

## United States Masters Swimming House of Delegates - all sessions

### USAS Convention-Atlanta, Georgia September 22-24, 2016

**Thursday, September 22, 8:35 a.m. EDT**

President **Patty Miller** called the 2016 House of Delegates to order at 8:35 a.m. EDT. Secretary Chris Colburn deferred roll call for delegates to a later time.

**Parliamentarian's report. Bill Tingley**, Parliamentarian, solicits a motion to accept the Standing Rules of the 2016 House of Delegates. **Moved, seconded, and accepted (MSA) to accept the Standing Rules.**

**Patty Miller** welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting, and identified the guests of the President for the duration of Convention per the Standing Rules: Bill Brenner, Kyle Deery, Rowdy Gaines, Tracy Grilli, Laura Hamel, Dawson Hughes, Susan Kuhlman, Anna Lea Matysek, and Jim Matysek. Patty provided a roadmap of Convention activities, and informed the House about the activities of the past year, including the CEO search.

**CEO's Address** - Patty introduced Dawson Hughes, CEO, and thanked Bill Brenner, who served as our interim CEO between Rob Butcher's departure and Dawson's coming on board. Patty thanked the CEO Task force for their work in selecting Dawson for this position. The **CEO's Welcome Address** will be posted in the Minutes section of the USMS website.

**Chris Colburn**, Secretary, accepted the list of certified delegates, and announced the roll of those who have not yet registered.

**Elections:** Secretary Chris Colburn recognized **Cheryl Gettelfinger**, Chair of the Ad-Hoc Elections Committee. Cheryl explained the Elections procedure for the election of At-Large Directors. Cheryl then presented the existing slate of officers. Cheryl opened the floor for nominations for At-Large Director for the Breadbasket Zone. There were no floor nominations. Cheryl closed the floor to nominations for the Breadbasket Director, and opened the floor for nominations for the At-Large Director for the Colonies Zone. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the Colonies Zone Director, and opened the floor for nominations for the At-Large Director for the Dixie Zone. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the Dixie Zone Director, and opened the floor for nominations for the At-Large Director for the Great Lakes Zone. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the Great Lakes Zone Director, and opened the floor for nominations for the At-Large Director for the Northwest Zone. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the Northwest Zone Director, and opened the floor for nominations for the At-Large Director for the Oceana Zone. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the Oceana Zone Director, and opened the floor for nominations for the At-Large Director for the South Central Zone. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the South Central Zone Director, and opened nominations for the At-Large Director for the Southwest Zone. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for all positions. After candidate endorsements are made in the Zone meetings, the Meet the Candidates forum will be held during HOD2 at 5pm EDT.

**Patty Miller** introduced **Tracy Grilli**, Convention Coordinator, who made some announcements regarding Convention logistics, Hospitality, and Dryland Workouts.

**Charlie Cockrell** (VA) made an announcement inviting people to the Rules Committee meeting this afternoon at 3:30. Charlie also provided a synopsis of the proposals that will be covered at each Rules Committee meeting.

**Donn Livoni** (PC) invited delegates to the Long Distance Committee meetings, and gave an overview of the items they will be covering.

**Ed Tsuzuki** (NJ) reminded those going to the new Delegate Luncheon of some logistics.

**Patty** introduced the USMS Executive Committee to the House.

The House recessed at 9:24am EDT.

### **September 22, 2015 5pm EDT**

President **Patty Miller** reconvened House of Delegates at 5pm EDT.

Patty recognized **Chris Colburn**, Secretary, who read the roll of unregistered delegates.

Patty recognized **Nancy Ridout**, who was given the **Women in Swimming Award** at the **Women in Aquatics Breakfast** this morning. Patty then recognized **Mel Goldstein**, who recognized and thanked **Tracy Grilli** for her 20 years of dedicated service as a USMS staff member.

Patty recognized **Cheryl Gettelfinger**, who introduced the Meet the Candidates Forum, moderated by **Susan Ehringer**. The Breadbasket Zone endorsed both candidates running for office (Tom Moore and Lori Payne). The Colonies Zone endorsed David Diehl. The Dixie Zone endorsed both candidates running for office (Rob Copeland and Greta VanMeteren). The Great Lakes Zone endorsed Dan Cox. The Northwest Zone endorsed Sarah Welch. The Oceana Zone endorsed Leianne Crittenden. The South Central Zone endorsed Ed Coates. The Southwest Zone endorsed Laura Winslow. The forum then continued with statements from the candidates followed by a question and answer session.

Elections for contested positions will take place Friday at 2:30pm EDT following the Remembrance. **Dave Diehl (Colonies), Dan Cox (Great Lakes), Ed Coates (South Central), Leianne Crittenden (Oceana), and Laura Winslow (Southwest) were elected At-Large Directors for their respective zones by acclamation.** *Secretary's note: the results of the contested elections are located in the next HOD session.*

Patty recognized **Jill Gellatly** and **Dawson Hughes**, who gave a presentation on the updated Strategic Plan. Patty gave a summary of the Strategic Plan implementation as it pertains to reaching out to LMSCs. The updated Strategic Plan will be posted on the USMS website.

The House was recessed at 6:46pm EDT.

### **September 23, 2016 2:33pm EDT**

**Patty Miller** reconvened the House at 2:33pm EDT.

**Chris Colburn**, Secretary, read the final roll of unregistered delegates before the election.

Patty recognized **Jeff Moxie** and **Maria Elias-Williams**, who read the **Remembrance** of those USMS members who passed away in the previous year.

Patty recognized **Cheryl Gettelfinger**, who ran the election. **Chris Colburn**, Secretary, read the roll call for all delegates who submitted ballots.

Patty recognized **Sally Dillon** who introduced the service award presentations.

**Sally Dillon** presented **Nadine Day** (IN) with her Ransom Arthur Award pin.

**Ed Tsuzuki** read **Hill Carrow's** poem celebrating the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award winners. The award winners are posted on the USMS website.

Patty recognized **Kerry O'Brien**, who announced the Kerry O'Brien Coaching Award winners. The award winners are posted on the USMS website.

Patty recognized **Nancy Ridout**, who presented the **2016 June Krauser Communications Award to Karlene Denby** (GU).

Patty recognized **Bob Bruce**, Open Water Committee Chair, who presented the **2016 Open Water Service Award** to **Dick Sidner** (IN).

Patty recognized **Jeff Roddin**, Championship Committee Chair, who presented the **2016 Championship Meets Award** to **Don Gilchrist** (NC).

Patty recognized **Ray Novitske**, Recognition and Awards Committee Chair, who presented the **2016 Club of the Year Award** to **Palmetto Masters** (SC).

Patty recognized **Laura Hamel**, who presented the **2016 Ted Haartz Staff Appreciation Award** to **Dr. Jim Miller** (VA).

Patty thanked the Recognition and Awards Committee for all the hard work they do to recognize our volunteers.

Patty recognized **Paige Buehler**, who thanked everyone who came to the workshops; asked delegates to fill out the evaluations of the workshops; and thanked all the workshop presenters.

Patty recognized the chairs of the Rules, Legislation, and Long Distance Committees, who led the forums for their respective proposals.

**Charlie Cockrell**, Rules Committee Chair, led the Rules forum. Rules proposals are posted in the Minutes Section of the USMS website.

Patty interrupted the forum to recognize **Cheryl Gettelfinger**, who reported the **results of the contested elections**. The new **At-Large Director for the Breadbasket Zone** is **Tom Moore**. The new **At-Large Director for the Dixie Zone** is **Rob Copeland**. **MSA to destroy the ballots**.

**Donn Livoni**, Chair of the Long Distance Committee, and **Bob Bruce**, Chair of the Open Water Committee, led the Long Distance Rules Forum. Long Distance Proposals are posted in the Minutes Section of the USMS website.

**Meg Smath**, Chair of the Legislation Committee, led the Legislation Forum. Legislation Proposals are posted in the Minutes Section of the USMS website.

The House was recessed at 4:43pm EDT.

**September 24, 2016 8:05am EDT**

**Patty Miller** recalled the House to order, and gave the House an overview of the morning's activities.

Patty gave some background on USMS's support of the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

**Dawson Hughes** made an announcement about the **Swimming Saves Lives Foundation Goggle Drive**.

Patty introduced the **Committee Reports**.

**Officials (Brian Albright)**: Brian gave an overview of the committee activities. **MSA to approve the report of the Officials Committee**.

**Fitness Education (Mary Jurey):** Mary gave an overview of the committee and its activities. **MSA to accept the report of the Fitness Education Committee.**

**History and Archives (Barbara Dunbar):** Barbara provided an overview of the committee's activities and projects this year. **MSA to accept the report of the History and Archives Committee.**

**Sports Medicine and Science (Megan Carlson):** Meg provided an overview of the committee's activities. This included a summary of the Sports Medicine presentation, and the booths at both pool National Championship events. **MSA to accept the report of the Sports Medicine and Science Committee.** **Nadine Day** provided clarification that the Board would review the updated **USMS Transgender Policy** that was mentioned in the Sports Medicine minutes.

Patty congratulated the first-time committee chairs for their work this year.

**LMSC Development (Paige Buehler):** Paige provided an overview of the committee's activities. The group reviewed and updated LMSC Standards, and updated the content for the Conflict of Interest workshop. The committee put together 7 workshops plus speed dating for Convention. Chris Stevenson asked Paige where the latest LMSC Standards document could be found on the website. **MSA to accept the report of the LMSC Development Committee.**

**Registration (Leo Letendre):** Leo provided a brief summary of the committee's activities this year. **MSA to accept the report of the Registration Committee.**

**Open Water (Bob Bruce):** Bob provided an overview of the committee's projects and activities. **MSA to accept the report of the Open Water Committee.**

**Coaches (Bob Jennings):** Bob provided an overview of the year's activities. There were 7 nominees for the USMS Coach of the Year Award. **MSA to accept the report of the Coaches Committee.**

Patty recognized **Susan Kuhlman**, CFO, and **Jeanne Ensign**, Finance Committee Chair, who gave a presentation on the highlights of the **2017 Proposed Budget**. During the presentation on the College Club initiative, Patty introduced the two members of the House in attendance from college clubs. Questions included the rationale for stroke clinics by the Education division; the long-range view of revenue from open water sanction fees and other fees; the trends of net assets and reserves.

A motion was made and seconded to introduce a recognized event fee of \$100 per recognized event, to be charged to the LMSC issuing the recognition. Discussion included the merits of the fee and how it affects the membership. **Moved, seconded, and failed (MSF) to amend the fee to \$25.** A motion was made seconded to **amend the motion to establish the new fee striking "of \$100," with the amount to be determined during the budget process.** There was a question as to why this was presented to the House outside the Budget process, and **Meg Smath**, Legislation Committee Chair, clarified that there were items in the Rule Book that are in conflict. **MSA to pass the amendment.** Question is called. **MSA to call the question. Motion passed as amended 131-113. MSA to reconsider the motion. MSA to amend "approved application for a" to the previously passed motion. MSA to approve the original motion as amended: "We propose a Recognized Event Fee per approved application for a recognized event, to be charged to the LMSC issuing the recognition, the amount to be determined during the budget process."**

The House recessed at 9:55am.

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 1:37pm EDT**

President **Patty Miller** recalled the House at 1:37pm, and gave an overview of the activities for the session.

**Championship (Jeff Roddin):** Jeff gave an overview of the Championship Committee and its activities,

and introduced the committee members to the House of Delegates. One important development is that the Championship Committee did not award 2018 Summer Nationals to support the Board recommendation to support fully the 2018 Pan Am Championships in Orlando. Michael Heather asked a question about changing entry times during the entry period for Nationals. **MSA to accept the report of the Championship Committee.**

Patty introduced **Rowdy Gaines**, who gave a presentation about the **2018 UANA Masters Pan American Championships** in Orlando. Swimming events will be held 7/28-8/3/2018. Swimmers in the 18-24 age group will have the opportunity to compete in the meet, but will not be eligible for FINA recognition per FINA rules.

**Recognition and Awards (Ray Novitske):** Ray introduced the members of the committee, and gave an overview of the committee's activities over the past year. Ray congratulated our IMSHOF nominees, all of whom have been accepted in the last three years of nominations. Ray introduced **Sally Dillon**, Vice Chair, who presented a list of names of Ransom Arthur recipients for whom USMS needs a head shot:

Joan Smith 2000  
Richard Smith 2000  
Mary Lee Watson 1995  
Jack Geoghegan 1990  
John Spannuth 1988  
Ross Wales 1987  
Bob Beach 1986  
Reg Richardson 1984

Cindy Baxter 1981  
Ed Reed Sr. 1980  
Enid Urich 1980  
Zada Taft 1979  
Ham Anderson 1978  
Mildred Anderson 1978  
Paul Hutingner 1977  
Hal Onusseit 1975

*Secretary's note: Sally also provided a request for improved photos for the following individuals:*

*Barry Fasbender 2008*

*Jeanne Ensign 2007*

*Carolyn Boak 2001*

Next, Sally made a presentation introducing USMS swag that can be purchased to recognize and reward local volunteers. Following her presentation, Sally thanked **Kyle Deery** for his help with these items. Ray asked if there were other questions. **MSA to accept the report of the Recognition and Awards Committee.**

**Records and Tabulations (Jeanne Seidler):** Jeanne gave the House an overview of the Committee and its activities. Jeanne recognized **Mary Beth Windrath**, the National Swims Administrator. Mary Beth is also the National Records Administrator, replacing **Walt Reid**, who retired from the position after 32 years. The House recognized Walt for his work. **MSA to accept the report of the Records and Tabulations Committee.**

Patty also recognized **Walt Reid** for his extraordinary service as National Records and Top Ten Administrator, and informed the House that the Board officially commended Walt at the Summer Board Meeting for his work.

Patty asked for a round of applause for the standing committees and the work they have done this year. Patty then introduced the committees who have items requiring action by the House.

**Rules (Charlie Cockrell):** First, Charlie introduced the items recommended to be accepted by the House. Pulled for discussion was R-15. **MSA to approve all items as amended by the Rules Committee except R-15.** Motioned and seconded (MS) to approve R-15. **MSA to amend R-15 to insert "valid" in all respective items as written in the final version of the document as well as the table. MSA to approve R-15 as amended.** Charlie explained that R-27 is an indivisible package as agreed by the Rules and Legislation Committees. MS to accept the recommendation of the Rules Committee regarding R-27. Discussion ensued on the complicated nature of the current rule, and the concept that accepting the FINA Measurement Standard would be a step back from our current standard. **MSA to call the question.** Charlie

explained to the House the mechanics of the vote. **MSA to accept the Rules Committee recommendation and reject the amendment on R-27.** Next, Charlie introduced the USA Swimming Rules Changes that Affect USMS (posted in the Minutes Section of the USMS website). **MSA to accept the Committee Recommendation on U-1. MSA to accept the Committee's recommendation on U-2.** Charlie summarized the other activities of the committee from the past year, as well as some projects coming up after Convention. **MSA to accept the report of the Rules Committee.** Paige Buehler asked when the change in the maximum number of events was effective, and Charlie indicated that the effective date will be January 1, 2017.

**Long Distance Rules (Donn Livoni):** Donn thanked the Committee and the staff who helped the committee with their work this year. Donn announced the hosts of the Open Water National Championships and Postal events for 2017. Donn introduced the Long Distance Rules recommended for acceptance. Pulled for discussion was LD 5. **MSA to approve the recommended proposals that were not pulled.** Discussion continued on LD 5. Discussion centered around the advantages or disadvantages of the timing of age determination. **MSA to call the question. MSA to approve LD 5a.** Next, Donn introduced the items recommended as amended by the House. Pulled for discussion were LD 7, LD 35, and LD 68. **MSA to approve LD 32 and 35 as presented.** MS to approve LD 7. Discussion continued. **MSA to call the question. MSA to accept the proposed amendment to LD 7. MSF to amend LD 7 to change "should" to "shall" in the first sentence of 302.2.1 C. MSA to replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence in 302.2.1 C. MSA to adopt LD 7 as amended. MSA to approve LD 25 as amended. MSA to approve LD 68 as amended.** Next, Donn introduced Housekeeping proposals. No items were pulled for discussion. **MSA to approve all Housekeeping proposals. MSA to approve the report and minutes of the Long Distance Committee.**

**Legislation Proposals (Meg Smath):** Meg introduced the legislation proposals to be approved as written. **MSA to approve the proposals as amended.** Next are the proposals to be recommended as amended. No items were pulled. **MSA to approve the Committee's recommendations as amended. MSA to approve the minutes and report of the Legislation Committee.**

**Budget (Jeanne Ensign):** Jeanne presented the Budget (the proposed and approved budgets are available in the Minutes section of the USMS website). Line Items 4020, 4025, 4060, 4150, 4325, 4335, 5900, and 5135 were pulled for discussion. **MSA to approve the line items that were not pulled.** Discussion continued on Line Item 4020. Club fee increase to \$41 still means that USMS covers a loss of \$22/club/year for the services the National Office provides based on current spending. **MSF to amend the fee in 4020 to \$35 per club. MSA to accept 4020 as presented in the Budget. MSA to approve Line Item 4025.** Discussion continued on Line Item 4060. **MSF to reduce the One-Event Fee from \$25 to \$10.** MS to approve Line Item 4060 as presented. **MSA to reduce the One-Event Fee from \$25 to \$15. MSA to approve Line Item 4060 as amended. MSA to approve Line Item 4150 as presented.** MS to approve Line Item 4325. Discussion continued on Line 4325. **MSF to amend Line 4325 to rescind the \$5 fee. MSA to approve 4325 as presented.** Discussion continued on line item 4335. MS to change the recognized events fee from \$100 to \$25. **MSA to call the question. MSF to amend the fee. MSA by a vote of 119-112 MSA to approve Line Item 4335 as presented.** Discussion continued on line item 5900. **MSA to approve Line Item 5900 as presented. MSA to approve 5135 as presented. MSA to approve the Budget in its entirety as amended on the floor.**

Patty led the House in a feedback session on the Convention, including what we did well, what we can do better, and what we might want to change. Patty commended the House of Delegates on their engagement.

**MSA to adjourn the 2016 House of Delegates of U.S. Masters Swimming.** The House concluded its business at 5:03pm EDT.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Colburn, Secretary**