the slate. The next opportunity to be nominated will be during the Thursday morning HOD meeting. The election web site will be updated shortly to present the candidates.

USMS LEGAL COUNSEL Patty Powis

This report is combined with the Ad Hoc Legal Counselors Committee report on page ____

USMS NATIONAL OFFICE MID YEAR REPORTS

USMS NATIONAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR Tracy Grilli

Every morning I come into my office with "a plan of attack". Some days, the plan goes smoothly and my "list" is completed. Some days certain projects take much longer than I "budgeted" for. Some days I may get one e-mail or phone call and I end up working on some other project that needs attention immediately and, well... I guess that's the way most of our work situations are. It's no different here at the National Office. I do my best, realizing that all our "volunteers" are working hard and when your e-mail or phone call comes in asking for assistance, I am there to help you.

Things really get moving here at the N.O. once convention is over. First up is working Jim Miller, Sally Dillon and the Executive Committee in forming the Committees. Reading each delegate committee request form, placing them in their wants/strengths, making sure all zones are represented, is really quite an amazing process. Once these are completed then Appendix E of the USMS Rule Book is updated and sent to Meg Smath, USMS Rule Book Editor. Then it is on the USMS Directory (which keeps getting better each year)! Thank you Dick Sidner and Melissa Rinker for taking on the "picture taking" at convention.

NATIONAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, continued

Then it's on to the LMSC Handbook. Thank you to all who assist in the review and updating of their Sections – Letter from the President – Jim Miller, MD, Major Changes – Meg Smath, Number of Members by LMSC – Esther Lyman, Registration – Anna Lea Roof, Insurance – Sandi Blumit, Sanctions – Rob Copeland, Records and Tabulation – Pieter Cath, Long Distance (new section) – Peter Crumbine, Treasurer – Doug Church, Cathy Pennington and Tom Boak, Marketing & Public Relations – Rich Burns, Aimee Fitzgerald and Mel Goldstein, Editor/Newsletter (new section) – Betsy

Durrant, Convention – Michael Heather and Leo Letendre, Bylaws – Patty Powis. Once this handbook is completed, it is put up on the USMS Website (thanks Web Jim) and a hard copy is sent to all LMSC Chairmen and Registrars. This year, the electronic Word file was sent to Meg Smath, Chair of the Publications Committee who will review the entire handbook for quality and content and make recommendations for what needs to be done to make it more complete.

The above are the bigger projects that need to be done before the end of the year. Every day there is e-mail, phone calls mail and faxes that need to be answered.

Monthly we have registration transmittals. As you will see below in Esther's report, she takes care of the actual membership database and creates some "nifty" reports with the data. I am responsible for the receiving the payments, making the deposits, creating individual reports to be sent to the LMSC Registrar and Treasurer and monthly reports that are sent to the USMS Treasurer, Controller, Finance and Registration Chairs. This office (with the help of my assistant – Hilary) also maintains the Club database, create the Club certificates and send out the Club rule books. I also maintain the LMSC Officer Database, with the assistance of Michael Moore and Jim Matysek.

Other duties are:

- All American - Sending out the Pool and Long Distance All American letters and printing and sending the All American, All Star and National Record certificates.
- Top Ten Subscriptions – maintain the database, update the covers, send labels to the printer for mailing
- Streamlines... from the National Office – our quarterly newsletter which is sent in October (includes the review of Convention – thank you June Krauser), January, April (includes the mid-year reports) and July
- Publication orders - filling the orders and maintain the inventory
- Address Changes – we average over 3,000 per year!

I am also part of the Executive Committee (a voice but no vote) and have participated in their conference calls and the mid year meeting in Phoenix. I am a member of the Database task force and have participated in their various conference calls. I have most recently been included in the International Committee conference calls concerning the bidding of the 2006 FINA Masters World Championships.

Well, I guess that is about it. I'm sure I have forgotten to list a few things, but I think this report is long enough. I can guarantee, that whatever they may be, I do get them done!

USMS DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR Esther Lyman

Mid-year is always a welcome milestone in the member registration area. The main crush is behind us -- renewals and new swimmers coming onboard in time for the SCM meets in December, the Hour Swim in January, and the regional and national championships. So is the verification of swimmers for Top Ten, the Hour Swim, and All-American lists. And not to forget, the bi-monthly mailing list for SWIM, vendor lists, and lists for competitive activities, before and after. We now have time to do more of the 'pruning and tuning' necessary to make sure reports are generated based on quality data, feed our archives, and do ongoing maintenance.

The addition of the permanent ID to the membership number seems to have been incorporated painlessly (mostly :-), and even transfers from one association to another are working out smoothly. With the major upgrade in the registration software and the necessity to perhaps actually read the manual, both established registrars and our many newbies (to the process or the software, or both) have found that many of the available functions can help streamline their work. Although donations and one-event fees are not membership money per se, they still come in the same batch and need to be accounted for together. With the new, improved summary transmittal report (Thanks, Leo), which captures all incoming monies, we can match them against the checks. Some registrars have just 'discovered' the ability to have the software track donations and one-event swims. Capturing one-event information electronically instead of just on paper makes it easier to keep back-ups of the information, and perhaps do follow-up recruiting.

(Electronically stored information can be 'searched on' and aggregated/manipulated easily.)

DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR, continued

This is our 4th year of having good data available for analysis, and the pattern for renewals/new registrations seems pretty consistent from year to year. Based on actual registration dates (with a few variances, but not enough to skew the numbers), the memberships dated before April, break down like this: (note, percentages are based on previous year's total membership)

USMS Total		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total Year
Cumm YTD	Y2000	5966	14629	22789	26279	29871	31466	37522 Y1999
Actual Regs	Y2001	5091	14896	23925	27394	30929	33116	38802 Y2000
	Y2002	6659	14990	24865	28422	32146	34197	40648 Y2001
	Y2003	6739	14504	24456	28243	31660	32769	42177 Y2002
								Y2003

USMS Total		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	% Prev Year
Percent	Y2000	15.9%	39.0%	60.7%	70.0%	79.6%	83.9%	103.4% Y2000
Cumm YTD	Y2001	13.1%	38.4%	61.7%	70.6%	79.7%	85.3%	104.8% Y2001
	Y2002	16.4%	36.9%	61.2%	69.9%	79.1%	84.1%	103.8% Y2002
	Y2003	16.0%	34.4%	58.0%	67.0%	75.1%	77.7%	Y2003

As of mid-April, we have booked 32,769 members with registration dates through April, or 77.7% of the 2002 total of 42,177 gross registrations (transfers not screened out). We would need to register an additional 9,408 members to equal but not exceed that number. *Note, however, that April is only partially submitted and we may yet receive some from March. Still, there seems to be a downward trend we haven't caught up with so far.

We have generated a report on this with details for individual LMSCs and a summary for USMS. If you are interested in seeing your own numbers and how they play out against other LMSCs, please just request a copy from Tracy or Esther.

USMS COMMITTEE MID YEAR REPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIP
Barry Fasbender, Chair
Jerry Clark, Vice Chair

Committee members: Rob Berry, Carolyn Boak, Debbie Cavanaugh, Ed Gendreau, Mark Gill, Gordon Gillin, Mel Goldstein, Errol Graham, Sally Maddox, Michael Moore, Barbara Protzman, Jeff Roddin, Sandi Rousseau, Tom Spence, Diane Stowell, Lisa Watson, Jim Matysek (Ex-officio), Jane Moore (Ex-officio), Doug Church (EC Liaison)

DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST CONVENTION:

2003 SCY Nationals at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona: Carolyn Boak is the meet liaison for the Arizona nationals and Debbie Cavanaugh is the liaison in training. We currently have 1915 swimmers, which will make this the second biggest nationals we have had outside of Northern California. On-line entries are now up to 73%, which saves the Host a lot of time. The meet will be deck seed. However, we are trying something new this year. By having swimmers check in the day before, we will have heat sheets available for the swimmers each morning except for the distance day. The meet host is also having a party for all Gold Medal Sponsors.

2003 LCM Nationals at Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey: Jerry Clark is the liaison for these nationals and Lisa Watson is the liaison in training. This meet is not too far from Baltimore, where we had a record setting 1380 swimmers for Long Course Nationals in 2000. Therefore, we are having a five-day meet instead of the standard four-day meet. The meet will be deck seed and heat sheets available for the swimmers each morning except for the distance day.

2004 SCY Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana: Sandi Rousseau is the meet liaison for Indy.

2004 LCM Nationals in Savannah, Georgia: Lisa Watson is serving as the liaison for Savannah.

2005 National Championship Pool Venues: Jeff Roddin has sent out a letter to major aquatic facilities encouraging them to consider bidding for either of our championship meets. He is in the process of sending out letters to the local LMSCs requesting that they encourage potential host to bid.

CHAMPIONSHIP, continued

2005 Bids: Possible interest from Coral Springs, Florida (short course), Orlando, Florida (short or long course), Sarasota, Florida (short course), and Mission Viejo, California (long course).

Entry Processing Workbook: Sandi Rousseau has completely updated our Entry Processing Workbook. This workbook assists the host in adopting a consistent process for handling meet entries and anticipating the type of inadequacies and problems to expect when processing entries.

ACTION ITEMS:

Telephones at Nationals: We changed the contract section to reduce the number of telephones required due to the widespread use of cell phones:

There shall be adequate public telephones available, convenient, and in working order during the meet. For the first 1000 entrants, there shall be one phone per 500 entrants; thereafter, there shall be one phone per 750 entrants unless otherwise approved by the Championship Committee.

Officials at Nationals: We revised the contract section to reflect our policy agreement with USA Swimming with respect to using our national meet as a Championship Certification meet for officials.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

Meet Liaison Handbook: Over the past few years, the job of meet liaison has become much more complicated. We now have a four-page outline of topics that we cover with the host during the pre-meet site visit. Carolyn Boak has volunteered to write a Meet Liaison Handbook that will describe everything that the meet liaison needs to do to make sure that we have high quality national championships.

LCM Qualifying Times: We are putting a committee together to explore new ways of calculating National Qualifying Times for Long Course Nationals. The qualifying times for Long Course have always been much easier to achieve than those for Short Course. Also, the current method sometimes results in a faster qualifying time for an older age group than for the previous age group.

Nationals Meet Information in SWIM: We are putting together a committee to determine what needs to go into SWIM magazine so that a swimmer can enter and attend a national championship. All other information would then go on the USMS website and/or be provided to the swimmer at registration.

COACHES

Michael Collins, Chair
Janet Renner, Vice Chair

Committee members: Rich Axtell, Bob Bruce, Lee Carlson, Mo Chambers, Bill Cleveland, Harry DeLong, Melanie Dullea, Angie Friday, Doug Garcia, Kris Houchens, Elizabeth Johnson, Eric Neilsen, Ed Nessel, Kerry O'Brien, Mike Phillips, Frank "Skip" Thompson, Scott Williams, Robert Zeitner, Scott Rabalais (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

I have not done too hot of a job running this committee for the first half of the year. Several issues with my team losing its pool and moving have put USMS Coaches Committee business on the back burner. Luckily there are several competent people on the committee that have been getting their jobs done. Will be putting a better effort into communicating with the committee and coaches throughout the country in the second half of the year. Distance swimmers like to negative split. Below are the projects being worked on.

VP - Janet Renner

Wrote a few good informational emails to be sent to the LMSC Coaches Reps and the USMS Coaches List

On Deck Coaching – Marty Hamburger

Invitations have been sent out to coaches asking them for participation in coaching at Short Course Nationals.

Clinics (Coach/Mentor & Open Water) – Doug Garcia

Several Coach/Mentor Clinics have already taken place this year. All six have been scheduled for the year.

COACHES, continued

Coach of the Year – Frank “Skip” Thompson

Skip has been keeping the COTY info up to date and informing people of the deadline to receive applications.

National Coaches Conference – Scott Rabalais & Mel Goldstein

This will be the second year for the conference and it will continue to be in conjunction with the ASCA Clinic in San Diego. All the talks have been scheduled and we are staying on deadlines with ASCA.

On-line Workout Posting - Mel Goldstein/Kris Houchins, Mo Chambers, and Paul Windrath

Have been consistently posting workouts on a weekly basis without having to be reminded. Weekly views for each group averages 300-400 hits.

Coaches Committee Quarterly - Mo Chambers

The CCQ is now being sent out as a PDF file to save printing and mailing costs.

Video Library - Melanie Dullea

The video library continues to provide educational items for USMS members to borrow. Richard Quick has a very good new series of 10 tapes that we should budget to purchase this year or next.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hugh Moore, Chair

Michael Moore, Vice Chair

Committee members: Rich Barkan, Helen Bayly, Katherine Casey, Kelly Cooper, George Cunningham, Betsy Durrant, Mel Dyck, Tracy Grilli, Tom Hindle, Brad Houston, Sarah Hromada, Mark Hurley, Kenn Lowy, Esther Lyman, Tom Lyndon, Dennis McManus, Sandy McNeel, Nancy Miller, Margot Pettijohn, C.J. Rushman, Carl Saxton, Meg Smath, Jim Matysek (Ex-officio), Bill Volckening (Ex-officio), Lynn Hazlewood (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

The committee was asked by the Executive Committee to discuss the idea of charging a fee for non-sanctioned events to be listed on the website's Calendar of Events. The Committee unanimously voted against the idea and the Executive Committee decided to continue to list non-sanctioned events for free. We discussed the merits of creating a section in the LMSC handbook for suggestions for LMSC and club Webmasters. Mark Hurley is leading a sub-committee that will develop the suggestions. Many members of the committee contributed to the “April Fools Project” on the USMS Website. Jim Matysek developed an amazingly ugly color scheme for the Discussion Forums. A thread on “Increasing Revenue for USMS” was also included. Mixed in with the outlandish ideas were some sound principles that USMS should keep in mind as we plan our future.

As Committee Chair, I participate in a monthly conference call with Lynn Hazlewood and Jim Matysek. The meeting serves as a review of Jim's activities as Webmaster. I also represent the committee on the Data Base Task Force.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

In addition to the website suggestions mentioned above the committee will be discussing methods of improving both the USMS Website and SWIM Magazine. We will also be discussing methods of using technology to improve communications within USMS.

CONVENTION

Michael Heather, Chair

Lil Haneman, Vice Chair

Committee Members: Debbie Cavanaugh, Carolyn Cunningham, Lorie Gibson-Rick, Tracy Grilli, Edie Gruender, Mary Hull, Art Mayer, Cris Meier-Windes, Meg Smath, Joan Smith, Joanne Tingley, William Tingley, Rhea Wilkins, Jim Miller, MD (EC Liaison)

CONVENTION, continued

REPORT:

Received committee meeting schedule from Executive Committee, Passed on to USAS.

Received updated committee meeting schedule, am currently translating for USAS use and disposition.

Have contacted San Diego local contacts about morning practices. Thurs- Fri will be in pool, Sat at La Jolla in real water.

San Diego will provide lunches for Zone committee meetings in lieu of a formal Social on Friday night. The delegates will, however, get detailed instructions on several places to travel to (inexpensively) and experience that night, should they desire to go off property.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tom Boak, Chair

Ralph Davis, Vice Chair

Committee Members: Clarine Anderson, Joanie Campbell, Trisha Commons, Catherine Cooper, Randy Crutchfield, Betsy Durrant, Conrad Johnson, Lucy Johnson, Tom Lyndon, Homer Lane, Jeff Moxie, Anna Lea Roof, Barbara Thomas, Paul Windrath, Kris Wingenroth, Jeanne Ensign (Ex-officio), Cathy Pennington (Ex-officio), Doug Church (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

Two things have occurred. One - we are currently going through a review of FOG, spearheaded by Ralph Davis, and will spend time on his report at the Convention. Second – we have the preliminary financial results for 2002.

FITNESS COMMITTEE

Pam Himstreet, Chair

Jude Bourque, Vice Chair

Bill Volckening, Vice Chair

Committee members: Marianne Brogan, Bob Bruce, Lee Carlson, Harry DeLong, Art Figur, Ann Gilbert, Bill Grohe, David Grilli, Cindy Hawkinson, Margie Hutinger, Jane Moore, Randy Nutt, Jennifer Parks, Dore Schwab, Dick Sidner, Jani Sutherland, Jody Welborn, Karol Welling, Laura Wright, Scott Rabalais (EC Liaison)

OPENING PARAGRAPH:

The Fitness Committee feels confident that we have been successful in enhancing the quality of Masters Swimming for the non-competitive member. Judging from the people who approach me at swim meets to talk about Virtual Swims or articles on the web, it seems we are offering a variety of activities and information for the competitive swimmer also. We continue to see more involvement by Committee members as each month progresses.

DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS:

Our projects since the last Convention have been to use the newly renovated Fitness section of the USMS Website for communication, information, and to launch our three new Fitness events. Thanks to Bill Volckening for all the work he has done in this area. We have successfully posted the three new Fitness events. The Check-off Challenge is an event that runs through 2003 but the t-shirt sales concluded in December. This event sold 177 T-Shirts and made over \$600 for New England Masters. They are willing to donate part of the \$200 event start-up stipend to advertising for all three Fitness swims. (i.e. an ad in the Nationals Heat Sheet).

The Virtual Swim Series and the 30 Minute swim were completely posted on the web on January 15. This was two weeks later than originally planned. The Crawfish Masters of Louisiana created a swim of Lake Pontchartrain and offered shirts for sale to coincide with their team swim in January. The deadline to order a shirt was Feb. 15. They had 20 out-of-state orders. This is fantastic considering the Virtual Swims were only posted a month before the deadline. There is much evidence that many people are doing them from e-mail questions and suggested corrections, but we won't know for sure until the end of the year. There are eight swims posted on the web and the ninth, a swim of the Erie Canal, is finished except for finding a good map of the 40 miles of canal. The 30 Minute swim is being hosted by PNA. I have heard that many coaches will be doing this as a team event, especially in the fall to lead into the Hour Swim. Again, numbers won't be known until the end of the year.

FITNESS, continued

The Articles of the Month have been successful and we are seeing more committee members get involved in this area. Committee members each volunteered for a month through September.

ACTION ITEMS:

We will solicit nominations for the 2003 Fitness Award and gather volunteers from the Committee to host the Fitness Events for 2004 so a vote can be taken at convention.

DECISIONS THAT WERE PASSED BY YOUR COMMITTEE EITHER BY VOTE OR CONSENSUS:

Continue with the Article of the month and continue to gather more Virtual Swims for the series. All members are to promote the Fitness events within their LMSC's through their Fitness Chairs and coaches.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

Solicit nominations for the 2003 Fitness Award. The three Fitness events will go to members of the committee for their teams or LMSC's to manage for 2004. The 30 Minute swim will go to Ohio Masters (agreed at the last convention) but the other two will need volunteers. One volunteer for the Check-off Challenge has come forward already.

The Fitness Award recipients will be honored with engraved serving platters at the NW Zone meet on April 26,27. Both honorees are from the NW Zone. These are for 2000 (decided under the last Chair but never bought or given) and 2002. There was no award in 2001.

LIST ANY DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS THAT YOUR COMMITTEE WILL BE ADDRESSING:

Advertising in the summer nationals heat sheet about the three Fitness Events. Look for other advertising opportunities. More committee involvement is desired for Articles of the Month. More Virtual Swims will need to be designed for next year.

HISTORY & ARCHIVES Carl House, Chair Barbara Dunbar, Vice Chair

Committee Members: Helen Bayly, Marcia Cleveland, Catherine Cooper, Kelly Crandell, Edie Gruender, Ted Haartz, Esther Lyman, Wayne McCauley, Cris Meier-Windes, Jennifer Parks, Gail Roper, Howard Rutenberg, Dennis Wilson, Meegan Wilson, Mary Beth Windrath, Sally Ann Dillon (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

This reports on the work of the History & Archives Committee during the past six months. This report is on-line with links at <http://www.swimgold.org/committee/midyear2003.htm>.

Our most important task has been to get underway with the conversion of our databases to SQL for which we received a mandate and budget of \$18,000 from the HOD 18 months ago. During that time we've written three proposals and worked with the Database Project (established by the Executive Committee) to determine the best way to proceed. At this point it has been decided that the USMS webmaster would take over our RFP and the first contract is about to be signed with a consultant. The database committee decided (and the EC affirmed) that H&A maintenance procedures will not be preserved, so our committee will no longer serve USMS in the creation and maintenance of major databases. We will instead work with the webmaster in the development of procedures whereby stories, oral histories, historical documents and photos can be continually integrated into the enterprise database. Meegan Wilson will represent us in that effort. There will continue to be issues requiring research and Barbara Dunbar will lead that part of our effort.

Now that the conversion of our data is underway, our biggest project will be to annotate and catalogue our images. We have been gathering photos of our swimmers for several years. We have more than 3200 photographs at this time (not including the USMS calendar project in the late 80's). Our top priorities for this project are; first, to use what we've learned to improve the quality of our images and their presentation. Mel Dyck, Meegan Wilson and I will be taking the lead on this. Our second priority is to create a database of annotation so we can search for photographs and find good documentation for them. Wayne Smith, Katie Cooper, Howard Rutenberg and Debbie Cavanaugh will be improving our

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annotation while I will manage the development of the database. We are learning ways to present photos with their annotation. For examples, see the Top Ten Photo Gallery and USMS/USAS Convention 2000 photos.

While we don't have the legal right to use many of our photos without getting permission from the photographers, the photos are being preserved and will be available on a restricted basis at ISHOF and on a CD for whoever needs them. We are creating lists of photographers and developing a strategy for getting permission to use as many as possible. As rapidly as we get permission from photographers, photos which are presently restricted will be placed among those on-line and available for use. Our goal is to move 1000 photos from the restricted category to being available for use. At that point, we expect to have somewhere near 2000 photos available for use for celebrating swimmers prominent in USMS.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Colleen Driscoll, Chair

Jack Kangas, Vice Chair

Committee Members: Jack Buchanan, Joanie Campbell, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Michael Laux, Betsy Owens, George Simon, Frank Tillotson, Peter Crumbine (Ex-officio), Julie Heather (Ex-officio), Patty Powis (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

The Insurance Committee was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of one of their committee members, Betsy Owens. Betsy was a very active member of the committee. No matter the struggles she faced, she always found time to provide valuable input and make suggestions. She will be missed by all.

The insurance industry continues to change. More insurance carriers have been downgraded by the financial rating bureaus, which makes it especially difficult to choose our insurers wisely. It will again be a challenge to secure renewal coverages with reasonable premiums and appropriate terms and conditions.

The Insurance Committee will be working on educating our members by compiling a "grid" which will provide guidance on signing contracts with facilities and vendors. We hope to have this completed by Convention.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Phillip Whitten, Chair

Myriam Pero, Vice Chair

Shannon Sullivan, Vice Chair

Committee Members: Peggy Buchanan, Irene David, Dale Finch, Sean Fitzgerald, Mark Gill, Graham Johnston, June Krauser, Lilly Kron, Joseph Kurtzman, Nancy Miller, Mary Pohlmann, Walt Reid, Gerry Rodrigues, Sandi Rousseau, Manuel Sanguily, Susanne Simpson, Frank Tillotson, Karol Welling, Jim Miller, MD (EC Liaison)

The International Committee continued to focus its energies on preparing a bid to host the 2006 Masters World Championships.

2006 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

If held in the United States, the 2006 FINA World Championships would likely be the largest swim meet of any kind ever held. Judging from conversations with FINA officials, FINA is likely to look favorably on a bid to hold the meet in the USA in 2006. The last time the meet was held in North America was in 1994, in Montreal. Since then, championships have been held in Europe twice (Britain in 1996, Germany in 2000), Africa (Morocco in 1998), and Oceania (New Zealand in 2002). The 2004 meet is scheduled to be held in Europe (Italy).

The facility requirements for a meet that should attract a *minimum* of between 6,000 and 7,000 athletes eliminate all but a handful of pool complexes in the US. In addition to the swimmers and divers, we estimate 65 to 70 men's water polo teams (it is not yet clear if water polo will stage a women's tournament).

We will need two world-class 50-meter pools, a warm-up/warm-down pool, plus facilities for open water, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo. The meet will last an estimated 14 days, including two training days, so these facilities must be available for our exclusive use for those two weeks plus an additional day afterward for cleanup.

INTERNATIONAL, continued

Recently I held extensive conversations with USA Swimming officials about potential facilities. We could identify only five facilities that could meet our requirements:

- Stanford University
- Irvine Novaquatics
- IUPUI
- Plantation, Florida
- Mesa, Arizona

In addition, it is possible that the new ISHOF complex in Pompano Beach, perhaps in conjunction with the Ft. Lauderdale complex, might be a sixth possible site.

There are problems or potential problems with several of the facilities:

IRVINE: The Irvine complex is undergoing renovations and will be ready in 2004, but City officials do not want to bid for any events until renovations are completed. Coach David Salo would like to host the meet and is willing to lobby on our behalf to present a bid this year (bids must be submitted to FINA by 31 December 2003).

MESA: Scheduled for completion in 2005, this indoor megacomplex has not even been started. In addition, there may be no local group with experience running a meet of this magnitude, though the Tempe Masters groups (Rio Salado and Sun Devil Masters) will have run two 2,000-swimmer Nationals).

IUPUI: There appears to be no interest in hosting this meet. In addition, the 1992 meet was held in Indy and it is doubtful that Indianapolis would be a major draw for foreign swimmers/tourists.

PLANTATION and ISHOF: These are outdoor facilities in a region in which heavy rains are common. Indoors would be preferable.

For a variety of reasons, we believe the Stanford and Irvine complexes would be our best bets.

The International Committee held a meeting on April 4. At the meeting, Myriam Pero, the Vice Chair, forwarded a copy of the contract we have received from FINA to all involved.

Key points:

- USAS will be the bidding organization and USMS will be the lead in this bid process;
- Each sport (Masters Swimming, Water Polo, Diving and Synchronized Swimming) would be the organizing committee and provide insurance coverage for its sport;
- USMS will bring the bid to USAS and USAS will submit it to FINA. Bids will be reviewed and awarded at a FINA Bureau meeting in March or April of 2004;
- Jim Miller will be meeting with USAS in Chicago on May 24th and will present our progress;
- At this time, we do not know of any other countries considering bidding for this meet.

The preliminary budget, required by FINA, will exceed \$100,000 and include:

- A \$25,000 deposit (to be received with the bid and will be refunded only if we do not win the bid)
- 15 days of Hotel, per diem and local transportation for 4 FINA executives
- Travel, 17 days of hotel, per diem and local transportation for the FINA Bureau Liaison
- Travel, 17 days of hotel, per diem and local transportation for the 12 members of the FINA Masters Committee
- Travel and 2 days of hotel and per diem for 3 members of the Masters Committee who will travel to the site for the Inspection

Jim Miller sees the XIth FINA World Masters Championships 2006 – as a "Masters Aquatic Festival," with the event more of a festival than simply a meet. Ideally, it would contain a central kind of community of athletes, similar to an Olympic village, and offer nontraditional, "non competitive" programs and presentations

A first-draft, proposed schedule for the Championship, to be held in late July or early August looks like this:

- Day 1 – Swimming and Diving Training (on site)
- Day 2 – Swimming and Diving Training (on site)
- Day 3 – Swimming and Diving Competition (on site)
- Day 4 – Swimming and Diving Competition (on site)
- Opening ceremonies (Have this a couple days into the event so that more people can participate)
- Day 5 – Swimming and Diving Competition (on site), Synchronized Swimming Training (off site)

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- Day 6 – Swimming and Diving Competition (on site) , Synchronized Swimming Training (off site)
- Day 7 – Swimming and Synchronized Swimming Competition (on site), Water Polo Training (off site)
- Day 8 – Swimming and Synchronized Swimming Competition (on site), Water Polo Training (off site)
- Day 9 – Swimming and Synchronized Swimming Competition (on site) and Water Polo Competition (off site)
- Day 10 – Synchronized Swimming and Water Polo Competition (on site), Open Water Competition (off site)
- Day 11 – Water Polo Competition (on site)
- Day 12- Water Polo Competition (on site), Open Water Training (off site)
- Day 13 –
- Day 14 – Closing ceremonies

Preparing the Bid

The International and Championship Committees will work together to prepare the bid. They will start with the Championship Committee's National Meet bid packet and modify as necessary - this would include the specifics of what they have to offer, what will be required of them and what they want, including financials

This packet will be send out to those facilities that are found to have the minimum requirements for hosting the meet, along with a deadline for submittal.

The International Committee has scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, May 7th at 8pm, EDT.

LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE

Peter Crumbine, Chair

Marcia Cleveland, Vice Chair

Randy Nutt, Vice Chair

Committee members: Doug Brogan, Rob Copeland, Dan Gray, Pam Himstreet, Bruce Hopson, Laura Kessler, Janet Renner, Steve Schofield, Dick Sidner, Julie Stewart, Shannon Sullivan, David Vandam, Jim Wheeler, Jill Wright, Robert Zeitner (Ex-officio), Marcia Benjamin (Ex-officio), Graham Johnston (Ex-officio), Lynn Hazlewood (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

Our principal goal in taking over from Sally Dillon in December 2001 was to streamline the championship process, primarily through a total conversion to electronic communications. With this in mind, we sent out last year's bid forms and championship packets via email. While this major change seemed to be accepted by the bidders and event directors, there remained a few problems with which we are dealing this year. First, we sent out essentially the same forms as before with only minor revisions. For example, in the bid package, we did not insist on electronic submissions nor did we limit the length of presentations at convention. This led to the main complaint we received on the convention feedback forms, namely that the presentations were too long. Second, the number of files in the championship packet (13 for OW, 11 for Postal) was excessive.

To meet these problems, we have: 1) Significantly revised almost all the forms and guidelines. For example, the evaluation form for the LD championships is now based on subtracting 0, 1, or 2 points for each evaluation criteria from a starting score of 100, making the evaluation less subjective than the previously used 5-point scale. 2) Put all the forms into a single Excel file and all the guidelines into a single Word file. These two files plus the contract and timeline make up the entire championship package. So instead of receiving an email with up to 13 attachments, the championship event directors need deal with only 4 files.

The entire LD Committee reviewed these changes. In addition to the usual assistance from Vice Chairs Marcia Cleveland and Randy Nutt, Rob Copeland was particularly helpful in polishing the championship forms.

On other matters, all events for 2002 have been finalized including All-Americans (David Vandam), All-Stars (Marcia Benjamin and Julie Stewart), Records (Jill Wright) and Awards (Robert Zeitner). The 2003 One Hour Swim has been successfully completed under the leadership of Kristine Lewis, and the entry forms for most of the other 2003 championships have been posted on the web.

Finally, many thanks to Lynn Hazlewood, our noble webmaster and liaison.

LONG DISTANCE, conintued

TASKS FOR THE MONTH LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

Send out bid package to potential bidders for the 2005 LD Championships.
Distribute championship "packets" to 2004 Event Directors.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Rob Copeland, Chair
Laura Kessler, Vice Chair

Committee members: Jack Buchannan, Bill Cleveland, Marilyn Fink, Sean Fitzgerald, Paul Fortoul, Cindy Hawkinson, Mary Hull, Kathy Keffer-Sharpe, Homer Lane, Arni Litt, Marcia Marcantonio, Jennifer Parks, Steve Peterson, Richard Smith, Jon Steiner, Leo Letendre (Ex-officio), Meg Smath (Ex-officio), Elin Zander (Ex-officio), Patty Powis (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

2003 is an on year for Legislative amendments, and while there has not yet been a lot of proposed amendments submitted, the Committee anticipates a more active summer and some lively convention debate over a couple of significant proposals.

Since the 2002 Dallas Convention, the largest project currently underway is the total rewrite of USMS Code - Part 4 "Athletes' Rights, Hearings, and Appeals". The Part 4 sub-committee, led by Laura Kessler, has made tremendous progress in simplifying and clarifying how USMS protects our members and how differences between members are resolved. The new Part 4 will most likely be the largest proposed amendment this year.

A second project that has received attention so far this year is our LMSC bylaws review. The Legislation Committee along with the Planning Committee and Legal Counselors Committee are looking into how best to assist LMSC's in insuring they have complete and viable bylaws. A model LMSC bylaws, based on a USA-Swimming model, is being discussed as a potential solution.

The Legislation Committee Governance task force has made modest progress since the convention. The task force is looking into how USMS is structured to recommend changes to our corporate organization, so we are better positioned to provide support and services to our volunteers, staff, and members. Some minor proposed amendments are anticipated this year, with more significant changes anticipated over the next few years.

As we move into the summer and approach the July 10th submission deadline, we anticipate additional proposed amendments will be submitted. The committee expects to see amendments dealing with On-Line Registration, how and when we elect the Zone Chair, the definition of various national committees, and the never ending code clarifications and housekeeping. Between the July 10th deadline and the 2003 convention the committee will review each proposed amendment and, when needed, provide suggested improvements.

And finally, the Committee has been asked to participate in developing a Meet Management guide. We have been asked to prepare guidelines on the administrative aspects of applying for sanctions and understanding the meet director's obligations to the LMSC.

In closing I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Legislation Committee for volunteering their time and efforts to make Masters Swimming a truly great organization.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

Richard Burns, Chair
Doug Garcia, Vice Chair

Committee members: Nadine Day, Bill Grohe, Don Kornblatt, Judy Martin, Randy Nutt, Jeanette Vallandighm, Clay Evans, Nichole Harvey, Michael Laux, Jane Masters, Robert Oppenheim, Bill Volckening, Joan Alexander, Debbie Morrin-Nordlund, Melissa Rinker, Phil Whitten, Barry Fasbender (Ex-officio), Aimee Fitzgerald (Ex-officio), Nancy Ridout (EC Liaison)

MARKETING, continued

REPORT:

The Marketing Committee has focused its attention to date on two areas, the on-going public relations efforts and the redesign of the USMS brochure.

The public relations focus is into its second year and we believe that we are benefiting from this outreach. To maximize resources and be as time-effective as possible in reaching the mass-market consumer audience that USMS has established as a key priority, we have developed fitness-oriented tips and packaged these as media tip sheets positioning USMS as a swim fitness expert. We have begun to utilize an affordable media distribution service to distribute these advisories and news releases on a targeted mass basis so that we can spend more time individually targeting the specific media outlets with true interest in Masters swimming.

Results of this strategy have been extremely impressive to date. Writers from media outlets including Runner's World, the Gwinnett Daily Post, Health Magazine, Essence Magazine, Heart & Soul, NikeGoddess.com, Ms. Fitness, and the Baltimore Sun have interviewed USMS sources. Articles mentioning or featuring USMS have appeared in mass-market media throughout the country, including Business Week, the St. Augustine Record, Aging with Style, Texas Jewish Post, Baltimore Sun, Senior/Boomer Times, West Texas County Courier, active.com, Jamestown (NY) Post-Journal, Indianapolis Star, Palm Beach Sun, and Florida Elder Update.

We also have resolved the time-consuming issue of photo use, enabling us to utilize photos in our possession and continue communicating with the media to establish USMS as a key news source.

Doug Garcia created the new brochure with help from a number of sources and 10,000 copies have been printed and delivered to the National Office. The brochure is oriented to demystifying Masters and explaining the features and benefits of the program. Thank you Doug.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

With the completion of the new brochure we are turning our attention to other collateral support activities. We will be producing a series of posters that can be downloaded and printed from the web site.

We also want to focus on the marketing function and effectiveness of the web site and will be establishing a sub-committee to spearhead this initiative.

There were a number (+/-25, not a lot but representative of a larger silent constituency) of calls or emails expressing disappointment in the absence of the Planner this year and the committee will be deciding whether to resurrect this program and if so, how.

In producing the brochure we found that we are lacking in the extent of our photo file and will be discussing ways to address this issue.

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

David Diehl, Chair

Judy Gillies, Vice Chair

Committee members: Carol Berendsen, Charlie Cockrell,, David Diehl, Paul Fortoul, Ted Haartz, Jan Kavadas, Mike Lemke, Leo Letendre, , Rick Meier-Windes, Eric Nordlund, Ed Saltzman, Cindy Baxter, Steve Schofield, Michael Collins (Ex-officio), Frank Ching (Ex-officio), Sally Dillon (EC Liaison)

DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST CONVENTION:

- Coordinated USMS official's certification procedures with the USA-S National Officials Chair and with USA-S/LSC officials.
- Completed USMS National Officials Committee review of the process to certify Masters officials and distributed the USMS Officials Certification Procedures to all LMSC Chairs and USMS Officials Chairs.
- Participated in discussions regarding the measurement and certification of pools for national top ten and national records.

OFFICIALS, continued

- Developed "Application to Officiate" for both USMS SC and LC National Championship Meets and coordinated with USA-S to have them placed on their web site. Collecting the names and information regarding the volunteers and coordinating that information with the appropriate meet manager.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Review USMS Officials Committee Liaison reports from SC and LC Nationals

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

- Monitor the implementation of the USMS Officials Certification Process and determine whether the procedures, as developed, are effective or need to be revised.

PLANNING

Betsy Durrant, Chair
Jody Welborn, Vice Chair

Committee members: Joan Alexander, Vicki Buccino, Michael Collins, Gordon Gillin, Michael Heather, Sarah Hromada, Lucy Johnson, Judy Martin, Nancy Miller, Debbie Morrin-Nordlund, Mark Murphy, Carl Saxton, Dore Schwab, Joanne Wainwright, Scott Rabalais (EC Liaison), Mel Goldstein and Bob Seltzer (assisting with one of the Projects)

REPORT:

At the 2002 Convention, the Planning Committee agreed on 4 projects for the year. They are:

1. The committee will establish a checklist for LMSCs.
2. In order to encourage all LMSCs to send a delegate to Convention, the committee will establish criteria and make a selection for grants to assist two LMSCs in financing a delegate to the convention.
3. The committee will create a plan for developing materials to assist a swimmer to approach a facility about starting a Masters program. The purpose here is to decide what is needed, not to try to create the materials.
4. The committee will discuss long range plans for USMS.

The committee was divided into four subcommittees to work on the projects listed above. The progress on each:

1. The checklist has not been done yet.
2. Eight LMSCs were selected, based on size, to receive information about the grants. Letters were sent to the chairs of each of the LMSCs, encouraging them to apply for a grant. Two grants of up to \$500 each will be available for convention expenses. Disappointingly, no responses have been received.
3. The plan for developing materials to approach facilities is under discussion now.
4. Some discussion has taken place in regard to long range plans, but more needs to be done.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

1. Work on the LMSC Checklist.
2. The Chair will follow up with phone calls to the LMSCs involved to try to determine the reason they did not apply for the grant.
3. The plan for developing materials to use in approaching facilities is nearing an end. The Chair will summarize the comments so far and after more discussion, our recommendations for what needs to be done will be finalized. Our recommendations will then be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and possible action. Other committees need to be involved and any request for another committee to take on a project should come from the Executive Committee.
4. Work on ideas for the future of USMS.

PUBLICATIONS
Meg Smath, Chair
Steve Peterson, Vice Chair

Committee Members: Eddie Ames, Debbie Cavanaugh, Marilyn Fink, Cheryl Gettelfinger, Tracy Grilli, Lil Haneman, Joanne Tingley, Mary Lee Watson, Sally Ann Dillon, (EC Liaison)

PUBLICATIONS, continued

REPORT:

Since convention, our major project was getting the 2003 rule book compiled and published. Tracy Grilli compiled Appendix E, Cheryl Gettelfinger coordinated the ads, and all other committee members proofread different segments of the rule book. In addition, Walt Reid provided the pool records, Peter Crumbine and Jill Wright provided the long distance records, Kathy Casey proofread the rules sections, Barry Fasbender proofread the championship sections, Rob Copeland proofread the legislation sections, and Peter Crumbine proofread the long distance sections.

Our tasks for the months leading up to convention are: compile housekeeping proposals for parts 1 through 6, while concentrating on the legislation sections and study submissions for cover. We also plan to edit the LMSC handbook for consistent style

RECOGNITION & AWARDS
Kathrine J. Casey, Chair
Carolyn Boak, Vice Chair

Committee members: Cindy Baxter, Carolyn Boak, Tom Boak, Hill Carrow, Kathrine Casey, Angie Friday, Gail Dummer, Jack Geoghegan, Mel Goldstein, Dan Gruender, Edie Gruender, Ted Haartz, Brad Houston, Sarah Hromada, Paul Hutinger, June Krauser, Mike Laux, Jim Miller, M.D., Jane Moore, M.D., Hugh Moore, Suzanne Rague, Walt Reid, Nancy Ridout, Joan Smith, Richard Smith, Bill Tingley, Mary Lee Watson, Kelly Crandell (Ex-officio), Scott Rabalais (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

1. Begun work on brief narratives of the reasons each Ransom J. Arthur recipient won the award;
2. Updated the Awards web site and the awards lists;
3. Conducted the nomination process for the Ransom J. Arthur Award and is in the process of selecting the winner (don't ask for a list of nominees; we're not telling yet), and
4. Published articles in *SWIM* about the Ransom J. Arthur Award and the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. In the process of choosing a Ransom J. Arthur Award winner.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

Continue to:

1. Update the web site;
2. Research and list awards history including narratives about Ransom J. Arthur Award winners;
3. Solicit nominations for and select winners for the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award and prepare the presentation for Convention.

RECORDS & TABULATION COMMITTEE
Pieter Cath, Chair
Mary Beth Windrath, Vice Chair

REPORT:

Top-Ten Tabulations for 2002 Long-Course Meters and 2002 Short-Course Meters were sent to the printer and published on schedule.

The 2002 All-American tabulation was prepared and sent to the National Office for verification and publishing.

RECORDS AND TABULATIONS, continued

NQT tabulations were sent to the Championship Committee.

The 2002 Relay All-American tabulation was prepared and sent to all Committee Members, Top-Ten Recorders and to all the Clubs that were listed on the tabulation.

Walt Reid continues to process all record applications and supplies the record information that is included in the Top-Ten Publications. The Top-Ten subscription list is now maintained by the National Office.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

1. USMS has instituted a permanent swimmers ID. In the future Top-Ten recorders need to include USMS registration numbers in their submissions. We will discuss how this can be accomplished and what kind of procedures we can put in place to accomplish this.

2. Recognized meets need an officially appointed observer to report on the conduct of the meet. Several meets, this year and in the past have been recognized "after the fact" by the Executive Committee. I would like to start a discussion on submitting a rules-change proposal (rule 202.2) to correct this problem.

REGISTRATION Anna Lea Roof, Chair George Simon, Vice Chair

Committee Members: Jack Buchannan, Jim Coleman, Julie Heather, Kathy Keffer-Sharpe, Jim Lewis, Arni Litt, John Pilger, Joan Smith, Tracy Grilli (Ex-officio), Esther Lyman (Ex-officio), Nancy Ridout (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

USMS Conversion to Leoware: At the 2002 USMS Convention, a new "permanent swimmer ID" was adopted. The use of a computer is required to assign and re-register swimmers with this permanent ID. It was decided that the 2003 registration year would be a transition year, during which the LMSCs not using computers would have the chance to get comfortable with the USMS registration software (affectionately known as "Leoware").

At the start of the 2003 registration year (in November, 2002), there were eleven LMSCs that were not using Leoware. I'm pleased to say that as of today (March, 2003), all but one of those LMSCs has successfully converted!

This means that 52 out of our 53 LMSCs are now using Leoware. This is a TREMENDOUS achievement, especially considering it was accomplished in such a short time. The LMSC registrars are to be congratulated for their cooperation and perseverance in learning the new system.

Leo Letendre, Tracy Grilli, and Esther Lyman were instrumental in helping these LMSCs get computerized. Leo spent many hours assisting individual registrars with various installation and printing problems. Thank you, Leo!

Online Registration Forms: In March, 2003, I discovered that we had eleven LMSCs that did not have an electronic version of their USMS registration form on the Internet. I sent an e-mail to those LMSCs, offering to post their forms on the USMS web site. Those that had designed their forms on a computer sent me an electronic copy. Those who only had hard copies of forms mailed one to me and I re-created their forms in Word. By April, all eleven of those LMSCs will have their registration forms posted on the USMS web site.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

1. The Registration Committee has been discussing a redesign of the sample registration forms that appear in the LMSC Handbook.
2. We need to begin discussing the renewal process using the Permanent Swimmer ID. Some of the members of the Registration Committee may be used as "beta testers" on the next release of Leoware before it goes out to all of the Registrars.

RULES COMMITTEE
Leo Letendre, Chair
Katherine Casey, Vice Chair

Committee members: Tom Boak, Peggy Buchannan, Charlie Cockrell, Catherine Cooper, David Diehl, Judy Gillies, Graham Johnston, Janet Kavadas, June Krauser, Joseph Kurtzman, Dennis McManus, Michael Moore, Jessica Seaton, William Tingley, Kris Wingenroth, Michael Collins (Ex-officio), Rob Copeland (Ex-officio), Meg Smath (Ex-officio), Sally Ann Dillon (EC Liaison)

REPORT:

The rules committee met to discuss the acceptability of USMS and USA-Swimming pool length certification forms which were completed prior to this year but which did not include a measurement of each lane. The committee determined that USMS should accept these forms at this time and that the issue will be brought before the House of Delegates in the fall for their determination. A sub-committee is preparing recommendations for possible inclusions in the Pool Length certification form. A number of questions and requests for interpretations have been received. Many of them have been concerning the pool length requirements. Unfortunately several meets have had their results voided because the bulkhead was not placed correctly and the distance not checked prior to the start of the meet.

SAFETY EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Julie Heather, Chair
Carol Berendsen, Vice Chair

Committee members: Katherine Branch, Bill Cleveland, Thomas Huggins, Michael Lemke, Eric Shanks, Leslie Smith, Shannon Sullivan, Jeanette Vallandighm, Jim Wheeler, Dotty Whitcomb, Jill Wright, Colleen Driscoll (Ex-officio), Patty Powis (EC Liaison)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Encourage all members to become trained in CPR. To start this we will do a CPR/AED training at convention in San Diego. I have already contacted the American Red Cross in San Diego and they have pledged their full support to this effort. It appeared from the show of hands in the Dallas HOD meeting that we have quite a few instructors among our ranks to lead this training effort. I have contacted the Convention Committee Chair and we have time and space scheduled for the meeting.
2. I have also contacted Barb Fiorina of Staywell, the publisher of most of the American Red Cross training materials. She is willing to come to convention and give a "marketing" type talk (perhaps 15 minutes) to our delegates.
3. Finalize and electronically distribute the USMS Safety Handbook. I have the latest version and need official permission from the legal counsel and executive committee to publish it electronically. I have so far been unsuccessful in getting a page on the USMS website devoted to Safety matters, and I have been unable to determine the current status of my request.
4. I have retyped the safety "blurbs" and "fill" articles for newsletter editors that was distributed in hard copy only a few years ago. I received no response from my committee for additional material for this compilation.
5. Leslie Smith has agreed to act as liaison between the Safety Education Committee and the Long Distance Committee.
6. It appears that a breakdown in communication had Patty Powis listed as Safety Education Committee Chair on the USMS website until the beginning of February. The alias "safety@usms.org" was still going to Patty until February. I was also missing from Board of Directors email lists (and just because my husband gets things doesn't mean that I do).

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

1. Determine the number of delegates that will be taking CPR training
2. Arrange for instructors and materials for CPR training
3. Obtain permission for 15 minute Safety Presentation to the HOD
4. Determine status of Safety Education page on USMS website

SPORTS MEDICINE
Jessica Seaton, Chair
Jody Welborn, Vice Chair

Committee members: Eddie Ames, Nadine Day, Art Figur, Ann Gilbert, Doug Huestis, Cindy Jones, Laura Kessler, Wayne McCauley, Jane Moore, Ed Nessel, Dick Pitman, Mary Pohlmann, Joel Stager, Jani Sutherland, Lisa Watson, Phil Whitten, Jim Miller, MD (EC Liaison)

ACTION ITEMS:

None

DECISIONS THAT WERE PASSED BY YOUR COMMITTEE EITHER BY VOTE OR CONSENSUS:

None

DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST CONVENTION:

1. Communications/Web - Liaison to Communications Committee: Jane Moore
Jane Moore has been working with Jim Matysek, the USMS web master, to get the Sports Medicine section up and running. It seems that several other USMS projects were on the list before we were. We were promised to be up and running by the end of February, however we are still waiting while various projects take priority over ours. The following are some aspects of the site:
 - Article of the month: We have contacted SWIM Magazine and gotten permission to have articles that were previously authored by members of our committee to appear on our web site.
 - FAQ: several members of the Sports Medicine Committee have offered to help with our FAQ page. As was discussed at the convention and prior to that, all articles will be reviewed
 - Review Committee: While we don't have a permanent review committee, we will be asking various members to help out as the articles are submitted for posting.
 - Nutrition Tracker: Joel Stager (from the research subcommittee) told me about this interactive nutritional web site on the USA Swimming web site. I got permission from USA Swimming for us to link to that. I don't know how quickly it will be up and running for us, since the process is involved.
2. Research - Small changes were made to the Grant Requirement document and his has been sent on to Patty Powis, the USMS Legal Council.
3. Liaison to International Committee - Jane Moore has offered to be the official liaison, having been medical coordinator for USMS Nationals before. SM will also have to organize a series of SM related lectures, spanning several days, should USMS be awarded the World Championships for 2006. Phil Whitten is already a member of both International and SM, so he will also serve to bridge both committees. No work has been done on a Sports Medicine lecture. It seems a bit premature to organize at this point.
4. Convention 2003 in San Diego - Sports Medicine Lecture: After much discussion on the timing of the lecture, our lecture is now tentatively set up for Friday at lunch. Joel Stager has kindly offered to lecture on a topic relevant to Masters swimmers. Joel heads up the Doc Councilman Center on swimming related research.
5. SWIM Magazine
 - January/February 2003
 - 1) Jody Welborn with input from Art Figur: Anemia, Appeared in *SWIM Magazine*.
 - 2) Ask the Doc: Elbows (Welborn), Article appeared in *SWIM*.
 - 3) Sports Medicine Review: Five Steps to Healthier Eating (Volckening): approved
 - March/April 2003
 - 1) Jim Miller: Osteoporosis, Article submitted and was approved. Appeared in *SWIM*.
 - 2) Sports Medicine Review, Navigating the Marketplace (Volckening): submitted and approved.
 - May/June 2003
 - 1) Ed Nessel: Exercise Induced Asthma: Final version approved.
 - 2) Ask Dr. Swim: Pre-swimming heating and the heart. (Welborn)
 - 3) Sports Medicine Reviews, Grab 'n' Go: Setting up your Kitchen (Volckening):
 - July/August 2003—due to SWIM April 15
 - 1) Jessica Seaton with input from James Acker: Pool Temperatures
 - 2) Sports Medicine Review: Healthier Snacks (Volckening)

SPORTS MEDICINE, continued

TASKS AND PROJECTS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

1. Articles for SWIM Magazine:
 - Hip Replacement (Nadine Day, Pat Timmins)
 - Swimming and Medications (Jody Welborn)
2. Continue to review other sports medicine related articles for SWIM Magazine
3. Web site
 - FAQ
 - Articles with reviews
4. Research
 - Grant Requirement document: make changes if Legal asks for them
 - Explore setting up a Masters Swimmers training camp at IU with Joel Stager

LIST ANY DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ADDRESSING:

The committee will continue with its work as listed above.

ZONE COMMITTEE Lynn Hazlewood, Chair

Committee Members: Marcia Anziano, Breadbasket Zone; Barb Protzman, Colonies Zone; June Krauser, Dixie Zone; Mike Lemke, Great Lakes Zone; Doug Garcia, Northwest Zone; Joan Alexander, Oceana Zone; Marcia Marcantonio, South Central Zone; Wayne McCauley, Southwest Zone.

REPORT:

Following convention, all zones have turned their funds into the National Office to be placed into accounts for those zones with funds. Zones with funds will have free access to their money. A large part of the first half of the year has been occupied replacing Zone Representatives who have resigned. Doug Garcia has replaced Dan Frost as Zone Rep for Northwest Zone. Mike Lemke has replaced Melissa Rinker as Zone Rep for Great Lakes Zone. Barb Protzman has recently resigned as Colonies Zone Rep. Her replacement is in the process of being determined by the Colonies LMSC Chairs and will be announced within the month.

The committee is discussing a proposal to realign the Zone Chair election with the other four officers. After our deliberations, we will be consulting with the Legislation Committee on legislation proposals and election guidelines amendments that may be necessary.

ACTION ITEMS:

No action items to report yet.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

Our major project leading up to convention will be to create a functional definition of the Zone Rep's responsibilities. The expectation is that this definition will assist zones during the election process for their representatives. We will also be creating legislation proposals that are appropriate to the Zone Committee's definition and responsibilities. We will continue to run the election for national officers that will take place at our next convention

BREADBASKET ZONE Marcia Anziano, Zone Rep

Colorado reports membership at 1120 members as of March 26, 2003. The membership tends to increase with the approach of summer and open water swimming at the reservoir.

Colorado continues to make changes in their operation. Plans for a weekend retreat to include the executive board and other involved leaders to continue to map the course for Colorado are planned for late May. One of the goals is to insure that all areas are emphasized: competition, long distance (open water) and fitness.

BREADBASKET ZONE, continued

Colorado sponsored a swimmer's clinic this winter. Last year, the 'coach of the year' was given a stipend to attend the ASCA/MACA convention in Las Vegas. In return, she was to put together a clinic for local swimmers. Ellen Campbell, the coach of the year in 2002, selected two other local Master's coaches, Matt Beck and Nicole Vanderpole to assist with the clinic. It was considered highly successful, and plans are to do this again this year.

The Breadbasket Zone Championships are being sponsored this year by the Minnesota LMSC. They will be held on April 12 and 13, 2003, in Minneapolis Minnesota, in conjunction with the Minnesota State Short Course Championships. Minnesota is sponsoring a Masters Intensive Stoke Clinic on April 26 and 27 at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ozark LMSC held their first 1650 meet on February 2, 2003. The Short Course Championships were held on March 29 and 30th at Washington University.

Missouri Valley Chairman Daniel Fisher has resigned as Chairman. Anna Lea Roof is serving as acting chairman until a replacement is found. Two winter meets held in this LMSC were the Lawrence Winter Meet on January 19th at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center and the KC Blazers sponsored an all relay meet on February 16th.

DIXIE ZONE June Krauser, Zone Rep

Since the convention I have mailed out two newsletters. The October – December issue contained a synopsis of the written committee reports at the USMS convention. The January – March issue was mailed in January. The April – June issue will have the entry blank for the Dixie Zone Long Course Championships to be held in Greenville, SC. This championship was not on the calendar arranged at the convention but Roy Dessloch volunteered to host this championship.

There was a difference of opinion concerning the sanctioning of meets and who could participate in the meet. After a few e-mails, Rob Copeland responded with: "It is NOT a violation of a member's right, for a host organization to limit entrance into a sanctioned event, because of club membership."

Also since convention, USMS has decided that Zone's cannot have bank accounts. All monies have been sent to the USMS to hold for our use. After we have used up our money, then USMS will fund the Zone.

The 2002 Florida Gold Coast Local Masters Swimming Committee held its Annual Awards Banquet on January 3, 2003 with approximately 100 attending. This year's awards were beautifully embroidered towels. The 2002 Florida Local Masters Swimming Committee held its Annual Recognition Dinner on Saturday, February 9, 2003. Both were very nice affairs.

We look forward to our upcoming Dixie Zone SCY Championships in Savannah, GA on April 26-27 and our Dixie Zone LCM Championships in Greenville, SC on June 28-29.

GREAT LAKES ZONE Mike Lemke, Zone Rep

I was appointed to this position in January and am still in the process of introducing myself to the Great Lakes Zone and the other Zone Reps. I have made initial contact with all the LMSC Chairs in our Zone and I expect to get input from them to determine what the Great Lakes Zone needs to be doing.

There are two National Long Distance Championships being hosted by Great Lakes Zone teams - 1-MILE OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIP on June 28 and the 5K/10K POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

I hope to involve the LMSC Chairs in the process of evaluating our goals for the rest of the year leading up to the convention and to determine if there are any issues facing the LMSC's or our clubs that have not be addressed.

NORTHWEST ZONE
Doug Garcia, Zone Rep

Seems that all of the LMSCs within the NW zone are doing well. Alaska, Pacific Northwest Association, Oregon Masters and Inland NW Masters all have SCY champs either scheduled or completed. Our Zone SCY Champs will be held on April 26 and 27 in beautiful Hood River Oregon.

We decided via email vote the procedures that will be used for the distance Freestyle events in Hood River should the meet run long.

We also decided via email vote that the Zone LCM Champs will be at the King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way, Washington.

PROJECTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE CONVENTION:

We have discussed the concept of a Zone Open Water Championship. We are taking a close look at our zone policies to help with site selection criteria for our zone championships. We are also starting the process of deciding which small LMSC delegates will receive funding to attend convention.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

Trying to get the zone policies in a final form so that we can do a final vote at convention. We will need to have our SCM champs location decided. We also need to have a firm proposal for the Zone Open Water Championships.

OCEANA ZONE
Joan Alexander, Zone Rep

Hawaii LMSC has just sent me a notice of the death of Mike Sheldt, a freshman at UH and member of UH swimming. All are deeply saddened by his passing.

On a lighter note, Hawaii has the following upcoming sanctioned events: 3/22/03, Kailua Masters SC Invitational Swim Meet on Oahu. 5/4/03, Kaanapali Klassic 1.2 mile ocean swim in Maui, and June 27-28, 2003 the Hawaii SCM

OCEANA ZONE, continued

International Masters Swim, also in Maui, followed by the 1500 M ocean swim on June 29th. Lastly, Janet reports that their webmaster has resigned recently to pursue her PhD at the Univ. of Colorado at Boulder. Congratulations to Mette Moffett. Hawaii also reports they have 556 registered swimmers.

Pacific registrar reports 5,521 registered swimmers and 107 clubs as of March 2003.

Mentor Coach Program – Part of the Pacific Masters Swimming vision is to continually strengthen the programs it serves through communication, education, and shared information. The Mentor Coach Program will sponsor a total of six 1-day opportunities for teams to send their coach to “shadow” a mentoring coach and gain experience and fresh perspective during scheduled workouts. Time will be set aside (2-3 hours) for discussions on topics of concern to a visiting coach and his/her team. A \$100 stipend will be provided to a team interested in sending a coach so that a “substitute coach” can be hired to cover duties. A \$100 stipend will be given to the mentor coach as an honorarium. This year’s participating coaches are Rick Powers, Head Coach of Davis Aquatic Masters; Kerry O’Brien, Head Coach Walnut Creek Masters; Thomas Huggins, Head Coach of the San Mateo Master Marlins; and Brian Stack, Head Coach of the Manatee Aquatic Masters.

Napa Clinic – The annual Pacific Coaches Clinic featured a Masters Coaches Track on Saturday January 4, 2003. Pacific Masters Coaches Co-Chair Brian Stack organized the speakers for the clinic. They were Jim Montgomery, who spoke on the business of running the Dallas Area Masters Team and also spoke to the assembled clinic on a similar topic with a focus on how Masters Teams can enhance the success and profitability of the overall program. Rick Powers, from Davis Aquatic Masters spoke on his experience as the new head coach for the largest single team in USMS. Mike Collins tackled the problems of motivating swimmers with challenges and humor. Brian Stack led a Pacific Masters Coaches discussion of how Pacific Masters could be of more assistance to its local teams and coaches. More than 40 Masters Coaches registered for the clinic, and 26 Pacific Masters Coaches were awarded scholarships for the Clinic. This program is in its fifth year.

SOUTH CENTRAL ZONE
Marcia Marcantonio, Zone Rep

South Central Zone has 6 LMSCs that are all running smoothly. Each has its share of fitness and competitive events. The South Texas LMSC has found that it is sanctioning more open water events than pool events. The membership is very supportive of open water competition. One event is a national event, The 2 Mile Cable Swim. Several of the open water events are offering additional non-competitive novice distances to encourage first time open water swimmers.

One discussion has come up with the question, "Can LMSC officers or event directors/personnel be held liable for accidents which may occur at an open water event?"

Another discussion is about pool measurement. Some LMSCs say the LMSC should pay to have its pools measured. Some raise the concern that LMSC money being spent on measurement only serves the competitive swimmers, which are a minority of the membership.

A project I will work on is making sure that all sanction chairs keep copies of pool measurement certificates. I will also have a zone file with copies of all certificates.

SOUTHWEST ZONE
Wayne McCauley, Zone Rep

Membership

Southwest Zone has a very good year for membership and swim meets. Arizona LMSC will be putting on a great short course nationals in Tempe this year. This has led to an increase in membership in all our LMSC's.

SPMA swim meet attendance is the best in ten years. Las Vegas and several new teams have been very active in hosting additional swim meets. SPMA and Nova Masters hosted a USMS Mentors Clinic for coaches and swimmers in March.

San Diego—Imperial LMSC has more swim meets than before, with an excellent new facility to host swim meets. Arizona also hosted a mentor's coach and swimmer clinic at the Phoenix Swim Club in January, 2003. They are hosting some great swim meets in preparation for nationals this year.

Pool Meets

SPMA was host to the Southwest Zone Short Course Yards Championships. SPMA will also host the Long Course Meters Championships at Mission Viejo. Arizona will host the Southwest Zone Short Course Meters Championships.

Arizona will be hosting the 2003 USMS Short Course National Championships May 2003. With a short drive away SPMA will be pushing for large attendance from our swimmers. In order to facilitate this we will be scheduling our SPMA Short Course Championship meet a full month before the national meet. SPMA will also bid this meet at convention to be the Southwest Zone meet. San Diego—Imperial and New Mexico are also expected to send larger numbers of swimmers to the 2003 Short Course National Championships.

The Ocean swimming schedule in Southwest Zone is actually larger than the pool meets, with over 20 ocean events scheduled.

Chairman

Southwest Zone LMSC chairman for 2002—2003 are as follows, Sam Perry — Arizona, Wayne McCauley — SPMA, Barbara Dunbar — San Diego Imperial, New Mexico is currently without a Chairperson.

Conventions

The 2003 American Swimming Coaches Association World Clinic and Convention are being held within Southwest Zone this year, in San Diego, CA. Many coaches from Southwest Zone will be attending this educational clinic under sponsorship of USMS and SPMA.

The 2003 USMS Convention will be in San Diego. All Southwest Zone LMSC's will be supporting San Diego to make this convention the best yet.

SOUTHWEST ZONE, continued

Bill Early Remembered

Coronado Masters Association (CMA) voted on July 10 to establish a Bill Early Memorial Fund that will be used for a memorial plaque at the new Coronado Muni pool (a new pool is in the early planning stages now and will be built about two years from now). Those wishing to contribute can give or send a check to Dave Lamott made out to the "CMA Bill Early Fund." We will keep those funds segregated for the specific purposes of the designing and fabricating the plaque.

SEPTEMBER BILL EARLEY "ROAST" & REMEMBRANCE EVENT:

Mark your calendars and spread the word. CMA will be hosting a Bill Early roast on the weekend of Sept 21 or 28 (depending on the availability of the Roeder Pavilion). It is open to everyone and intended to be an evening of fun and humorous remembrances of Bill. CMA will provide food and beverages and asks that you bring hors d'oeuvre, dessert or salad. We will get more word out as planning progresses, but you may want to start searching for any old photos, memorabilia, and memories of events to help us remember our friend.

AD HOC COMMITTEE MID YEAR REPORTS

AD HOC ISHOF NOMINATING

Ginger Pierson, Chair

Committee Members: Peggy Buchannan, Ted Haartz, Stu Marvin, Jack Geoghegan, Carolyn Boak, Walt Reid, Graham Johnston, Rich Burns, Mel Goldstein, Dan Gruender, Jim Miller, MD (EC Liaison)

ACTION ITEMS:

There are none at this time.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

- Select a candidate to be offered for the 2005 ISHOF
- Update 2002 LCM and SCM national records and world records into the current ISHOF database

AD HOC LEGAL COUNSELORS

Patty Powis, Chair

Mike Lemke, Vice Chair

Committee members: Jude Bourque, Hill Carrow, Jeanne Crouse, Jack Geoghegan, Dan Gruender, Brett Hamlin, Rick Harris, Bruce Hopson, Mike Laux, Jon Steiner

DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE LAST CONVENTION:

The committee has served as a sounding board for some organization-wide legal issues at the request of Legal Counsel. Committee members gave comments on whether there are potential problems with the use of photos on the USMS website and whether photos should be given to others for distribution. With the committee's advice, USMS is – through the efforts of the History & Archives Committee and its Chair – being diligent about maintaining photographer credits for photos in our archives and limiting the distribution of the photos. Some committee members have suggested asking or at least warning members on their registration forms that photos of them may be used by the organization.

Ad Hoc Legal Counselors Committee members also gave their opinions about signing waivers on-line, an issue that the committee has been considering for several years. The ability to sign valid waivers on-line is a prerequisite to moving forward with on-line registration for events and membership. Finally, enough time has passed since the passage of federal and state laws on the validity of electronic signatures to allow us to feel more comfortable advising USMS that it can go forward with this aspect of on-line registration. Since passage of the laws declaring the validity of agreements signed on-line, several other sport organizations have moved to on-line registration. USA Triathlon, for example, has been using on-line registration for almost two years and its registration processing vendors tell us that there have not been any challenges to the waivers signed on-line.

ACTION ITEMS:

None

AD HOC LEGAL COUNSELORS, continued

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

The committee will continue to serve in an advisory capacity as the USMS Database Task Force implements on-line registration. The committee has also begun discussions about whether there are legal or privacy issues raised by having contact information (addresses, e-mail addresses, sometimes telephone numbers) for USMS and LMSC leaders listed on the USMS website. The committee will recommend a course of action for USMS if there is a need to reduce any risks associated with listing this information.

AD HOC USMS ENDOWMENT FUND Doug Church, Chair

The Endowment Fund continues to grow with contributions received through the check off system as well as specific gifts in memory of friends and fellow Masters swimmers. The Sports Medicine Committee has been working on a protocol for Grant Requests that is getting final reviews and should be available for distribution to interested parties following convention and its final approval by the Board of Governors of the Endowment. Anyone interested in knowing more about the Endowment, how to make gifts, how to apply for grants, should contact Doug Church DChurch@cchalaw.com for further information.

USMS LIAISONS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS MID YEAR REPORTS

CONTROLLER Cathy Pennington

Since last we met in Dallas, lots of fun things have happened in the Controller's arena. The 2001 tax return was filed, the 2002 fiscal year ended and is mostly closed, and we continue to stay on top of our cash receipts and disbursements. The Executive and Finance Committees continue to receive their monthly reports on the organization's financial condition including a narrative describing variances from the budget and prior year.

We will again be having an audit but that won't happen until the summer. Scheduling it later in the year helps control the costs but still makes the final report available for the convention.

I will continue to work with the Finance Committee and Internal Auditor to maintain our healthy financial position and improve our internal controls and processes.

FINA REPRESENTATIVE June Krauser

There has been no meeting of the FINA Masters Committee since a year ago in New Zealand. The Riccione Organization Committee had information to send to all the Federations but by e-mail the majority of the committee members had too many questions that have to be settled before the information will be available. The Riccione OC has sent out information on accommodations.

The FINA Masters Commission had a meeting in Lausanne SUI, on October 5-6, 2002. Many recommendations have been proposed. The commission is composed of the Chairman, the Secretary and the Bureau Liaison. Also attending were the Vice-chairman and Walt Reid.

Our FINA Masters Committee will meet in Riccione on May 30 & 31 and June 1, 2003. The agenda for the meeting is quite long. It consists of reviews, preparation of the Xth FINA World Masters Championships, review of the rules, approval of the updates for the Guide, future development of Masters swimming worldwide, official list no. 6, report of Masters World Records and Top Ten and the future direction for the new FINA Aquatic World magazine. Masters are allocated one or two pages every month in the new magazine. It can be obtained for a cost of \$69 USD a year. So far, I have only received the first issue – January

INTERNAL AUDITOR Jeanne Ensign

Last fall I drafted an internal audit plan for the year, with quarterly proposed activities and reports. As the year has progressed it is apparent my goals are very ambitious and that my time resources are not as plentiful as anticipated. It is a two year plan at the very least. In December I spent two days with our National Office Administrator reviewing and

INTERNAL AUDITOR, continued

documenting processes for collection and recognition of revenue, payroll administration, and payment of budgeted expenses that are initiated by there. Reviewing the registration collection process included a delightful, long lunch with Esther and Tracy.

My objective in the internal audit context encompasses operational and compliance risks, a little different than the traditional assessment of financial reporting risks. During the coming months, I hope to review and document processes for payment of budgeted expenses, contracted expenses, over budget expenses, and compliance with current contracts, including the payment process. To date the focus has been on activities at the USMS level, which is an ongoing process. In addition, I hope to initiate a review of the processes for collection and disbursements in one or more of the large LMSCs.

Findings and recommendations will be reported to the Finance and Executive Committees.

ISHOF LIAISON June Krauser

Fort Lauderdale, Florida/USA. *The International Swimming Hall of Fame* held the Inaugural Induction of the *International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame* on Saturday, the eleventh of January 2003 with a Welcome Reception and dinner at the ISHOF. The 2003 International Masters Swimming Hal of Fame Honorees included:

*Ransom Arthur	USA	Contributor	*G. Harold "Gus" Langner	USA	Swimmer
Jayne Bruner	USA	Swimmer	Kelley Lemmon	USA	Swimmer
Barbara Dunbar	USA	Swimmer	Maxine Merlino	USA	Swimmer
*Patty Robinson Fulton	USA	Diving	Ardeth Mueller	USA	Swimmer
Tim Garton	USA	Swimmer	Gail Roper	USA	Swimmer
Peg Hogan	USA	Synchro	*Ray Taft	USA	Swimmer
Graham Johnston	USA	Swimmer	Clara Lamore Walker	USA	Swimmer
June Krauser	USA	Swimmer	*Deceased		

There was a welcome reception and then a dinner and ceremony. About 125 people attended and there were seven of the above present. Each received a nice plaque and a unique medal representing the five disciplines was hung around the neck of each recipient. Speeches were kept to a minimum and it was a lovely evening. Many ISHOF Board members attended, as did USMS President, Jim Miller and his wife Nancy. Next year's list of honorees were announced as follows:

Jane Asher	GBR	Swimming	Yoshiko Osaki	JPN	Swimmer
Aldo Da-Rosa	USA	Swimming	Frank Piemme	USA	Swimmer
Mike Garabaldi	USA	Water Polo	Laura Val	USA	Swimmer
Paul Hutinger	USA	Swimmer	Louise Wing	USA	Synchro
Vi Hartman Cady Krahn	USA	Diving			

Plans are still underway for the International Swimming Hall of Fame's new facilities. ISHOF has teamed up with six Olympic Sports – USA Badminton, USA Diving, USA Table Tennis, U.S. Team Handball, USA Volleyball and U.S. Water Polo – to develop plans for a new state-of-the-art ISHOF facility. One of the final obstacles ISHOF faces before construction can begin is approval from Broward County. Note: Check article on page 45 of March/April 2003 of *SPLASH*.

The International Swimming Hall of Fame Honors Recognition will be held on May 9-10, 2003. The ISHOF International Congress Meeting will be on Friday at 10 AM, a Cocktail and Welcome Reception will be at 5 PM and an Awards Banquet and Ceremony will start at 6 PM. On Saturday The ISHOF Board of Directors Meeting will start at 9 AM, the Honoree Welcome Reception will be at 5:30 PM with the Honoree Induction Ceremony starting at 7 PM.

NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES LIAISON Scott Rabalais

With the 2003 National Senior Games being held in Hampton Roads, Virginia in May/June, this has been a particularly busy year for handling inquiries regarding participation in the Games. Many of the inquiries pertain to qualification, events offered at the NSG, State Games sites and entry questions. While I am able to answer many of the inquiries, several of them are forwarded to the NSG office. I also field questions from the NSG office regarding specific issues on swimming competition. The NSG officers often rely on our expertise as they seek to improve the management of their Games.

NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES LIAISON, continued

The draft of a manual to assist State Games swimming coordinators is near completion. Chapters include general information, facility and equipment, personnel needs, data processing and additional suggestions. A timeline for meet directors is included, along with the NSG swimming rules. Best wishes to all USMS members who will be competing in Hampton Roads!

SWIM MAGAZINE EDITOR Bill Volckening

The last six months have been very productive. Since the last convention, we have continued to serve our members by planning, generating and editing contents for the National Publication, SWIM Magazine. We have facilitated increased communication between USMS and Sports Publications (publishers of SWIM Magazine), and between the many administrative leaders within USMS. SWIM Magazine continues to function as the primary print-media communication between the national organization and our members.

This year, in addition to all of the regular tasks associated with this position, I have been in the process of updating my home office, and upgrading from PC to Macintosh equipment. Since Sports Publications uses Macintosh equipment, this change will ultimately foster better electronic communication between my office and Sports Publications. In the past, exchanging files via e-mail has sometimes been challenging especially when files must be fully formatted before they go to SWIM.

An example of this type of file is the Quark XPress files of the USMS National Championship Entry Form. This four-page form is produced by USMS and sent in its final form to the publishers, who simply drop it in to the publication rather than retyping and reformatting it.

As some may recall, the computer equipment item was removed from my budget at the last convention. I removed this item to assist the Finance Committee with its budget problems. However, I still felt it was important to upgrade this equipment, which I have done.

As mentioned in previous reports, our shared goal is to educate, entertain, inform and uplift our readers. The complete list of discussions and projects that have taken place since last convention are too numerous to list, but it includes daily contact with USMS members, committee chairs, LMSC officers and administrative leaders. Currently, I oversee the production of at least half of the material for each issue of SWIM Magazine.

SWIM MAGAZINE EDITOR, continued

Leading up to the next convention, we have three more issues of SWIM Magazine to produce, including the July/August, September/October, and November/December issues. There will undoubtedly be numerous discussions regarding the content of these issues.

Of special interest this year is the discussion about the Championship Committees plans for future restructuring of the entry materials for the USMS National Championships. Discussions have been initiated and proposals have been presented. We expect more discussion with the Championship Committee about how we will present pre-meet information in the magazine in the future.

US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE LIAISON Hill Carrow

Another excellent Masters camp this year at the US Olympic Training Center. As has become the norm, the USOC has had yet another leadership change, with a new Acting CEO Jim Scherr. I know Jim well and have begun a dialogue with the new leadership. Also, the USOC is in the midst of perhaps its most drastic organizational changes ever. On the table is a proposal to reduce their Board of Directors from over 100 to only 9. This has been recommended by a USOC Internal Task Force. Congress has its own task force working on organizational changes. But if all stays on course, these changes will be approved no later than October.

USMS LIAISON TO INTERNATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN AQUATICS (IGLA)
Cris Meier-Windes

Highlighting a variety of events for IGLA in 2002 were the aquatic sports Masters competitions at Gay Games VI, November 2-8, in Sydney, Australia. The Masters Swimming events were an overwhelming success. Over 1,400 swimmers participated from around the world, some 500 of whom were registered with USMS. The meet ran smoothly with no major problems reported.

Jim Ballard of West Hollywood Aquatics set a world record in the men's 45-49 100m backstroke in 1:03.56. Five swimmers from Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom set 14 individual national records, in addition three San Francisco Tsunami men's freestyle relays earned consideration for USMS National records.

Tasks for the Months Leading Up To Convention

The main event in 2003 is the upcoming IGLA Championships, to be hosted by the San Francisco Tsunamis Masters Swim Club. The meet will include swimming, (sanction #38-03-13 by PMS for USMS) diving, synchronized swimming (sanctions pending), and water polo (sanction #CK04507455 by USWP). It will take place August 21-24, at the Avery Aquatics Center on the Stanford Campus in Palo Alto, California.

To access more information about IGLA and their schedule of events contact www.igla.org. To access more information about IGLA 2003 Championships contact www.igla2003.org.

Finally, the 2004 IGLA Championships has been awarded to the Nadadores of South Florida (GOLD). The ISHOF Complex in Fort Lauderdale, FL, will be the site for this event, to take place October 8-11, 2004. A new and exciting feature will be the Inaugural 1-mile Open Water Swim! Please email enquiries to IGLA2004@aol.com.

USMS LIAISON TO USA SWIMMING
Ted Haartz

Since the annual meeting in Dallas, TX in September 2002 at which Ron Van Pool was elected to succeed Dale Neuburger as President of USA Swimming, The USA Swimming Board of Directors has met twice in Colorado Springs, CO on October 25-27, 2002 and on January 24-26, 2003. Two (2) telephone meetings of the board were also called to vote on amendments to Swimming rule 103.2 Water Depths to include up to a minimum depth of four (4) feet that all starts must be from the deck or in the water. Old rule was 3 feet 6 inches minimum depth. (USMS rule 107.2.3 is still 3 feet, 6 inches.)

The other telephone meeting was an appeal to a National Board of Review verdict which will be heard by the Board on May 2, 2003 at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting in Colorado Springs.

While a fractious executive committee and board of directors at the USOC has made the organization the subject of much scorn with the appearance of dysfunctionality generating in-house and Congressional hearings and committees to make recommendations to restructure the USOC, the individual NGBs have continued their day to day operations of developing, training and funding their athletes for the upcoming Pan Am Games, World Games and 2004 Olympics despite the turmoil at the USOC.

A look at the performances of the USA swimmers at the recent NCAAs (in many sports), the USA Nationals and the just completed Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool between the Australian and USA National teams would seem to confirm that while the USOC was and is a current public relations disaster, the NGBs have not missed a beat in preparing for coming world events.

The USA Governance Committee continues its work with new legislation for the USA Swimming Code to be a subject of the 2003 convention in San Diego.

USMS LIAISON TO YMCA
Stu Marvin

This year's YMCA Masters National Swimming Meet is scheduled for the Selby Aquatic Center in Sarasota, FL, April 24-27, 2003. This marks the second time in three years that the Sarasota YMCA has hosted this event. There are 451 athletes entered from 79 teams, with the largest hailing from Anne Arundel, MD. The team from Palisades/Malibu is again making the long trek from California, along with one lone representative from a team in Toronto, Canada. The Sarasota YMCA Sharks swim team will serve as meet host and have promised to put on another fine show. For complete meet information and heat sheets, go to www.ymcaswimminganddiving.org

USMS LIASON TO YMCA, continued

The YMCA Competitive Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee announced the dates and location of the 2004 YMCA National Masters Meet at their meeting in Fort Lauderdale. The dates are April 15-18, 2004 at the Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex along beautiful Fort Lauderdale Beach. The City of Fort Lauderdale is set to provide all participants with another quality run event.

USMS NATIONAL SPONSOR LIAISON Mel Goldstein

The first part of the year has been very busy, but yet very rewarding. Five of our USMS National Sponsors and three of our USMS logo licensee's agreements expired on December 31, 2002. All of the USMS National Sponsors whose agreements expired renewed for two more years (*TYR, Adolph Kiefer, The Victor, Arena, and Ultra Swim*). Two of the logo licensees have renewed (*Circle City Swimwear and Adolph Keifer*).

The use of the USMS Tradeshow display continues to be a valuable asset. The display to date has been to California, Texas LMSC's for marathons and health fairs. I attended the National Parks and Recreation Associations National Aquatic Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the response was very favorable. I am scheduled to attend the Senior Olympic Games in Hampton Roads, Virginia and the ASCA World Coaches Clinic in San Diego, California. The display is also scheduled for Colorado and Ohio.

I have been working with Jim Matysek on featuring our sponsors on our website so that members can purchase items of value from our sponsors and become more aware of who our sponsors are.

During the past 6 months I have been working with several new sponsors and hope to make an announcement soon on a new USMS National Sponsor.

In addition to my other responsibilities I have been working with the Meet Directors for the USMS SC and LC Championships setting up their vendors areas so as to provide for the greatest exposure for our sponsors.

USMS WEBMASTER/IT DIRECTOR Jim Matysek

The Webmaster position is now a full-time position, allowing for timely updates to the regular sections of our web site and development of new features. In addition to supporting regular features like the Discussion Forums and releasing new press releases from our PR consultant, the 2003 rule book and LMSC handbook have been published, the 2002 convention results were published, updates have been made to our coaching programs, and the short course nationals information and on line entries were released. We had a record high of 1,312 on line entries for this meet.

In addition the usual web site updates, I have been working on database task force this year. One of the major activities of the task force has been to issue the RFP for conversion of the History & Archives web site and data. For this activity, I

am a part of the RFP management team that reviewed the bids and selected the contractors for this RFP and will also work with these contractors to implement the RFP. In addition to the RFP, decisions regarding the nature of our database and the structure of the basic tables in the database have been made, as well as planning some future implementation tasks. Throughout the year, I've also implemented some new features in the database that are in keeping with the overall plan and structure. We now have available on our web site a history of all USMS Awards that have been presented over the years, a new dynamic structure for pool and long distance records, and a listing of known relay All Americans. We also have a direct link into the USMS registration database, which will be a key element for future development. All of these features were implemented using the USMS database.

In addition to the features that have been rolled out this year, as the IT Director I am also responsible for our server. We purchased a new, more powerful server late in the year and concluded our move of all services to the new server in early January. The server move occurred as well as can be expected, but we have encountered a problem with our new service provider. The IP addresses assigned to our server are all part of a blacklisted block of addresses. This entire block of addresses is blacklisted due to a known spammer operating within this range (having nothing to do with us or our provider). The result is that a number of mail addresses will not accept email from our server due to spam blocks. I've been working with our provider to try to find a solution to this problem since the move, and it may result in another move of our server to a new provider.

USMS WEBMASTER/IT DIRECTOR, continued

As part of operating our own server, we still offer free web hosting to our zones, LMSC's, and registered clubs. As of this writing, we are hosting 35 live web sites. There is still plenty of space and server processing power available for others to take advantage of this service.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

- Complete the conversion of the History & Archives web site to a dynamic database-driven site per the RFP that was issued this year.
- Create on line entry system for long course nationals and process entries. Process and post results from both short course and long course nationals.
- Convert the current Calendar of Events to an on line database and add the capability for LMSC Sanctions Chairs

USMS LIAISON TO USA TRIATHLON

Cindy Hawkinson

What a challenge, establishing a relationship with USA Triathlon. A natural blend yet such different ways of thinking when it comes to swimming. USMS has primarily been a competitive swimming organization. Yet, we have always recognized that there are many, many fitness swimmers out in our community who love to swim just for the fun of swimming and getting into shape with others. Now, we have another type of athlete, with a different agenda and competitive season – triathletes. They are a different breed of swimmer. But, swimmers they are by default as the first leg of a triathlon. Their goals are much the same as all athletes. Their focus is to excel in their sport, but at the same time many view the first leg i.e. the swim as the least enjoyable. Joining a Masters team will definitely help them in that leg of the race. Now, the challenge – convincing them.

Since Convention 2002, I have established an email group of Masters coaches, team reps, swimmers, USAT administrators and triathletes. I have corresponded to them on a bi-monthly basis for the most part. This has been informative to everyone. Questions from Masters coaches, questions from triathletes, and suggestions to all groups on how to work cooperatively.

In January, 2003, much of my work came to a standstill as several personal crises occurred in a week's time. Then my contact at USAT was promoted and I have had to establish a relationship with a new person. We are still trying to get together for a face-to-face introduction.

TASKS FOR THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO CONVENTION:

By Convention 2003, I would like to have established a good relationship with my new contact. I would also like to have tentative dates set up for 3 or 4 triathlons throughout the U.S. to have the USMS booth set up at the expos. This will get the USMS name out in the triathlon community. I need the cooperation of LMSCs in the West, East, and South. I can handle the one here in Colorado. I am going to target the Boulder Peak Triathlon in August, 2003. Olympic or Sprint distance triathlons are the target distance. At these booths, I would foresee masters swimmers answering questions, distributing registration forms, distributing the Karen Smyers SWIM magazine article and any thing their particular LMSC may offer.

If anyone on the West Coast, East Coast, or South who is interested in helping, please email at cinswims@earthlink.net.