

# 2026 U.S. Masters Swimming – History & Archives Committee

<b>Committee Name:</b>	History & Archives	<b>Session #:</b>	
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	C.J. Rushman	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	n/a
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	C.J. Rushman	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 @ 8 pm EDT

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## Motions Passed:

1. MSA – minutes from conference call on April 14th, 2026.

<b>Number of committee members present - 6</b>	<b>Absent - 3</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 0</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Sharon Snyder (Metropolitan), Crystie McGrail (Colorado) Stacey Eicks (Gulf), Hugh Moore (Potomac Valley), Tim Sinnenberg (Adirondack) & C.J. Rushman (Ohio)		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Daniel Pauling (Florida), Maryanne Barkley (Ozark), Kysa Crusco (New England)		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm EDT. CJ Rushman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

### USMS History Documentation Planning

The team discussed consolidating existing content and explored approaches for documenting USMS history across different eras. Hugh noted that there are potentially hundreds of unique swimmer stories on their website, including award winners and historical articles. Sharon suggested interviewing long-time Dot Donnelly Award winners from past decades to capture their perspectives on how USMS has evolved over time and proposed examining the history of LMSCs through a geographical lens to enrich the organization's timeline.

### Award Recipient Interview Planning

The committee discussed plans to interview award recipients to create a timeline of contributions across different zones. Stacey suggested using consistent questions across interviews and merging the data into a broader storyline. The group agreed to focus on zone-level rather than LMSC-level coverage, with Sharon proposing to start with a few interviews per zone to develop and refine the question list. Hugh suggested using a matrix approach where different people receive varying combinations of questions based on their experience level and background.

### 2026 Interview Planning Strategy

The team discussed plans to conduct interviews across 8 zones with 2 people per zone, aiming to gather questions by June 5th before their next meeting on June 9th. They agreed to create a shared Google document called "2026 working document" where team members can collaboratively add questions and identify potential interviewees based on tenure and location. Crystie will set up the document, and C.J. will update Maryanne and Kysa on the progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm EST. The next call will be Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8 pm EDT.

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