

# 2020 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

<b>Committee Name:</b> Elections Committee	<b>Session #:</b> 1
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Erin Sullivan (ES)	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Cheryl Gettelfinger (CG)
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> CG	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 8/31/20, 8:00 PM EDT

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. One

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 5	<b>Absent:</b> 0	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 1, Peter Guadagni, (USMS President, PG)
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Erin Sullivan (Chair, ES), Cheryl Gettelfinger (Vice-Chair, CG), Susan Ehringer (SE), Stephanie Gauzens (SG) and M.J. Caswell (MC)		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> 0		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. EDT.

1. ES began by giving background to an interpretation of Rule 506.1.1 B and how to resolve for a member moving during their term in office. The Legislation Committee confirmed that an At-Large Director completing their first term would automatically be considered an incumbent regardless of which Zone they were a member, per 506.2.4; however, this did not resolve the nomination required in 506.1.1B. Therefore, a motion was made by S.E. stating, “Because an incumbent is now living in a new zone and the Rule Book requires said candidate to have a nomination letter from their current zone, said candidate will meet the requirements if a nomination letter is submitted by someone from the zone. The motion was seconded by M.C. and was unanimously approved. It was pointed out the USMS has an avenue to address adding more candidates after the initial open period of nominations has closed by using floor nominations. After approval, MJ offered to discuss the decision with the affected zone. ES stated that post annual meeting the Elections Committee needed to address the Election Operating Guidelines (EOG) rules and policies. SE stated that the EOG policies need to complement the Rule Book. SG stated that the Legislation Committee was planning to address 506.2.4 with L-14 tomorrow night (9/1/20).
2. CG asked ES to confirm the floor nomination time period. ES stated that it was open from Friday, 9/4/20 11:59 PM PDT to 9/6/20 11:59 PM PDT. In addition, all corrections to any submitted packets have to be to ES by Monday, 9/7/20 2:00 PM PDT in order to have everything ready for posting on Tuesday, 9/8/20.
3. CG asked about Zone Endorsements and ES confirmed that Jessica has been working with Zone Chairs to show them polling so that they can be sure to submit their response to, “endorse all, endorse none or endorse some.” PG confirmed that it would be okay to post those results to the Election webpage and SE asked if those could get posted to the webinar just before voting and that was confirmed.
4. ES stated that Election Runner will be cued up in the event polling presents any problems. In addition, Onshalee Promchitmart, who has experience with Election Runner, will be the backup in the event Jessica cannot be available at the time of the election.
5. ES stated that Jessica is currently recording videos from candidates and that two are completed.
6. PG thanked everyone on the committee and reiterated to be sure that the EOG and Rule Book align with each other.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. ES stated that the last comments to update the EOG are dated Nov. 2018 and to start with that iteration in the task of updating the EOG. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM EDT.
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