U.S. Masters Swimming — 2024 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name: LMSC Development Committee  
Session #: 4
Committee Chair: Douglas Sayles  
Vice Chair: Ian King
Minutes Recorded by: Ian King (edited by D. Sayles)  
Date/Time: April 16, 2024, 8:00 p.m. ET

Motions Passed: None

Number of Voting Committee Members Present: 13  
# Absent: 3  
# Guests: 0

Committee Members Present: Linda Chapman, Nicole Christensen, Jason Ellis, Teresa Frias, Doug Garcia, Karen Harris, Ian King, Ann Marshfield, Jacky Merianos, Tom Moore, Douglas Sayles, Aaron Schneider, Jill Wright. Absent: Sue Ehringer, Arlette Godges, Jenny Hodges

Ex Officio Present: Bethany Burchill (Manager, Member & Club Services), Crystie McGrail (VP Local Operations). Absent: Jessica Reilly (Senior Director, Business Operations)

Minutes:
1. The committee chair called the meeting to order and welcomed members at 8:04 p.m. ET.

2. VPLO Update (Crystie)
   a. The USMS Board of Directors met Monday, April 15.
   b. Past USMS President and current United States Aquatics Sports President and USA Rep to World Aquatics Patty Miller stated in the board meeting that World Aquatics seems more organized with a genuine commitment to swimming communities (including U.S. Masters Swimming).
   c. Crystie reminded LMSC DC members of volunteer opportunities beyond the LMSC and USMS.
   d. The USMS National Board of Review structure is being reviewed to help better support members.

3. Subcommittee Reports
   a. Volunteer Relay Planning
      i. Solid draft schedule and format in place.
      ii. Currently confirming presenters/panelists for each session.
      iii. LMSC DC members should start promoting Relay by encouraging their respective LMSC leaders to begin deciding who will attend Relay from their LMSC.
      iv. Tom noted that this year’s sessions are designed to limit “crossover” between presentations.
   b. LMSC Standards Rollout
      i. Creating a timeline “roadmap” to help LMSCs navigate the Standards reporting process.
      ii. Working on Standards rollout webinar, email, and social media content.
      iii. The plan is to educate LMSC boards this year and field a Standards compliance survey in 2025.
   c. Volunteer On-Demand Training
      i. Good framework developed. Nearing completion pending last touches.
   d. Volunteer Communications
      i. Ann and Jacky created a tutorial/guidance document for navigating the Community Forums.
      ii. The focus is on getting LMSC volunteers subscribed to their respective role-specific forums and populating those forums with relevant content.
   e. Volunteer Role Descriptions
      i. No update

4. New Business/Questions:
   a. No new business or questions
   b. The next full committee meeting is Tuesday, May 21, at 8:00 p.m. ET.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. ET.