Greetings from the National Office…

Hi All -

The hardest part about putting this quarterly newsletter together is definitely this greetings article – that’s why I save it for last! Finding a topic to “break the ice” seems to be the first hurdle.

I-just-have-to-get-s-t-a-r-t-e-d…

Did you watch the World Championships in Barcelona? Did you see the USMS Commercial? NICE JOB MEL GOLDSTEIN and BEN CHRISTOFFEL. I could tell when the commercial was on because the National Office phone would ring off the hook (12:22 am, 11:46 pm hmmm...). I had some really great conversations with people of all ages from all over the country, many who swam in HS or College and wanted to get back in and workout or compete. Very exciting for them and USMS!

Convention in San Diego is just a few short weeks away! I have included a whole section on Convention announcements so if you are attending, please be sure to read this information.

There are still a number of LMSCs that have not submitted their 2002 Financial Reports or Annual Meeting Minutes. If your LMSC appears on either list on page 6, please get this in to the National Office as soon as possible.

Good luck to all who will be competing at the Long Course Nationals at Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey. We distance swimmers have the opportunity to swim both the 1500 and 800 free. I’m thrilled!!! Well, I say that now. Guess I had better rest up. See ya,

Tracy

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/admin/lmschb/workingcalendar.pdf

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)
• 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
• All annual reports for inclusion in the Convention Packet are due to the 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
Streamlines… from the National Office

SEPTEMBER ~ 2003

1st
- Rule Book cover submissions and bids to print the Rule Book due to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath – publications@usms.org)
- Period for 2003 reduced-fee swimmer registration fee begins
- 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)
- Finance Chair (Tom Boak) sends 2004 proposed budget to National Office. National Office sends out to delegates attending convention for inclusion in convention packet previously received.

10-14th
- USMS Convention, San Diego, California
- Registration Committee finalizes design of membership card, printer notified.
- Long Distance National Championship Packets distributed to hosts of 2004 events

30th
- End of LCM season
- Group Exemption 501 (c)(3) status report due to IRS
- Quarterly Swim Info product sales report and payment due to USMS

Other deadlines this month ~
- Changes, additions, deletions for 2004 Working Calendar due to USMS Secretary from Committee Chairs, etc. (Sally Ann Dillon, Secretary@usms.org)

OCTOBER ~ 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

8th
- Zone Reps submit events for SWIM calendar for January/February issue to Zone Chair (Lynn Hazlewood - Zones@usms.org)

15th
- Deadline for coaches Committee to submit announcements to SWIM Magazine for Mentor coach and Swimmer Clinics, NIKE Clinics, and Coach of the Year
- Editorial material due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor for January/February issue
- Deadline for submission of information to be included in the Fall issue of Streamlines… from the National Office

20th
- LMSC LCM Top 10 reports due to Top Ten Chair (Pieter Cath - TopTen@usms.org)

30th
- Deadline for LMSC Registrations to be submitted to the National Office

Other deadlines this month ~
- Fall issue of Streamlines… sent via e-mail or snail mail

31st
- End of the 2003 Registration Year. All registrations after November 1st are for 2004

Other deadlines this month ~
- President makes changes in Committee Chairs and committee membership if necessary
- Fall Coaches Committee Quarterly (CCQ) mailed

NOVEMBER – 2003

1st
- 2004 Registration year begins
- 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)
- 2004 LMSC Handbook section updates due to National Office Administrator (Tracy Grilli)
- Minutes of House Of Delegates, 2004 Budget and FOG mailed to all who attended convention

2nd
- National Office Administrator (Tracy Grilli) sends Rule Book Appendix E Committees and Chairmen to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath)
- Final copies of Rules/Long Distance/Legislation changes to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath) from appropriate committee Chair (Leo Letendre, Peter Crumbine & Rob Copeland)

9th
- Records and Tabulation Chair (Pieter Cath) sends National Records to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath)

16th
- Final proofreading of Rule Book due to Rule Book Editor

23rd
- All camera ready copy and artwork due to Rule Book printer

30th
- Deadline for LMSC Registrations to be submitted to the National Office

Open Forum with the USMS Executive Committee
Long Course Nationals at Rutgers University
Tuesday, August 12th 3-4pm

Members of the Executive Committee will be present to answer your questions, discuss your concerns, and listen to your ideas.

Meeting room information will be available at the complex as well as on the USMS website.

Remember, the only bad idea is the one that is not spoken!
CONTACT UPDATES

- Marcia Cleveland (History & Archives, Long Distance) 915 Pine Tree Lane, Winnetka, IL 60093, H – 847-446-5142, Fax – 847-446-4566
- Jeanne Crouse (Ad Hoc Legal Counselors) – 11803 Eden Rd, Silver Spring, MD
- Ralph Davis (Finance, Michigan Treasurer) – 2683 Cades cove Drive, Brighton, MI 48114-8985, 810-844-2112 (as of August 20th)
- Colleen Driscoll (Insurance, Safety Ed, Metropolitan Insurance) – W – 212-898-5079, colleen.driscoll@converium.com
- Doug Garcia (Northwest Zone Rep, Coaches, Marketing, Inland Northwest Coaches & Editor) – 1505 NW Kenny Dr, Pullman, WA 99163, H – 509-332-1621, dmgarcia@pullman.com
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- Dick Jackson (Delaware Valley Coaches) – ejackson@aquahab.com
- June Krauser (you know who she is, there are too many to list!) – june_krauser@comcast.net
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- Mary Lee Watson (Publications, Recognition & Awards) – 615-794-4679, wats5000@bellsouth.net
- Dottie Whitcomb (Safety Ed, Southeastern Fitness) – whitcomb3@earthlink.net
- Max Zollner (Central Treasurer) – H - 815-725-7544, mezollner@comcast.net

NEW LMSC OFFICERS

Alaska
- Chairman, Coaches – Dawn Allen-Herron
- Top Ten – Joanne Wainwright
- Safety, Officials – Dave Leonard
- Webmaster – Ken Winterberger

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- Communications – Marie-Pierre Graf, 27 Old Farm Rd, Wilton, CT 06897, H - 203-762-0026, mmpierre38@aol.com

Delaware Valley
- Chairman – Neal Conrad
- Vice Chairman – Pat Timmins
- Sanctions – Steve Kelly, 846 Flexer Ave, Allentown, PA 18103, H – 610-433-0367, skelly@newarkinone.com
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Minnesota
- Chairman – Tina Neill
- Vice Chairman – Nikki Phillips
- Treasurer – Mike Burns, 4924 Harriet Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55409, 612-824-0688, mike_burns@malt-o-meal.com

Montana
- Registrar – Todd Struckman, 320 Mary Ave, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-549-8997, toddstruckman@hotmail.com

Snake River
- Editor – Shannon Hamrick, sjhamrick@cableone.net

South Dakota
- Registrar – Lori Stulken, 6105 S Aaron Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57108, H – 605-362-6356, loristulken@earthlink.net
Streamlines… from the National Office

South Texas
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- Treasurer – Randy Rice, 6525 Whitemarsh Valley, Austin, TX 78746, H – 512-329-9442, W – 512-492-0735, randyr@archtelecom.com

Southern Pacific
- Editor – Julie Heather

2003 CONVENTION INFORMATION
San Diego, CA
September 10-14th

From the President - Jim Miller, MD

Tracy must be complemented on her production of Streamlines. It should be called “Everything that you need to know about USMS (and then some).” The size itself shows how complete her work is.

As we come into this convention, please keep the concept of ‘Teaming Together’ in mind. While we will not be spending the time we did last year in joint meetings, many of the projects that emphasize cooperative inter-committee work are either just starting or are finishing their work. Our marketing, communication, and pending FINA Masters World Championship are just a few examples of how critical the interactive skills are becoming.

I would like to close this brief note by thanking all of you for serving USMS in so many ways. It is a true honor to lead an organization with so much dedication and passion for their sport.

Convention Packets
Convention packets (which include the convention schedule, USMS Officer, National Office, Liaison & Special Assignment reports, Committee reports and meeting agendas Legislation, Rules & Long Distance proposed changes) will be sent out the week of August 11th to all who have registered for convention.

Please read all of these pre-convention materials thoroughly BEFORE arriving. We all know that once the paperwork starts getting handed out, it is very hard to keep up. Being “prepared” for convention is one of the MANY responsibilities of the delegates.

Need a Roommate?
Tracy has agreed to provide her “matchmaker” services again this year. If you need a roommate for convention, contact her at the National Office and she will put you on the list and hopefully match you up.

New Delegates

Thank you for volunteering your time and energy to the National Governing Body of United States Masters Swimming!

You will be receiving a “New Delegate” packet (that will be sent out separately from the convention packet). It will include a Welcome letter from our USMS Convention New Delegate Welcoming Committee - Ginger Pierson and Steve Peterson, USAS New Delegate Helpful Hints and an invitation to the New Delegate Orientation.

If you have any questions, Ginger can be reached at gingerp@qwest.net and Steve at speterson@bandwagon.net

New Delegate Orientation
Thursday, September 9th
8-8:45 am

You are cordially invited to a “New Delegate Orientation” where you will have an opportunity to meet with members of the Executive Committee and discuss any questions you may have concerning convention.

CPR Training
Wednesday September 8th
12-4pm

We will be offering American Red Cross CPR training (with certification) at convention in San Diego this fall. AED training will be included. If you east coasters take an early flight you’ll be able to make it in time, since the airport isn’t too far from the convention hotel.

Cost: Around $20. Since we are only covering costs I will provide an exact number to you once we know how many are taking part in the training. When you come you can make your check out to the Red Cross directly.

Pre-requisites: None. Wear something comfortable, you will be getting on the floor to save Annie.

Requirements for certification: Pass the written multiple choice test with 80% correct, and perform the skills according to the objectives.

If you wold like to take the class please email your name and LMSC to me at julie@paque.com. NO DECK ENTRIES! We need to know the number of participants in order to have sufficient manikins and books!

If you are already trained in CPR and wish to challenge the course please let me know. We will offer challenges if there are sufficient instructors.

Questions: Contact Julie Heather – julie@paque.com.
Morning Workouts
There will be pool workouts on Thursday and Friday morning and an open water clinic and swim on Saturday morning. More details will be in the convention packet and at the certification certification/registration table at convention.

Coaches Presentation
Friday, September 10th
5:45-6:45 pm
Details of this presentation will be included in the convention packet.

Sports Medicine Presentation
Friday, September 10th
12:15-1:15 pm
This year’s Sports Medicine Presentation will be give by Joel Stager. Details of this presentation will be included in the convention packet.

USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards
Deadline is July 30th
Nominations for the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award are due by July 30th.
Nominate someone who has done extraordinary service for Masters swimming your LMSC, zone, or at the national level. Simply write a letter outlining that person’s service to the organization.
For recognition at the 2003 Convention, please submit on or before July 30, 2003. Nominations should be sent to:
Kathy Casey, Chair
Recognition & Awards Committee
11114 – 111th Street SW
Tacoma, WA 98498-1331
Awards@usms.org
KCasey@CloverPark.k12.wa.us

2005 Long Distance Bids Due
Bid forms for the 2005 USMS Long Distance Championships must be emailed to Peter Crumbine (longdistance@usms.org) no later than August 13, 2003. Forms are available by emailing him or by going to our web site (http://www.usms.org/longdist/). Site/host selection for the 2005 events will occur at the 2003 USMS Convention September 10-14 in San Diego, but committee review will take place prior to convention, thus requiring email submission. The Long Distance Committee encourages all interested organizations to bid, particularly those that have not previously hosted a national championship.
Selection will be based on the suitability of the bid received, the area in which the event is to be held, and the timeliness of the submission. Untimely bids (those received after August 13, 2003) will not be considered if a qualified, timely bid is received for the same event. Bid presentations, which are limited to 5 minutes each, are recommended but not required.
Out-of-area bids will not be considered if there are qualified, in-area bids, but this is often not the case. The last page of the bid form contains the area system for 2005. Note that postal events are not subject to area restrictions. You may use one form to bid for more than one postal event, but you should use a different form for each open water event.

2005 National Championship Bids Due
Bids for the 2005 National Short Course and Long Course Championships are due August 11, 2003 to Barry Fasbender, USMS Championship Committee Chair at Championship@usms.org
2004 Rule Book Cover
Submittals are due by September 1st

Submit a finished design (not a preliminary sketch) that is 5 1/2 inches wide by 8 1/2 inches high and must use the phrases “United States Masters Swimming” and “2004 Rules” in the design as well as the USMS logo (including trademark sign). Your design can be a line drawing, full color photograph – anything goes! I can not wrap around to the back cover (which is sold as an ad).

Mail entries to: Meg Smath, Publications Committee Chair, 171 Creekwood Way, Nicholasville, KY 40356-8761.

All submissions become the property of USMS; we will ask each contestant to sign a release.

The winner will be chosen by the Publications committee at it's meeting at the USMS Annual convention in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas.

After the winning design is chosen, USMS will pay for color separations and any modifications requested by the Rule Book committee. Expenses incurred before the winning design has been chosen are the responsibility of the designer.

Any questions – contact Meg at work 859-257-5500 or home 859-885-9184 or send e-mail to publications@usms.org

It's not to early to think about Christmas!

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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.

Below are the LMSCs who’s 2002 Financial Reports HAVE NOT been received by the National Office:

Allegheny Mountain, Arizona, Florida Gold Coast, Inland Northwest, Maryland, Metropolitan, Midwestern, Missouri Valley, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Ozark, Pacific Northwest, Snake River, South Carolina, South Dakota, Southern, Utah, Virginia

Below are the LMSCs who’s 2002 Annual Meeting Minutes HAVE NOT been received by the National Office:

Colorado, Hawaii, Iowa, Maryland, Metropolitan, Michigan, Midwestern, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ozark, Snake River, South Carolina, South Dakota, Southeastern, Southern, Utah

Below are the LMSCs who’s 2003 Annual Meeting Minutes HAVE been received to date by the National Office:

Alaska, Central, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida Gold Coast, Indiana, Inland Northwest, Kentucky, New England, Niagara, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Texas
TO: Organizations of Aquatic Disciplines  
FROM: Bob Duenkel  
International Swimming Hall of Fame  
DATE: July 18, 2003  
RE: NEW DEADLINES for Paragon Award Selections - October 15, 2003

Please be advised that the 2004 Paragon Awards will be presented the evening of May 7, 2004 at the International Swimming Hall of Fame during the occasion of the Honoree Induction Ceremonies. We notify you to be sure that each organization has an opportunity to submit candidates in the below-mentioned categories for consideration of this award. Nominations may come from any and all aquatic organizations and individuals.

Paragon Award Categories

Awards are presented for outstanding contributions and service within the category named.

- Competitive Swimming
- Aquatic Safety
- Water Polo
- Synchronized Swimming
- Competitive Diving
- Recreational Swimming

Kindly submit your nominations within one or all of the categories to Meg Keller-Marvin at the International Swimming Hall of Fame by October 15, 2003. Please include a short biography and reasons for selection for your nominee. No formal application form is required for this process. You may submit your nominee(s) via fax (954) 475-8445, e-mail to megkelmar@ishof.org or mail to: ISHOF, One Hall of Fame Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.

Thank you for your nominees. Then come help us celebrate this occasion.