

National Office Streamlines

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August 2006/Convention



Greetings from the National Office...

Hi All –

This is a “Convention Special” issue of Streamlines... Please review all information in this issue so you are prepared! This year’s theme is “Thinking Outside of the Pool”.

Everyone should have received their convention registration packet (CRP) and most up-to-date schedule (e-mailed out in April). If you are planning on attending and did not receive this, please let me know and I will get it right out to you.

The names of all delegates representing LMSCs must be sent to USMS Secretary Meg Smath (secretary at usms dot org).

All people (voting and non-voting) must register for the Convention. Registration forms (included in the above mentioned CRP) are to be sent to Bob & Helen Brown, USAS, Inc, 16700 Indigo Rd, Lakeville, MN 55044-5613. Fee for registration postmarked by August 4th is \$110, on or after August 5 is \$135. So... if you haven't sent yours in yet, you best do so soon!

Ellaine Cox (USAS Convention Coordinator) is reminding us the cut off is August 10 for Hyatt room reservations at the convention rate (after the August 10 the rate will be \$177/night). Again, if you have not made your reservation, get going! Hotel reservation form is in the CRP.

If you are in need of a roommate, I will be providing my matchmaker services again this year. Send me an e-mail or call me with specifics and I will do my best to be sure everyone is matched up!

Convention packets are scheduled to be sent the week of August 21 to all who have registered. This booklet contains announcements, schedules, reports and agendas from the members of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Special Assignments and Liaisons, and the various committees, in addition to budget, rules and long distance, and emergency legislation proposals.

Once you receive this, it is your responsibility read this completely before you arrive at convention so you are prepared.

Okay, now for the rest of the announcements once you arrive.

See you at Dearborn!

Tracy



CONVENTION UPDATE

Airport to Hotel Transportation

Dearborn Transportation Services (DTS) will provide airport transportation for the US Aquatic Sports Convention.

- \$35 for sedan (1-4 people, one way)
- \$10 per person for Van Shuttle (4-10 people, one way)

Contact Laura Schalk (734-765-8606) or Bill Abdallah, Owner (313-622-0010) to make your reservation.

USAS Registration

Once you arrive, proceed to the USAS Registration area. This is where you will pick up your name badge, banquet ticket, convention information binder/booklet and bag.

Certification/Information Table

Next it is on to the USMS certification/information table. This is where you will obtain your certification that you are a USMS delegate. This is the process that verifies a delegate's eligibility to vote in the House of Delegates. You will also receive your voting cards and other important convention material and information.

The USMS certification/information table is open as follows:

- Wednesday, September 13 – 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Thursday, September 14, 8:00 – 8:45 am.
- It will move to outside the HOD (Springwells). Late arrivals must locate Debbie Cavanaugh (Certification Chair) to receive their certification and voting cards.

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 along with your convention packet, which will educate you in how to prepare and what to expect as a first time delegate.

New Delegate Orientation will take place on Thursday, September 14 from 8:00 – 8:45 am in Springwells. At this time, you will have the opportunity to meet many of the “movers and shakers” of USMS, will receive instruction on how the convention will proceed and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Insurance Reception

The Insurance Reception (sponsored by our Insurance Brokers – Risk Management Services) will take place on Wednesday evening this year in the Exhibit Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

CONVENTION UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Convention Workshops

More details on the presentations noted below will be included in the convention packet to be mailed the week of August 21.

LMSC Workshops

The Zone Committee, led by Julie Heather, VP of Local Operations have put together the following LMSC Workshops which will take place on Thursday beginning at 7:00 pm.

Registrar's Roundtable

- George Simon – USMS Registration Chair
- Leo Letendre – VP of National Operations

This is an opportunity for registrar's to get together to discuss the day to day operations of handling registrations, find out how your fellow registrars handle issues that arise, and discuss the nuts and bolts of the implementation of online registration. Here's your chance to give Leo your wish list for the registration software (affectionately known as Leoware)!

Chairman's Roundtable

- Nadine Day – Member USMS BOD, Illinois LMSC Chair
- Anthony Thompson – Breadbasket Rep, Missouri Valley LMSC Chair

The LMSC Chair's roundtable will be a facilitated discussion on topics of interest, including (but no limited to): LMSC Bylaws & Grievance Procedures, LMSC & Coach/Mentoring Grant Programs and the LMSC Handbook

Communications Workshop

- Bill Volckening – USMS Editor
- Jim Matysek – USMS Webmaster/IT Director
- Ray Novitske – Vice Chair USMS Communications Committee

Effective communication is the key to success, whether it be between LMSCs and clubs, or clubs and their swimmers. What makes an effective web site? Or newsletter? Or email lists? Conference calls? Did you know you can host your LMSC website on the USMS server? Learn from the pros and share what has worked for you. Bring your questions and problems!

Implementing the Survey Results

- Tom Boyd – Vice Chair USMS Marketing Committee, Southwest Zone Rep

USMS performed an extensive survey of members this year, and we want to use the results! Come to this workshop with Tom Boyd, who designed the survey, to find out how clubs and LMSCs can use the results of the survey to grow their programs. Did you know that our membership falls into five different groups? Discuss how we can use these groups, and their wants and needs, to enhance our services to our members.

Building a Relationship with your Aquatic Facility

- Jim Wheeler – USMS Planning Chair

Trying to get your foot in the door to set up a Masters program at a pool? Having a rocky time working with the facility director where you currently swim? Do they see you as deep pockets and keep raising the rates? Jim Wheeler has years of experience with Masters swimming, in addition to years of experience as a director of aquatic facilities. Bring your questions and problems and get Jim's ideas and suggestions along with those of the other delegates.

Coaches Presentation

Wednesday, September 13 • 1:00 – 4:00 pm • Stanley

Sports Medicine Presentation

Friday, September 15 • 12:45-1:45 pm • Regency ABCD

Shipping

For those of you who need to send packages for convention, please send them to: Joe Gohl, 851 W Vernon St, Dearborn, MI 48128

Contact Joe at 313-274-3974 or jgohl851 at comcast dot net to let him know how many packages and when they will be arriving.

Please be sure they arrive no later than September 13.

USAS Website

For more information on the USAS Convention check out their website at: www.usaquaticsports.org
Thank You Paul Windrath for making this happen!

Workouts

Wednesday thru Saturday • 5:45-7 am • 6 Lanes, 25 Yards

More details and transportation schedule will be available at the certification/information table

Things to Do...

Listed are all deadlines from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 2006 working calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org under Administration

August 1, 2006

- Deadline for USAS for early convention registration and inclusion in USAS Directory
- Bids for fitness events due to Fitness Committee Chair (Jani Sutherland – Fitness-at-usms-dot-org)
- Equipment requirements from committee chairs and workshop planners due to Convention Coordinator (Victor Buehler – Convention-at-usms-dot-org)
- All proposed rule/code changes from Rules, Long Distance and Legislation due to National Office
- Final SCY Top 10 list sent to printer
- Second quarter financial reports prepared

August 4–17

- XI FINA World Masters Championships, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.

August 8

- Zone Reps submit list of events for USMS Swimmer calendar for the November/December issue to VP Local Operations (Julie Heather – VPLocalOperations-at-usms-dot-org)

August 10

- Cut off for Convention rate at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

August 15

- LMSC registrars send registration reports to National Office (electronic files sent to Esther at Registration-at-usms-dot-org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
- Editorial materials due to USMS Editor for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer (Bill Volckening – Editor-at-usms-dot-org)
- Bids for 2008 Long Course, Short Course and Long Distance National Championships due to appropriate committee chairs

August 31

- Deadline for submission of ISHOF candidates

Other deadlines this month

- USAS sends convention registration list to National Office (Tracy Grilli – USMS-at-usms-dot-org). Secretary (Meg Smath – secretary-at-usms-dot-org) notifies LMSCs who have not sent delegate certifications.
- Convention packets mailed to all USMS members attending convention

September 1, 2006

- Rule book cover submissions and bids to print the rule book due to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer – RuleBook-at-usms-dot-org)
- Period for 2006 reduced swimmer registration fee begins
- All LMSCs that have not hosted a Mentor Coach and Swimmer or Open Water Clinic in the past two years will have until September 1st to submit an application. LMSCs that have hosted within the past two years will not have their applications reviewed until after September 1st. This will give priority to those who have not hosted a clinic recently a chance to host.

September 10–17

- USMS Convention, Dearborn, MI. USMS meetings begin Wednesday the 13

September 15

- LMSC registrars send registration reports to National Office (electronic files sent to Esther at Registration-at-usms-dot-org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)

September 30

- End of LCM season

Other deadlines this month

- Registration Committee finalizes design of membership card, printer notified
- Changes, additions, deletions for 2007 Working Calendar due to Secretary from committee chairs, etc. (Meg Smath – Secretary-at-usms-dot-org)
- Group Exemption 501(c)(3) status report due to IRS

October 8, 2006

- Zone Reps submit list of events for USMS Swimmer calendar for the January/February issue to VP Local Operations (Julie Heather – VPLocalOperations-at-usms-dot-org)
- Deadline for Coaches Committee to submit announcements to USMS Swimmer for Mentor Coach and Swimmer Clinics, NIKE Clinics and Coach of the Year Award

October 15

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- Editorial materials due to USMS Editor for January/February issue of USMS Swimmer (Bill Volckening – Editor-at-usms-dot-org)

October 20

- LMSC LCM Top 10 reports due to Records and Tabulation Chair (Mary Beth Windrath – TopTen-at-usms-dot-org)

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October 25

- Deadline for submission of information to be included in the fall issue of Streamlines... from the National Office

October 30

- Fall issue of Streamlines ... sent via email or snail mail

October 31

- End of the 2006 registration year. All registrations after November 1st are for 2007.

Other deadlines this month

- President makes changes in committee chairs and committee membership if necessary

November 1, 2006

- 2007 registration year begins
- Minutes of House of Delegates, 2007 Budget and FOG mailed to all who attended 2006 convention

November 2

- Final copies of Rules/Long Distance/Legislation changes to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer – RuleBook-at-usms-dot-org) from appropriate committee chair (Kathy Casey – Rules-at-usms-dot-org, Marcia Cleveland – LongDistance-at-usms-dot-org and Sean Fitzgerald – Legislation-at-usms-dot-org)

November 9

- Records and Tabulation Chair (Mary Beth Windrath – TopTen-at-usms-dot-org) sends national and world records to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer – RuleBook-at-usms-dot-org)

November 15

- LMSC registrars send registration reports to National Office (electronic files sent to Esther at Registration-at-usms-dot-org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
- 2007 LMSC Handbook section updates due to National Office Administrator (Tracy Grilli – USMS-at-usms-dot-org)
- National Office Administrator (Tracy Grilli – USMS-at-usms-dot-org) sends rule book Appendix E committees and chairs to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer – RuleBook-at-usms-dot-org)

November 16

- Final proofreading of rule book due to Rule Book Coordinator (Susan Ehringer – RuleBook-at-usms-dot-org)

November 23

- All camera-ready copy and artwork due to rule book printer

November 30

- Deadline for 2007 LMSC registrations to be submitted to the National Office

Rule Change Proposals

There are currently eight Proposed Rule Changes. Following is a brief synopsis of each:

R1-102.5, p. 20; Add 25-yard events for 75 and older swimmers.

R2-103.13.4, p.38; Add minimum-pool-length rule to “Official Time”.

R3-104.4.2, p. 40; Give \$3-per-swimmer back to national championship meet host, instead of \$2-and-an-extra-\$1-per-swimmer for outstanding performance.

R4-104.5.2A, p. 42; Six championship meet schedules from which delegates will select three schedules for national championship meets.

R5-104.5.4A(1), p. 44; Allow swimmers who will be 18 by the day prior to the start of the national championship meet to enter the meet by the entry deadline but register with USMS at the meet venue on the warm-up day (day prior to the start of competition).

R6-104.5.4B(2), p. 44; Publish the national championship meet entry form and information on the USMS website as soon as the information is available or five months prior to the meet.

R7-104.5.5B(3), p. 46; Allow the seeding of men and women together in the 400 IM at national championship meets.

R8-105.1.5, p. 48; Change the title from “Publication of Records” to “Acceptable Times”.

Note that standing committees can still propose rule changes.

Can't find that rule?

Where is that rule that grants exceptions to USMS rules for FINA World Championship meets? Try 202.1.1F(2) on page 63 of the 2006 USMS Rule Book. Since that rule is in Part Two, it is actually under the jurisdiction of the Legislation Committee.

For any questions about rules (Part 1: Swimming Rules) contact Kathy Casey, USMS Rules Chair, rules at usms dot org.



Awards

Joseph G. Rogers Award—YMCA

The YMCA of the USA gives their Joseph G. Rogers Award annually to a person for “dedication, accomplishment and excellence in YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving”
Stu Marvin was the recipient for 2006 and joins a list that includes Doc Councilman and Dr. Harold Henning (past president of FINA) to name a few. It is the highest award given by the YMCA competitive Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee. Congratulations Stu!



Pioneer Awards—United States Water Fitness Association

Each award honors a very special person who has been very important to the growth and development of Masters Swimming.

- Judge Robert Beach Leadership Award, **Tom Boak**
- June Krauser Rules or Newsletter Award, **Tom Lyndon**
- John R Spannuth Coaches Award, **Scott Rabalais**
- Paul Hutinger Fitness Award, **David Grilli**
- Ted Haartz Records Award, **Enid Uhrich**
- Dr. Jane Katz Cross Training Award, **Steve Johnson**
- Ham and Mildred Anderson Historian Award, **Barbara Dunbar**
- Dr. Burwell “Bumpy” Jones Medical Doctors Award, **Dr. Jody Welborn**
- Dr. Phillip Whitten Journalism Award, **Terry Laughlin**
- Dr. Richard Rahe International Award, **Nancy Ridout**
- Buster Crabbe PR or Celebrity Involvement Award, **Rich Burns**
- Dr. Ken Kimball Pioneer Award, **John Bauman**

Judge Robert Beach, Chair of the 2006 United States Water Fitness Association Masters Swimming Pioneer Awards Committee, will make the presentations to the 12 Pioneers of 2006 on Friday August 4 at a special dinner for the ISHOF Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Awardees where nine Masters Athletes will be inducted.

Contact Updates...

Following are updates received by the National Office after the printing/distribution of the 2006 Rule Book and USMS Directory.

- Diane and Leo Letendre (VP National Operations) – new address is 80 Pruett Place, Oakdale, CT 06370
- Jennifer Zeigler (Pacific Treasurer) – new e-mail is jvzeigler at bellsouth dot net
- Robert Zeitner (USMS Long Distance Committee) – new e-mail is rzeitner at sbcglobal dot net
- Masters Swimming Canada – Norm Mckee is the new Director of Operations – norm dot msc at simpatico dot ca, website is www.mymsc.ca