Greetings

I am pleased to announce that the staff has successfully moved into our new headquarters in Sarasota. Many thanks to Tom Boak for helping us with the renovation project and maximizing our space within budget!

Congratulations to Julie Heather, 2009 Ransom J Arthur Award Winner! Julie was presented with our most prestigious award at SC Nationals in Clovis, California. The official presentation will be made in September at the USMS Convention in Chicago.

Speaking of Convention… Everyone who attended last year’s convention, LMSC Chairmen and/or USMS committee members, should have received a 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 or you can download from the www.usms.org website at www.usms.org/admin/conv/

If your LMSC has not sent the names of your delegates to USMS Secretary Meg Smath (secretary at usms dot org), please do ASAP.

All people (voting and non-voting) must register for the Convention. Registration forms (included in the above mentioned CRP) are to be sent to USAS Delegate Registration, 16700 Indigo Rd, Lakeville, MN 55044-5613. Fee for registration postmarked by August 24 is $150, on or after August 25 is $175. So… if you haven’t sent yours in yet, you best do so soon! The USAS website can be found at www.usaquaticsports.org

The cut off date for the Hyatt is Sunday August 30 or when they reach capacity for room reservations at the convention rate. 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 looking for a roommate is matched up!

U.S. Masters Swimming is really making an attempt to “go green”. Once the Convention packet is completed (Announcements, Schedule, and Reports from the members of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, National Office Staff, Special Assignments, Committee Reports and Agendas, Elections, Proposed Budget, Rules and Open Water/Long Distance Proposals and Emergency Legislation Proposals), an e-mail with a link to the packet on the www.usms.org website will be sent to all who will be attending. At that time, if you prefer a hard copy be sent, please contact me and I will have one printed/mailed to you. We are suggesting that those who bring their laptops to convention please download the file to your computer and refer to this electronic copy.

The mailing of the packet is scheduled for late August/early September. Once you receive this information, it is your responsibility read this completely before you arrive at convention so you are prepared.

Over 1,140 swimmers will be competing at our Long Course National Championships in Indianapolis, IN. The taper has started, I can’t wait! Good luck to all of you going and see you there!

Tracy

What’s new at U.S. Masters Swimming Headquarters

New Staff
Editor in Chief - Laura Hamel is our new Editor-in-Chief. In this role, Laura will serve as our content and business manager for Swimmer magazine, USMS.org and our e-newsletters. Laura has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eckerd College and has owned her own marketing and organizational consulting business for the last five years, directing a variety of clients with their marketing, public relations, human resources, and business development. Laura is an active member of the Sarasota YMCA Sharks Masters team (SYSM), and she operates and produces the SYSM website. Laura was also instrumental in developing the Sarasota headquarters proposal, pulling together both Masters and community leaders to support the recruitment. Laura is mom to 13-year old Dirk, who is a swimmer with the Sharks age group team.

Account Executive - Kyle Deery, will be joining the USMS staff in August as an Account Executive. Kyle recently graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Advertising. He was a four year collegiate swimmer for the Gators as well as 2008 Olympic Trial qualifier. Kyle’s primary responsibility will be sponsorship sales and sponsor services including managing sponsors who attend our events. He will also help with implementing a variety of membership services such as the video library rental program.

Staff Updates
Ashley Gangloff has been accepted into the Ph.D. program at Auburn University and will be starting her program this August.
She will be staying on board in a project contractor capacity, leading both our member and coaches e-newsletters, taking on the task of the architecture redesign for usms.org, as well as other projects.

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• Ashley Gangloff, Project Coordinator - 334-663-3133
• Esther Lyman, Membership Assistant - 603-668-3048

Calendar/Things to do

Listed are all deadlines from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 2009 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org/admin/lmschb/workingcalendar.pdf

AUGUST 2009
1. Bids for fitness events due to Fitness Committee Chair (Marcia Anziano—Fitness at usms dot org)
   • All proposed rule/code changes from Rules, Open Water/Long Distance, Zone and Legislation due to Tracy from appropriate Vice Presidents/Committee Chairs (usms at usms dot org)
   • Final SCY Top 10 list sent to the USMS formatter for printing
   • Second quarter financial reports prepared
2. Election Committee submits election information to National Office for inclusion in the HOD packet
3. Bids for 2011 Long Course, Short Course and Open Water/Long Distance National Championships due to committee chairs (Championship: Mark Moore—Championship at usms dot org, Open Water/Long Distance: Marcia Cleveland—LongDistance at usms dot org)
4. LC Nationals – IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana
   • Deadline to submit copy to DMC for a newsletter to be inserted in USMS Swimmer for the September/October issue
5. Editorial copy/information due to USMS Editor in Chief for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer (Laura Hamel — lhamel at usms dot org)
6. On Deck department calendar entries due to USMS Calendar of Events Editor for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer (Lynn Hazlewood—lynhzlwd at usms dot org)
7. Executive Director (Rob Butcher—rob at usms dot org) distributes preliminary budget for the coming year, forecast for current year and copies of budget forms to Finance Committee members
8. On-Deck Coaching Coordinator (Chris Colburn – coaches at usms dot org) solicits coaches to help with workouts at USMS Convention
9. Deadline for USAS early convention registration and inclusion in USAS Directory
10. Approximate mailing date for September/October issue of USMS Swimmer
11. Final call for Mentor Coach and Swimmer Clinics for budget year 2009 (Chris Colburn – coaches at usms dot org)

Convention

LMSC Chairs – if you have not done so already, please send the names and contact information of your delegates to Meg Smath immediately (secretary at usms dot org)! If your LMSC will not be sending a delegate, also let Meg know.

If you need any information concerning the USAS Convention being held at the Hyatt Regency O’Hare, Chicago, Il September 14-20 (16-20 for USMS delegates) it can be found on the USAS website at www.usaquaticsports.org

USMS starts of on Wednesday the September 16 with the USMS Board of Directors meeting from 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m.
This will be followed by a Committee Chairs Orientation meeting from 5:15-6:45 p.m., and the Insurance reception beginning at 7p.m. The New Delegate Orientation will be held on Thursday the 17 from 7:30-8:30 a.m.

More details on swim workouts, the LMSC Workshops, Coaches Presentation (Friday 10:00-12:00), Sports Medicine Presentation (Friday 12:15-1:15) will be included in the Convention Information Packet. All information will also be posted on the USMS website when available.
Other deadlines this month

• USAS sends convention registration list to Membership 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 e-mailed to all certified delegates
• New delegate information e-mailed to all new delegates
• Nadine Day or her IL LMSC convention host volunteer/organizer/designee sends list of volunteer names and hospitality room schedule to Convention Coordinator (Victor Buehler—Convention at usms dot org)

SEPTEMBER

1 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 2009 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.
• LMSC registrars contact Registration Chair (George Simon—RegChair at usms dot org) with card requirement numbers
• Convention Coordinator (Victor Buehler—Convention at usms dot org) finds location of fresh coffee and donut shop and makes first of daily purchases to ensure at least one donut is available each morning for June Krauser and coffee every day for wife Carol.
• Convention Coordinator (Victor Buehler—Convention at usms dot org) delivers half dozen black ink markers and one ice cream cone to Debbie Cavanaugh at certification desk

16-20 USAS Convention, Hyatt Regency O’Hare, Chicago, IL
17 Deadline for Newsletter Inserts to DMC for the Nov/Dec issue of Swimmer Magazine
30 End of LCM season
• All registrations received as of today’s date will be included in the mailing of the Nov/Dec issue of Swimmer Magazine

Other deadlines this month

• Registration Committee finalizes design of membership card, printer notified
• Changes, additions, deletions for 2010 Working Calendar due to Secretary (newly elected at convention) from committee chairs, etc. (Secretary at usms dot org)
• Group Exemption 501(c)(3) status report due to IRS

OCTOBER

8 Deadline for Coaches Committee to submit announcements to Swimmer Magazine for Mentor Coach and Swimmer Clinics, NIKE Clinics and Coach of the Year Award
15 Editorial information/copy due to USMS Editor in Chief for January/February issue of USMS Swimmer (Laura Hamel — lhamel at usms dot org)
• Info and entry information for 2010 SC Nationals in Atlanta, GA submitted to USMS Swimmer
• Approximate mailing date for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer
20 LMSC LCM Top 10 reports due to National Swims Administrator (Mary Beth Windrath—topten at usms dot org)
25 Deadline for submission of information to be included in the fall issue of Streamlines … from the National Office
31 End of the 2009 registration year. All registrations after November 1st are for 2010.

Other deadlines this month

• Newly Elected USMS President appoints committee chairs and committee members

NOVEMBER 2009

1 2010 registration year begins
• Minutes of House of Delegates, 2010 Budget and FOG e-mailed to all who attended 2009 convention
2 Final copies of Rules, Open Water/Long Distance, Zone and Legislation changes due to Rule Book Coordinator (RuleBook at usms dot org) from appropriate committee chair (Rules — Rules at usms dot org, Open Water/Long Distance—LongDistance at usms dot org, Legislation— Legislation at usms dot org, Zone—zone at usms dot org)
9 Records and Tabulation Chair (recordsandtabulation at usms dot org) sends national and world records to Rule Book Coordinator (RuleBook at usms dot org)
15 2010 Guide to Operations section updates due to Membership Coordinator (Tracy Grilli—USMS at usms dot org)
• Membership Coordinator (Tracy Grilli—USMS at usms dot org) sends rule book Appendix E: Committees and Chairs to Rule Book Coordinator (RuleBook at usms dot org)
16 Final proofreading of rule book due to Rule Book Coordinator (RuleBook at usms dot org)
23 All camera-ready copy and artwork due to rule book printer
30 All registrations received as of today’s date will be included in the mailing of the Jan/Feb issue of SWIMMER

Copy of your current registration card
Did you know that you can look up your registration number and/or retrieve a copy of your registration card? Go to www.usms.org and click on the red “Join” button, click on the link, fill out the form and voila!
New Member of the Board of Directors
Heather Hagadon has been appointed to replace Mark Gill as the Vice President of Member Services. Congratulations Heather and Thank You!

International Championships

XIII FINA World Masters Championships 2010

Pan American Swimming and Open Water Championships 2009
The Pan American Championships (SCM) will be held in Veracruz, Mexico October 28 – November 1, 2009. Contact Mel Goldstein, goldsteinmol at sbglobal dot net or the meet director: panamericanomasters2009 at fmn dot org dot mx.
• Entry Deadline October 14, 2009
• Online registration: www.fmni.org.mx/panamericanomasters2009
• www.asua-aquatics.org/html/English/2panmaster1.htm

2010 Rule Book
Dedication
The deadline for the dedication nominations of the 2010 Rule Book is due to Sue Ehringer, Rule Book Editor by September 1. For more information, contact Sue at susanehr at usms dot org

Rule Book Cover Contest
It’s time to send your submission for the 2010 U.S. Masters Swimming Rule Book Cover Contest. Submit two camera-ready designs. The regular-size Rule Book is 5 1/2 inches wide by 8 1/2 inches high and the mini-size 4 inches wide by 8 1/2 inches high. Electronic artwork should be larger to scale, allowing for left-side binding and a minimum of 300 DPI resolution. Submissions must use the phrases 2010 Rule Book in the design as well as the standard U.S. Masters Swimming logo (including trademark sign) found at www.usms.org/logos/content/standardlogos. Deadline is September 1st.

All submissions become the property of U.S. Masters Swimming. Send finished designs to Susan Ehringer, 4210 N. Church Way #2, Louisville, KY 40207 or email susanehr at usms dot org.

History & Archives Searching for Results and Records History
Over the past year, H&A located and scanned and submitted 35 AAU Masters and USMS pool National Championship results (1970 – 1993) which are now posted on the USMS web site. The posted results for the 1989 LCM National Championships (Grand Forks, ND) contain individual results for only 10 places. Anyone who has a complete set of 1989 LCM Nationals with all places is requested to contact Archives at USMS dot org.

H&A is searching for the following missing Open Water and Long Distance National Championship results and for missing date and location information. Please email the H&A Chair at Archives at USMS dot org with any information regarding the following National Championship results:

1980 AAU National Long Distance Championships – 2-mile event (1/2 mi closed course straightaway cable), August 3, 1980, Lake Clare, Huntington, IN;
1981 Quarter-mile Straightaway National Championship (2-mi cable event), Huntington, IN;
1981 Open Water 3 miles National Championship – Seal Beach, CA (? date);
1981 Marathon (? 10 mi) National Championship - (believed to be 10 miles at Seal Beach, CA);
1982 Quarter-mile Straightaway Nat. Championship - (2-mi cable), July 1982, Huntington, IN;
1982 One Mile Open Water (new) National Championship, December 1982, Ft. Lauderdale, FL;
1982 Open Water 3 mile National Championship, July 1982, Seal Beach, CA;
1982 Marathon 10 mile National Championship, July 1982, Seal Beach, CA;
1983 Quarter-mile Straightaway National Championship (2 mi) July 16-17, 1983, Lake Clare, Huntington, IN, part of 26th Annual Glen Hummer 2 Mile cable event;
1983 USS/USMS National Long Distance Championships (3 mi) July 17, 1983, Seal Beach, CA;
1983 USS/USMS National LD Championships (10 mile) July 17, 1983, Seal Beach, CA;
1984 Quarter-mile Straightaway National Championship (2 miles);
1984 Open Water (1.5-3 mi) National Championship, ? July 15, 1984, 3 mi, Seal Beach, CA;
1984 Open Water (3.5-5.0 miles) National Championship;
1984 Marathon Type (>6 miles) National Championship, 5 miles - San Pedro, CA
1991 Open Water (3.5-5.0 miles) National Championship, 5 miles - San Pedro, CA
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Questions & Clarifications

Pool Measurement at Dual Sanctioned Meets:

Question: If a Masters swimmer breaks a USMS national record at a USA Swimming meet that is dual sanctioned (i.e., the meet also has a USMS sanction), are we required to call in a licensed surveyor to measure the lane in which the time was achieved?

Answer: No. Any person can measure the pool. If the pool is a permanent structure and if a pool length certification is already on file with USMS or USA Swimming for that pool, and if there have been no structural changes to the pool since that certification was filed; then the pool does not have to be measured again. If the pool has a moveable bulkhead and a pool length certification is already on file for all lanes of that pool, then only the measurement of the two outside lanes and a middle lane must be confirmed after each session of the meet. A licensed surveyor is not required to measure the pool.

Responsibility for Record Documentation:

Question: Isn’t the swimmer responsible for securing record documentation at meets and reporting or sending them to the LMSC recorder?

Answer: No, for USMS-sanctioned meets (designated officials at the meet are responsible for completing and submitting all record documentation to the LMSC records and tabulation chair [105.3.8]); yes, for USMS-recognized meets including USA-S meets that do not have a dual sanction (it is the swimmer’s responsibility [202.2, last sentence]).

Changing the Program of Events:

Question: A relay event was added to a recognized meet we attended. They can’t do that, can they?

Answer: Yes, they can for a USMS-recognized meet but not for a USMS-sanctioned meet. The relevant rules for recognized meets are listed in 202.2.1E. The order of events for a USMS-sanctioned meet cannot be changed (102.13.1). Article 102.13.1 is not a relevant rule for USMS-recognized meets.

Exhibition Swims:

Question: Are times from exhibition swims allowed to be published in meet results? I know they cannot be considered for Top 10 or records. For example, if a relay team has 3 men and 1 woman or a person hops up in an empty lane and swims an event he did not enter, are actually disqualifications and should be noted in the results as DQs (101.7.3F, 102.15.12, and 102.15.4 respectively).

Automatic Splits:

Question: Split times at meets are automatically added to meet results now as official times, aren’t they?

Answer: No. That has only occurred at USMS national championship meets where the following four criteria are met: 1. the technology and operator are available to process splits automatically so that the Top 10 person or meet personnel do not have to process all splits by hand, 2. the meet host agrees to offer automatic splits, 3. the officials agree to watch all relays for a second swimmer starting in the water, and 4. a single written request for all splits for all swimmers, except individual backstroke and DQs, is submitted. Automatic splits are not always offered at USMS national championship meets.

Swimwear Interpretation:

Question: I understand FINA just passed new swimsuit rules. How does that impact USMS?

Answer: The current USMS swimwear interpretation, dated June 1, 2009, is still in effect. FINA rule changes normally go into effect two months after a decision is made. However, the current FINA-approved swimsuit list is valid through December 31, 2009. Masters swimmers should, however, stay tuned for updated information from the USMS Rules Committee about swimsuits. If any changes are made to the USMS swimwear interpretation or rule, all USMS members will be notified immediately.

Can’t find that rule?

Where is that rule that makes an exception for numbering the lanes from right to left (as the swimmers face the course) for events starting at the turn end of a 50-meter pool? Try 102.10.3A, “Seeding of Events in a 50-Meter Course”, on page 9. The actual lane numbering rule is 107.4.3 (Facilities Standards) on page 41.

For any questions about rules contact Kathy Casey, USMS Rules Chair, rules at usms dot org.
New LMSC Officers

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**Video Library**
The U.S. Masters Swimming Video Library is back in operation, has various titles to choose from and is available for all registered U.S. Masters Swimming members. To view a list of available videos and instructions on the renting process please go to the Video Library link at www.usms.org/coach/videos.php