

USMS Special Appointment Reports

Ad Hoc Elections

Committee Members

Michael Moore, Chair

Jerry Clark, Daniel Cox, Susan Kirk

Ex-Officio: None

Introduction

The Committee was appointed by President Nadine Day to slate candidates for the At-Large Board of Directors election that will take place at the 2012 US Masters Swimming annual convention.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

1. The committee reviewed the Election Operating Guidelines.
2. The Election Committee conducted nominations, in accordance with USMS Election Policy. At the conclusion of the initial nomination process (Note floor nominations at the annual meeting of the HOD are pending), the following candidates have been qualified and are slated for election, awaiting zone endorsement.

Breadbasket:	Bruce Hopson
Colonies:	Chris McGiffin
Dixie:	Maria Elias-Williams
Great Lakes:	Phil Dodson
Northwest:	Hugh Moore
Oceana:	Jim Clemmons
South Central:	Jill Gellatly
Southwest:	Phil Whitten

Action items:

Conduct election.

- I. Assist - Zones meet to endorse Director candidates (09/13/2012)
- II. Assist – Request any floor nominations and approval to determine if all qualifications are met on HOD 1: (9/13/12)
- III. HOD nominations and floor nominations for all positions. (09/14/2010)
- IV. Facilitate - Meet the Candidates opportunities.
- V. Conduct - Elections (09/14/2012)

FINA Liaison

Nancy Ridout

The focus of the FINA Masters Committee in 2012 was the XIV World Championships, Riccione, Italy, June 30- July 7, 2012. Close to 10,000 swimmers, 2,400 open water, 1,400 water polo players, 596 synchronized swimmers, 297 divers participated in these championships. The facilities in Riccione were outstanding but lacking in space for warm-ups, notably deficient in the indoor pool.

I had responsibilities for both water polo and swimming. Water polo had 101 teams participating. The 7 days were long but well-managed. The open water event was rescheduled to be run over two days to accommodate all the entrants. This rescheduling caused conflicts with the 400m freestyle and refunds were offered to those affected, those who decided not to both on the same day, or those whose travel plans were impacted.

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Over 5,000 of the swimmers were Italians and this was one of the reasons for the huge numbers of participants. Opportunity needs to be weighed against a realistic number that can be managed efficiently and effectively. By the middle of the swimming events, 3500 swimmers were NT's; they did not meet the qualifying standards. This represented 350 heats just halfway through.

All that being said, the Local Organizing Committee did an outstanding job of managing the numbers. The facility had been upgraded with a new pool and a new dressing room for the outdoor pool. The Italian Swimming Federation contributed a large number of officials for swimming and water polo, which was supplemented by international officials as well. They worked from morning through the evening and were professional and pleasant throughout.

The FINA Masters Committee Chair appointed two subcommittees to investigate methods to control the numbers, and the feasibility of combining the Masters World Championships with the elite World Championships.

As Chairman of the subcommittee on Masters Development, I prepared a brochure for distribution at the next FINA Conference in November, in Moscow. It was well received. New photos from Riccione will be used when appropriate. I'm investigating the feasibility of editing the video produced by Pacific Masters, from the Stanford World Championships, to delete the scenes of swimmers in long (now illegal) suits and replace them with action shots from Riccione in today's legal suits, for showing at the Moscow FINA Conference.

The next World Championships will be held in Montreal and the requested dates are July 27-August 10, 2014. Information can be found at www.finamasters2014.org.

I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the FINA Masters Committee for the past eight years and thank you for the trust and support you have given me. I've tried to represent the perspective and concerns of our membership to the best of my ability and introduce new ideas and opportunities for FINA Masters worldwide. It's now time to step down and give someone else this opportunity to serve the Masters swimming program internationally so that the benefits of *Swimming for Life* can be realized throughout the world. Again, it's been my great pleasure to serve in this capacity and I thank you for the opportunity.

IGLA Liaison

Bruce Hopson

International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics (IGLA) is international organization comprised of masters swimming, open water swimming, diving, water polo and synchronized swimming. Each year, it holds an international championship meet for all of its disciplines. This year's event was held May 30-June 3, 2012 at Reykjavik Iceland. Teams that compete in IGLA are either USMS sanctioned teams such as West Hollywood Aquatics and DC Aquatic Club, or they can be members of a USMS sanctioned team. Swimmers can also compete under an assumed name for the purposes of the IGLA meet but their times are recorded under whatever USMS sanctioned team for which they normally compete.

Future IGLA events are the 2013 IGLA Championships held August 13-18 in Federal Way, WA, and the 2014 Gay Games August 9-16, 2014, in Cleveland, Ohio. Bidding for the 2018 Gay Games has been completed RFP proposals will go out to Amsterdam, Limerick, London, Paris, Rio De Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Orlando, FL. The winner bid will be selected in 2013 at a meeting in Cleveland, OH.

It appears that IGLA is still having problems obtaining recognition for its events from FINA. Although appeals of prior denials may not lead anywhere, research into recognition of future events remains hopeful.

USMS Liaison to ISHOF

Walt Reid

IMSHOF

The 2011 International Masters Swimming Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony was held during the 2011 USAS Convention in Jacksonville, Fla. Rich Abrahams and Jeff Farrell from USMS were inducted as Honor Swimmers into IMSHOF. The Masters Nominees for 2012 Honor Swimmer from USMS are Anne Adams, Carolyn Boak, Tim Birnie, Edward Cazalet, Roger Franks and Paul Krup. The nominee for Honor Contributor is Mel Goldstein. I am

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pleased to announce that the 2012 IMSHOF Inductees will be Carolyn Boak, Tim Birnie, Paul Krup and Mel Goldstein. The 2012 IMSHOF Induction Ceremony will be held during the 2012 USAS Convention in Greensboro N.C.

ISHOF

The 2012 International Swimming Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony was held at the International Swimming Hall Of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale May 11-12, 2012. No Masters were inducted. The nominees for the 2012 “Honor Masters Swimmer” from USMS were Aldo da Rosa, Burwell Jones, Betsy Jordan, Jim McConica, Frank Piemme and Karlyn Pipes-Neilsen.

I attended the 2012 ISHOF Induction Ceremony as the USMS liaison. This gave me the opportunity to spend a lot of time at the ISHOF Museum. I was able to talk to Bob Duenkel (Executive Director) about my position with USMS and some of the things I would like to accomplish.

National Board of Review

Laura Groselle, Chair

Introduction

There were several issues addressed this past year. NBR panel members worked very hard and their efforts are to be commended.

Action Items/Discussion

1. The NBR would like to emphasize how important it is that LMSCs have effective by-laws and a grievance procedure (by-law information and a model grievance procedure can be found at www.usms.org under “Guide to Operations”).
2. The NBR is pleased that there is a Dispute Resolution Task Force underway to examine dispute resolution at multiple levels of USMS.

Rule Book Coordinator

Susan Ehringer

Introduction

I would like to thank the National Office, Tracy Grilli, Anna Lea Matysek and Kyle Deery Walt Reid; the Rules Committee; the Open Water Long Distance Committee; and the Legislation Committee who did a great job in helping to edit and publish the 2012 Rule Book.

Discussions and projects since the last convention

- Published 2012 Rule Book and Mini Rule Book
- Worked with Legislation, Rule Book, Open Water and Long Distance Committees to edit 2012 Rule Book and to correct errors after printing
- Chose Spotlight Graphics of Sarasota, Florida as the printing company for the 2012 printing and shipping of the Rule Book and Mini Rule Book
- Rule Book figures updated by Victoria Grilli

Action items:

- Work with committee chairs to edit various sections 2013 Rule Book
- Estimate the number of 2013 Rule Books and Mini Rule Books for printing
- Edit and publish the 2013 Rule Book and Mini Rule Book
 - October 1 – Receive first edits from committee chairs
 - October 8 –
 - Receive ads from Kyle Deery
 - Receive electronic copy of the cover

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- Send first draft to committees October 15
- November 2 - Receive final approval from committee chairs
- November 9 – Receive records from Walt Reid and Donn Livoni
- November 16 – Final proof reading by respective committee chairs and Membership Coordinator sent to RB Coordinator
- November 20 – approval of printed copy
- November 23 – Send camera ready copy and artwork to RB Printer
- December 1 –
 - Rule Books Shipped
 - Upload 2013 Rule Book to website

At Convention

- Announce at the 2012 Convention the 2013 Rule Book cover winner
- Announce at the 2012 Convention the 2013 Rule Book Dedication
- Recommend Spotlight Graphics to print the 2013 Rule Book.
- Recommend removing Appendix A (Records) and Appendix F (U.S. Masters Swimming History) from the printed Rule Book and moved to online only

UANA Masters Technical Committee

Committee Members

Mel Goldstein, Chair

Jim Miller, MD – voting member (other voting members are from other member federations and aquatic disciplines within UANA)

Introduction

UANA stands for Union Americana de Natacion. It represents the Union of all of the Caribbean, Central, North and South American swimming federations. It is the Continental Federation under which USAS belongs in the scheme of things. All of the Continental Federations unite under FINA (Federation Internationale De Natation), which oversees all of the 5 aquatic disciplines in the world and is a member federation under the IOC. The 5 aquatic disciplines are water polo, synchronized swimming, diving, pool swimming and open water swimming.

USMS puts before USAS nominees to serve on the UANA Masters Technical Committee. Those names are considered by USAS and voted upon. If positively voted the names are then recommended to UANA. It takes a vote by UANA to approve the nominations and be appointed to serve on the Masters Technical Committee.

Mel Goldstein is the current Chair of the UANA Masters Technical Committee and Jim Miller is a voting member also. Mel was reappointed to his second term as chair at the Pan American Championships in March 2012.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

The UANA Masters Technical Committee oversees all of the 5 aquatic disciplines at the masters level. Mel makes on-site inspections of all Pan American Championship sites, coordinates the newsletter, and conducts the business of masters sports via Internet and face to face meetings every two years at the Masters Pan American Championships. Currently, there is a consideration of making the Masters Technical Committee meetings an annual event.

This coming year USMS is hosting the 5th Masters Pan American Championships in Sarasota, Florida from June 1 to 12, 2013. Synchronized Swimming, Pool Swimming and Open Water will be contested during these days of competition with water polo being held June 21-24 at the YMCA Aquatic Center in Orlando Florida. Only diving will be missing from the full complement of events. A Technical Committee meeting will be held one to two days prior to the opening of the Championships. The Masters Technical Committee will discuss the current championship and representatives from the committee assigned to assist/observe the 3 disciplines. In most cases the UANA members will also judge or compete in the Championships.

There are several new members to the Committee, so understanding their interests and concerns will be key. The bid process will be reviewed and site visits set up for the 2015 Masters Pan American Championships, which have yet to be awarded.

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Bids go out at least one Championship ahead, allowing for the upcoming Championship to market at the current one i.e. two years in advance.

The UANA budget item is worthy of a brief discussion. Most of Mel and Jim's expenses are picked up by either UANA or the Pan American host. However, there are occasional meetings or expenses that are not covered which are included under the finance line item. An excellent example of an expense item was to support Mel in his trip to Guadalajara for the Pan American Championships in March, 2012. This allowed him to make the formal report of the Masters Technical Committee in person and answer questions about the working of the committee to the newly appointed UANA Executive Committee. There is little doubt that his attendance was a factor in his successful reappointment.

Action Items

1. Actively support the Sarasota Y Sharks in their hosting of the 5th Masters Pan American Championships, which is the first time that these Championships have been in North America.
2. Approval of the UANA Budget – under Finance

Agenda

No meeting is conducted at Convention but both Mel and Jim are open to any inquiries regarding UANA and their positions.

USMS Liaison to USA Swimming

Ted Haartz

The London 2012 Olympics was the culmination of 4 years of great planning, real objectives and very real results. The heartbreak is that USA Swimming has so many talented swimmers who for a tenth of a second or two, did not make the Olympic team.

Their performances were outstanding. The athletes, coaches, staff and volunteers worked in harmony to showcase America's best swimmers to the world.

After some effort, USA Swimming's president, Bruce Stratton, named Jeff Gudman, Vice-President of Program Development at USA Swimming, liaison to the USMS board of Directors. The USMS board approved his appointment, ex-officio, at the July board meeting in Sarasota, FL. Jeff is also a former treasurer of USA Swimming and comes to us with a wealth of knowledge. If you happen to see Jeff in your travels through the convention corridors, say "hi", introduce yourself and welcome him to our organization.

As of the end of 2012, I will step down from my long service as USMS Liaison to USA Swimming. I have enjoyed the periodic challenges it has presented and feel comfortable with our respective presidents, executive directors and vice presidents that they are able to communicate with their peers on matters of mutual interest to both organizations.