

# USMS Convention—Atlanta, Ga. 2008

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Endowment Fund Board of Governors	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Rob Copeland (for Doug Church)	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	NA		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Meg Smath	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	September 25, 10:30 a.m.		

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## Action Items:

1. None.

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 10	<b>Absent:</b> 8	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 5
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Rob Copeland, Nancy Ridout, June Krauser, Leo Letendre, Ted Haartz, Jane Moore, Tom Boak, Meg Smath, Patty Miller, Jeff Moxie.		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m..

1. Rob announced that the chair, Doug Church, was unable to attend convention because of a bicycle accident. Rob then went over the fund statement provided by Doug. Donations are down for members who register online, indicating that new members may not understand about the foundation. We may need to add more explanation to that page of the online registration program. Leo will talk to Rob Butcher and Club Assistant about adding an explanation. **MSA the financial reports.**
2. The committee reviewed a new grant request for a study on shoulder blade motility and whether specific exercises could prevent injury. Jane Moore and Jim Miller have reviewed the proposal and recommended funding it. **MSA to fund the proposed grant.**
3. The committee discussed whether there has been any follow-up from the project funded last year. Rob C will ask Conrad Johnson to provide us with a progress report.
4. Rob B said that the National Office will take responsibility for publicizing the fund, leaving the Board of Governors free to decide the grantees. He asked that members of the Board of Governors let him know about results that can be promoted and also about successful projects previously funded by the Board of Governors. Jane will check with Joel Stager to find the results of his study on aging and athletic performance of Masters swimmers, and provide these results to Rob B. Tom asked if it is correct that grants from the fund are not restricted to medical research, and Rob C confirmed that was the case. Rob B reported that Phil Whitten is interested in doing a documentary on college swimming programs being threatened, and will probably submit it in 2009.
5. Phil Dodson (Illinois) asked whether, in years in which we have a budget deficit and have the Board of Governors has not made any grants, if the Endowment Fund could provide funds for USMS's donation to the International Swimming Hall of Fame. As stated in last year's minutes: "Rob clarified that USMS should fund its own national initiatives, and not use money from the Endowment Fund for this purpose."
6. Jeffrey Tacca (Georgia) said he had thought the purpose of the Endowment Fund was to support the organization, and did not realize it was for research that would benefit our membership. Perhaps this is a common misconception.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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