

United States Masters Swimming House of Delegates - all sessions USAS Convention-Greensboro, North Carolina September 13–15, 2012

Thursday, September 13, 2012, 9:15 a.m.

President Nadine Day called the 2012 House of Delegates to order at 9:17 a.m. EDT.

Secretary C.J. Rushman deferred roll call for delegates who had not yet been certified to Friday.

Parliamentarian's report. Bill Tingley explained that all our meetings are run according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, our rule book and our standing rules, copies of which had been distributed to all delegates. Bill then clarified some of the procedures in the standing rules. **MSA the standing rules.**

Convention coordinator's report. Maria E. Williams gave the hospitality room number of 1664. For new delegates, please be sure to attend the wrap up meeting because this helps making the convention better. Maria E. Williams thanked the North Carolina volunteers for helping getting things taken care of while at the Sheraton.

Presidents Introduction – President Nadine Day welcomed delegates to the convention and reminded them that the theme of the convention is Swimming is for everyone. She introduced the members of the Executive Committee who were sitting at the head table. The verbatim address has been published to the USMS website.

Ed Tsuzuki VP of Local Operations gave report on Delegate Orientation to all delegates that were in attendance in the House of Delegates. The presentation is posted on the website.

Bill Tingley, Parliamentarian makes a motion to suspend the rules for purposes of hearing from the Executive Director.

Executive Directors address – Nadine Day introduced Rob and thanked Rob Butcher for what he has done over the last year. The presentation video and verbatim address has been published to the USMS website.

Nadine Day recognizes Michael Moore chair of the Ad Hoc Election Committee. Michael read the names of the nominations for the At Large Director positions. Michael opened the floor to nominations. Mary Hull nominated Laura Winslow for Southwest Zone At Large Director position. Seconded. Leo Letendre - CT moves to close nominations. Seconded. USAS Mel Goldstein and Phil Whitten are nominees for the USAS representative to FINA. Mel and Phil both addressed the House of Delegate regarding their nominations. Michael gave an update regarding the election process which will take place Friday morning.

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Bill Tingley, Parliamentarian makes a motion to suspend the rules for purposes of hearing from the USMS member Sandi Blumit from Risk Management Services, Inc. Sandi presented a report of the USMS Insurance coverage and policies and the importance to the entire organization. Further discussion was held about how to inform the LMSC's regarding Safety for all events and best ways to enforce sanctioning events.

Nadine called the house to recess at 11:25 a.m. EDT.

Friday, September 14, 2011, 8:00 a.m.

Mike Heather VP of Administrations reconvened the 2012 House of Delegates to order at 8:00 a.m. EDT. Secretary C.J. Rushman called the roll for delegates who had not yet been certified.

Mike Heather recognized Michael Moore, Chair of the Ad Hoc elections committee. Michael Moore asked the candidates to come to the front. The candidates spoke to their readiness and willingness to serve.

Maria E. Williams gave an update on the hospitality suite and a few housekeeping items pertaining to morning workouts and schedule changes and the up-coming workshops.

Mike Heather recognized the special guest's from Masters Swimming Canada;

- Nancy Black- executive director of Masters Swimming Canada
- Dave Wilkin- member of the Masters Swimming Canada BOD
- Chris Smith- 7th USMS Convention, external rep to Masters Swimming Ontario, Council of Provinces member of Masters Swimming Canada, member of the Ontario Swimming Officials Association BOD
- Sally O'Brien- past president of Masters Swimming Ontario
- Brigitte Zerger-member of Masters Swimming Canada from Masters Swimming Ontario

Bill Tingley motioned to approve the reports as in the pre-convention packet. **MSA to approve the reports as presented in the pre-convention packet.**

Mike Heather put the house to ease at 8:30 a.m. EDT. The house is back in session at 8:38 am EDT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(3) Sports Medicine and Science – Jane Moore - Jane gave an overview over the past years highlights of the Sports Medicine and Science committee. Jeanne Ensign makes motion to approve the minutes. Seconded. **MSA the minutes of the Sports Medicine and Science.**

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(4) Fitness Education – Marcia Anziano - Marcia gave an overview over the past years highlights of the Fitness Education committee. Don Cox makes motion to approve the minutes. - **MSA to approve the Fitness Education committee minutes.**

(6) Governance Committee - Anthony Thompson spoke about the Governance Committee and gave some highlights over the past year. The Task force strongly encouraged transparency within the organization. **MSA to approve the Governance Committee minutes.**

Mike Heather put the house to ease at 8:48 a.m. EDT. The house is back in session at 8:53 am EDT.

(2) Officials – Ed Saltzman– **MSA the minutes of the Officials Committee.**

President Nadine Day gave special recognition of three individuals with Presidential Citations for all their years of service to USMS;

1. Ted Haartz
2. Nancy Ridout
3. Mel Goldstein

The President recognized Past President Jeff Moxie for introduction of the Swimming Saves Lives Grant Recipients to the House of Delegates;

- Erica Efigenio- Pleasanton, CA attends Las Positas College
- Shelby Elmore-Huntington Beach, CA attends Western State College of Colorado
- Rachel Gentry-Greensboro, NC attends UNC Chapel Hill
- Allison Ritter- St Charles, IL attends University of Kansas
- Kate Booth- Westminster, CO attends Univ. of Colorado at Boulder

Nadine Day recognized the House of Delegates and the tenure of all the members in attendance.

President Nadine Day gave special recognition to Tom Boak with a Presidential Citations for all his work as meet director in conjunction with the 2012 Summer Nationals in Omaha. Tom Boak addressed the house, and thanked Jeff Roddin and Sandi Rousseau from the Championship Committee, National Office Staff and Erin Sullivan and Sue Nutty from Nebraska for all their efforts.

Past President Jeff Moxie was recognized to read the names of those that passed away since last convention;

Monroe Allen - New England

Ned Allen - Florida

Steve Allen - Oklahoma

Lee Arth - San Diego-Imperial

Howard Baetzhold - Indiana

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Robert Banfield - South Carolina
Mary Stuart Bland - Georgia
George Bole - Florida
Seneca (Skip) Burr - Pacific
Claire Chapin – Pacific
Ann Champ - Florida
Margie Crisp - Indiana
Edward Curtis - Connecticut
Phil Delucchi - North Texas
Beth Emery - Ohio
Norman Garsoe - Delaware Valley
William Grant, Jr. - Ozark
Donald Hannam - Potomac Valley
Andrew Holden - Oregon
Denny Johnson - Minnesota
Burriss Lamar - Connecticut
Candace Lang - Georgia
Kelley Lemmon, Jr. - Potomac Valley
Monte Lyons - Alaska
Susan MacAfee - Florida
Marybeth McGill - Illinois
Guy Merchant - Southern Pacific
Poeny Munger – Inland Northwest
Richard Munger - Inland Northwest
Heather Newport - Southern
Edward Ouimette - New England
Bill Paige - Pacific
Marcia Read - Potomac Valley
Pickett Simpson - Adirondack
Joan Smith - Pacific
Joel Sterling - Metropolitan
Lavelle Stoinoff - Oregon
Kerry Sussex - Pacific Northwest
Eunice Tey - Potomac Valley
Jack Truby - Colorado
Vinus Van Baalen - Florida
Virginia Pietz Van Rossen - Oregon
Dick Webber - North Carolina
David Gifford - Florida
Tom Schard - Michigan
Ross Randal - Florida
Forrest Sullivan - Virginia

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Nadine Day recognized Maria E Williams for her efforts as convention coordinator.
Paige Buehler – INW gave an overview of the workshops that will be conducted today.

Nadine called the house to recess at 9:50 a.m. EDT.

Friday, September 16, 2012, 3:00 p.m. EDT.

President Nadine Day reconvened the 2012 House of Delegates to order at 3:00 p.m. EDT.

Mike Heather gives a report to the House of Delegate regarding the corrections to Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Secretary C.J. Rushman called the roll for delegates who had not yet been certified. CJ gave an updated of the number of certified delegates in attendance at this time which currently stands at 267.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(1) Recognition and Awards – Sally Dillon – Recognized Doug Church as the Ransom Arthur award winners and the others that were nominees; John Bauman - Wisconsin, Mike Heather – Southern Pacific and Kerry O’Brien - Pacific. Sally asked for all Ransom Arthur award winners to stand and be acknowledged. Mel Goldstein and Carolyn Boak are the inductees for IMSHOF. Sally asked for motion to approve the minutes. **MSA the Recognition and Awards minutes.**

2012 USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards – Presented by Hill Carrow.

- Jim Barber – Indiana
- Marianne Bradley – Florida
- Bob Bruce - Oregon
- Chris Campbell – Pacific
- Jim Clemmons – Pacific
- Jill Gellatly – Gulf
- Brian Kuhn – Minnesota
- Susan Kirk – New Jersey
- Debbie Morrin Norlund – Potomac Valley
- George McVeigh - Niagara
- Robert Mitchell - Pacific
- Lori Payne – Ozark
- Tom Spence – Lake Erie
- Jean Teisher – Oregon
- Paul Wrangell - Pacific

USMS Club of the Year Award presented by Carolyn Boak

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- 2012 recipients are the Sarasota Masters - Florida LMSC. The team received a check of Two Hundred Fifty dollars from Colorado Timing Systems.

USMS June Krauser Communications Award – Presented by Sally Dillon of Pacific Northwest Masters. The winner is Phil Whitten of Arizona LMSC.

National Championship Meet Awards - Hill Carrow and George Simon presented the National Championship Meet Award winner to Jeff Roddin of Potomac Valley.

Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award - presented by Stu Kahn. Stu gave an overview and history of the Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award. There are six award winners for 2012;

- Valeriy Boreyko – San Francisco Masters
- Tim Edmonds – Stanford Masters
- Gary Henderson – Village Aquatic Swim Team (Florida)
- Mark Kurtz – Virginia Masters
- Kurt Olson – Modesto Area Aquatic Club
- Laura Schuster – Mountain View Masters
- Leslie Scott – Greenville Splash Masters (SC)

Ted Haartz USMS Staff Appreciation Award – presented by Anna Lea Matysek – Susan recognized last year's winner, George Simon of North Carolina. The 2012 award winner is Ed Tsuzuki of New Jersey.

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(5) History and Archives – Meegan Wilson – Gave an update on the Committee and the items that resides at the ISHOF archives. The committee is looking for help with identifying old results from meets and open water events. – Dan Cox makes motion to approve the minutes. Seconded. **MSA the minutes of History and Archives.**

(7) Audit – Jill Gellatly gave an overview over the past years highlights of the Audit committee. Susan E makes motion to approve minutes. Seconded. **MSA to approve the Audit committee minutes.**

(8) Investment – Dave Burgio – Gave an update on the Committee and investment strategy. Dave provided updated on the investment status. Report will be approved during Saturday's session.

(9) Legislation Committee – Sean Fitzgerald gave an overview over the past years highlights of the Legislation committee. Dan Cox makes motion to approve minutes. Seconded. **MSA to approve the Legislation committee minutes.**

2014 Championship Presentations – Jeff Roddin, chair of the Championship presented the winning bidders for the 2014 National Championships. The 2014 Spring Nationals has been awarded to Santa Clara. The 2014 Summer Nationals has been awarded to the

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University of Maryland, College Park. A report and presentation was provided to the House by each of the sites. Jeff also mentioned that the 2015 sites have been awarded. The 2015 Spring Nationals has been awarded to San Antonio. The 2015 Summer Nationals has been awarded to the SPIRE Institute (Cleveland OH).

Nadine recognized Susan Ehringer who announced the winner of the 2012 Rule Book cover was Dave Oplinger from Indiana. The Rule Book was dedicated to Rob Copeland.

Nadine reminded the House of Delegates that the IMSHOF celebration is tonight located in the Blue Ash room.

President Nadine Day called the house to recess at 4:25 p.m. EDT

Saturday, September 15, 2011, 2:00 p.m. EDT

President Nadine Day reconvened the 2012 House of Delegates to order at 2:03 p.m. EDT. CJ Rushman read the names of the not certified. Maria E. Williams had a few small announcements. Nadine turned over the microphone to Mike Heather regarding the Ransom Arthur award skit during the banquet.

Michael Moore of the election committee asked for acclimation by proxy to approve the unopposed At Large Director position. Michael announced the winner of those positions. Each will serve a term of two years.

Nadine asks for motion to approve BOD Session #2 minutes. Second. Rob Copeland – Georgia makes motion to move pull Action Item #1 from the BOD minutes: Board approves the Long Distance surcharge to be the same amount (\$15) as pool national championships going forward. The reason is the Long Distance Committee and BOD is forming a Task Force to review the long distance surcharges. Jeanne Ensign PNA asked about the ineligible task force. Nadine explained that she has put together the task force headed by Patty Miller. Patty Miller provided more information about the task force. Lynn Hazelwood – PV had point to line item 23, second sentence that Open Water safety guidelines should be read “safety education projects”. **MSA- to Approve the BOD minutes as amended.**

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(10) Championship Committee – Jeff Roddin – Presented his report to the house. There were some housekeeping items that need to be corrected. Pointed out that the committee will not seek 2016 bids next year. **MSA the minutes of the Championship committee.**

(11) Records and Tabulation – Chris Stevenson gave an overview over the past years highlights of the Records and Tabulation committee. **MSA to approve the Records and Tabulation minutes.**

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(12) Coaches – Scott Bay – Gave an update on the Committee. Question was raised about the cost of the coaches certification. Scott said that is being reviewed. **MSA the minutes of Coaches Committee.**

(13) Registration – Leo Letendre – Asked all registrars in the House of Delegates to stand and be recognized. Tom Moore – Minnesota asked about the club fee. Leo said we are in a two year cycle. **MSA to approve the Registration minutes.**

(14) LMSC Development Committee – Paige Buehler– Gave credit to Rick Noeth from Iowa for all he efforts. Tom Moore - Minnesota gave kudos to the committee and the breakout session held on Saturday. – **MSA the minutes of LMSC Development Committee.**

(15) **Swimming Saves Lives/Endowment Fund** – Jeff Moxie – **MSA to approve the Swimming Saves Lives report.**

(16) Open Water – Lynn Hazlewood thanked all the Open Water committee members. - **MSA the minutes of the Open Water committee.**

(17) Long Distance Committee – Donn Livoni - presented to the House of Delegates and gave an overview over the past years highlights of the committee. The 2014 winners will be published in the Long Distance minutes as well as the USMS website. Long Distance committee will be working with the Board of Director to work on open surcharge for events. Donn Livoni reads the proposed Rule Changes for the Long Distance committee and asked the House of Delegates if there are any items to pull from the report. Nancy Ridout pulls LD27 for discussion. Donn Livoni asked for motion to approve minutes of Long Distance not pulled. **MSA the minutes of Long Distance Committee.** Nancy Ridout speaks to LD27. Heather Hagadorn – Colorado spoke to the rule 303.3 and why the committee did not address. Rob C –Georgia. Rob C makes motion to approve recommendation of committee. Seconded. **MSA - LD27.**

Donn Livoni **MSA – to approved LD 13, LD 47 and LD 74.**

Mike Heather – SPMA speaks to LD16, and asks is their a lower temperature limit. Donn said the committee is not going to consider that subject at this time. Jane Moore – PNA agrees with the temperature, but not the combined air and water temperate. She feels their needs to be a minimum. Jane Moore makes motion to remove section B of LD 16, and approve section LD 16 A only. **MSA to approve the amendment to LD 16.** Jim Miller – Virginia said we should consider keeping the lower limit of 61 degrees Fahrenheit. Jim Miller makes motion to put in the lower limit of 61 degrees Fahrenheit. John Traynor seconded. Carolyn Boak said that some part of the country the water does not get warm enough. Glenda Carroll was opposed. Jessica Stokes NE was against this because events may not to be sanctioned due to water limits. **MSF on LD 16A.** Rob C would like to strike the word air through housekeeping. Meg Smath mentioned that since 16B does not exist that 16 A should just be 16. Donn Livoni read the amendment. Phil Whitten – Arizona asked does this account for the entire course. Rob C – Georgia said that needs to

be in a Policy document not into Code. **MSA on LD16.** Susan Ehringer-KY asked on LD24, if that leaving out the word paddler was indented. Meg Smath-KY seconded. Chair ruled that the amendment is out of order and because LD27 passed, taking the word paddler out would be housekeeping. Lucy Johnson SPMA was against the rule because it difficult to obtain paddlers. Heather Hagadorn Colorado said that this housekeeping. Lucy Johnson – feels there is a substantial change to the rule. Sean Fitzgerald –GA agreed with Lucy that this is change in the rule book. Sally Dillon PNA – made point of clarity. Carolyn Boak Gulf said that changing the word from each to any does change the meaning. Robin Tracy North Dakota spoke to the issue. Bruce Hopson Ozark said this is an all or nothing proposition. Jessica Stokes NE said this come downs to the term escort craft. Dan Wegner SPMA asked about special needs swimmers and will this now require all. Ed Tsuzuki – NJ makes amendment to having wording escort the last swimmer by position and handicap swimmer. Tyler Blessing- SOTX seconded. Sally Dillon compares LD24 and LD 27 and the first line should be changed from each to read any. Hugh Moore PNA recommends that we defeat the amendment and then the legislation committee can review. Lynn Hazelwood PV reminded that there is a handicap clause in the rule book. Gail Dummer - MI said we should use the word special needs. Ed accepts wording change to the amendment to remove the term disabled swimmer. Chair Donn Livoni read the new amendment, In any event for which it has been arranged that an escort craft will accompany any swimmer throughout the event except when an escort craft is assigned to accompany the last place swimmer throughout the event then all swimmers shall accompanied by such an escort craft. Matt Hooper - FGC said there are races that have escorts for safety purposes. David Diehl PV makes motion to send LD24 back to committee for clarification. Erin Mathews MD seconded. Tom Boak asked for point of information regarding the timing of when the amendment would bring this back to the House. Chair Donn Livoni puts the house at ease to review the point of order. Dave Diehl accepted a motion to table LD24 until can be discussed by committee before end of the session of the House of Delegates. John Traynor-IL seconded. **MSF of amendment of LD24 by 2/3rds vote.** Susan Ehringer KY calls the question on the amendment. MSA on the Question and vote was called on the amendment. The amendment to LD24 MSF. Erin Mathews – PV makes new amendment to LD24. The new language reads as follows; It shall be up to the discretion of the event coordinator to allow for an arrange escort craft to accompany any swimmer or stationed along the course for safety purposes. David Wendroks –MD seconded. Question is called and seconded. MSA on the question. **MSF on the amendment to LD24.** Erin Sullivan calls the question on LD24 as presented. Seconded. MSA on the question. **MSF of LD24.**

MSA the minutes of the Long Distance committee meeting minutes. Housekeeping items from Long Distance Committee – Donn Livoni spoke to the housekeeping item MSA item concerning the fifteen dollar surcharge moving from the narrative to the Motions passed. **MSA to move motion of surcharge item to MSA section. MSA- to approve the Long Distance Committee minutes as amended.**

Michael Moore Chair of the Ad Hoc Election committee gives the result from the contested elections; Southwest Zone At Large Director is Phil Whitten. The FINA Technical Representative will be Mel Goldstein.

(18) Rules Committee – Kathy Casey presented to the House of Delegates and gave an overview over the past years highlights of the committee. Kathy gave an overview of the packet layout as presented to the House of Delegates. Mike Heather SPMA moves to approve the Recommendation for Adoption. Jeanne Ensign second. Rob C moves to table adoption. Sean Fitzgerald second.

Kathy Casey reads the Rules Committee Recommended For Adoption report and asked the House of Delegates if there are any items to pull from the report. Tom Boak pulls R60 and R 61. Tom Boak speaks to the two pulled items. Tom makes friendly amendment to 104.4.2. Jeff Roddin Chair of Championship Committee accepts friendly amendment. **MSA to approve R60. MSA to approve R61 as amended. MSA move to approve the Recommendation for Adoption.**

Kathy Casey reads the Rules Committee Recommended As Amended report and asked the House of Delegates if there are any items to pull from the report. Christine Frederic - Southern pulls R16. Jeff Roddin pulls R6. Tom Boak pulled R59. Pulled R83. Leanne C make motion to approve items in the packet not pulled. Sally Dillon seconded. **MSA to approve Recommended As Amended report for items not pulled.** Jeff Roddin spoke to R6. MSA to approve R6 as amended. Chris asked for clarification on what does the term deck means. Kathy Casey said the gutter would have to count as the edge. Ginger asked for clarity on swimmers in the water. Michael Moore – Pacific makes motion to change the word should to must in R16 ~101.1.1. Erin Sullivan seconded. Leo Letendre - CT believes that the word should is correct. Leo withdraws his motion. Susan Ingrahm – SOTX ask for clarity regarding the term of starting deck. Kathy said she will write an interpretation. **MSA – to approve R16 as amended.** Tom Boak spoke to R59. **MSA – to approve R59 as amended.** Nancy Ridout – Pacific spoke to R83. Jim Wheeler Pacific spoke to the issue as temperature for safety purposes. Laura Val-Pacific believes the 6 degree difference to large. Robin Tracy mentioned some facilities can not regulate temperature. Mike H SPMA moves to approve R83 as presented. Seconded. Joanne Wainwright Alaska suggested that the meet host could present this in their entry information.

Kathy Casey read the USA Swimming Amendment that affect USMS rules report and asked the House of Delegates if there are any items to pull from the report. **MSA move to accept the Rule Committee recommendations of the USA Swimming Amendment that affect USMS rules. MSA- to approve the report of the Rules Committee.**

(19) Compensation and Benefits Committee – Sarah Welch - **MSA the minutes of the Compensation and Benefits Committee.**

(20) Finance Committee – Homer Lane gave his report on the budget along with a presentation, which will be added to the website for review. The Finance Committee has reviewed the details of the budget and the high level updates from the Financial Operating Guidelines presenting them to the House of Delegates for approval.

Homer Lane reads the 2013 Budget report and asked the House of Delegates if there are any items to pull from the report. Marcia Anziano Colorado pulls 5320. Marcia asked about the Go the Distance Program budget. Susan Kuhlman Controller said that the Corporate sponsor, therefore a Gift in Kind. Jeanne Ensign PNA move to approve the Budget as presented. **MSA to approve the 2013 Budget as presented. MSA the minutes of the Finance Committee.** Homer recognized

President Nadine Day conducted her closing remarks to the House of Delegates.

Bill Tingley makes motion to adjourn the 2012 House of Delegates. Jim Wheeler Pacific seconded. The House of Delegates adjourned at 5:25 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted by:

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USMS Secretary