

USMS Officials Committee 2018/19

Committee Name:	Officials Committee	Session #:	9	Report#:	9
Committee Chair:	Teri White	Vice Chair:	Herb Schwab		
Minutes recorded by:	Teri White	Date/time of meeting:	11/20/18 5:30 PM PST		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 8	Absent: 3	Number of other delegates present: 2
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Herb Schwab (Vice Chair), Michael Abegg, Virgil Chancy, Omar de Armas, Judy Gillies, Steven Goldman, Chris Lysinger, Ex-Officio: Donn Livoni (Vice President), Onshalee Promchitmart (USMS),		
Committee Members Absent: Pat Baker, Dave Coddington, Ailna de Armas, Casey Keiber (USMS), Jim Holcomb (Ex-officio),		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM EST. Minutes of 9/26/18 meeting at Convention already approved via email and posted.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** As discussed at the Convention meeting, the USMS supplemental test developed for the Referee program will be implemented for all USMS officials – at the S&T level instead of only at the Referee level. Teri circulated an updated “Officials Certification Process” page for all to review, to be posted on the website by 1/1/19. The Referee Guide is also to be sent to Jessica for posting as a Reference document. The USMS testing site is now owned by us and we will get an automatic email every time someone takes the test. That email address is Officialscertification@gmail.com. Teri to communicate with the LMSC Officials Chairs on the new program by implementation date. We appear to be “good to go” for 1/1/19 for the Referee program.

The National Office is now mailing all new officials a “certificate” and mini rule book. Feedback is that they are impressive and appreciated! Also agree that all Referees will receive a USMS Officials name tag from the Committee.

2. **Officials Award.** How to generate more nominations for next year? Include on “Blast emails” for each National Championship meet suggested, deadline 7/1 of each year. Teri to include on the Spring SCY Championship for Mesa.
3. **USMS Officials website.** Reviews have been mostly completed but not yet submitted to Jessica for posting. Teri to submit Referee / Certification program updates.
4. **College Club Swimming.** Steven reported on a Regional CCS meet he attended in Florida. Adequate support from local swimming (thanks to Steven!). There was confusion on communications to the officials on length of sessions, and issues with all volunteers receiving water and refreshments. How do we help the organizers understand Meet planning/hosting? Onshalee heavily involved with CCS and will facilitate this communication going forward.
5. **Peer-to-Peer:** Call scheduled for 2/12/19 at 5:30 PST, all welcomed to join.

6. **New Business item** – Teri thanked the Committee for its hard work this past year on many different projects, but especially our Referee Certification program. Some people could be leaving the Committee (2019 appointments by the end of the year) and she wanted everyone to know that their efforts were appreciated.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year / New Business

1. **Certification Program / Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs:**
 - The PowerPoint presentations for S&T and Starter to be posted on our site.
 - Facebook page for USMS Officials. Convention attendees very interested in a FB page where they could elicit help for swim meets, connect with people, etc. National Office would develop the site, audience limited to Officials, Committee would monitor and answer questions. See as integral tool for the Certification Program.
 - Listing of certified officials sorted by LMSCs to help Meet Directors find qualified officials.
2. **National Championship meet support:**
 - Mesa and Mission Viejo meets need Applications to Officiate, Teri to do Mesa app by end of year. 2019 Hosts are working on Officials blocks of rooms at very good rates.
 - Committee support of the College Club Meet this year in Ohio on small scale to see what help is needed as meet has moved to a new location after 10 years at Georgia Tech. Teri has applied and is working through Onshalee for contact with the Meet Referee.
 - Judy proposed that the National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM need officiating help (6/17-20/2019). Teri and Judy plan to attend to support.
3. **USMS Officials website review:** Work group to continue analyzing for content. Updated content high priority for new Committee.
4. **Officials Credentials Card** – Open Water interested in putting their certifications on our Officials Credentials cards, discussion ongoing and may need National Office support. Dialogue at Convention did not produce any concrete results, at this time we will be moving forward without Open Water.
5. **FINA World Championships 2019 South Korea:** Dave Coddington created a Survey Monkey Application to Officiate for the meet, sent to all LMSC Officials Chairs and Committee members. Applications due by 12/31/18. Evaluation of applications and nomination of candidates to USMS President by January.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM PST. Next meeting 1/8/2019 5:30 PM PST