

USMS Officials Committee 2019/20

Committee Name:	Officials Committee	Session #:	1	Report#:	6
Committee Chair:	Teri White	Vice Chair:	Mike Abegg		
Minutes recorded by:	Teri White	Date/time of meeting:	8/21/2019 5:30 PM PST		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: Absent: 3 **Number of other delegates present:** 2
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Michael Abegg (Vice Chair), Jerrilynn Bayless, Alina de Armas, Omar de Armas, John King, Diana LaMar, David Watterson, Marie Vellucci,

Ex-Officio: Donn Livoni (Vice President), Onshalee Promchitmart

Committee Members Absent: Judy Gillies, Steven Goldman, Herb Schwab

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM EST. Minutes of 7/9/19 meeting approved.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** To date: 149 total, 81 Starters, 17 Referees (30% also have current USA credentials)
2. **Championship meets:**
 - **Summer Championships:** 8/7-11/2019 Mission Viejo Summer Championships, – Omar reported: Overall great experience, excellent review comments from athletes. Attending officials were accommodating and helpful with good enthusiasm for the event. 1374 swimmers / 5100 splashes, 9 hr days plus 13 hrs on Sat. The meet had 11% NS's, 49 Records broken, 97 DQ's (2%), no relay-takeoff pads. Thirty-two officials with 6 USMS-only officials. Of this 22 were local which is excellent. Onshalee reported smooth from NO standpoint. Diana recommends adopting the FINA practice that if you don't make the QT you get a NT. Teri will pass this along to Championship.
 - **2019 FINA Masters World Championships:** Teri reported: 8 Days competition, 10-12 hr days (Officials teams so there were breaks but at the pool all day), 5 ITOs, 90 local officials, 10 lane pool, 3000 athletes, 9000 splashes, one pool. Amazing facility and swimming with 18 World Records and 80 Championship Records. Athletes aged from 25-94 with only a couple in-water starts. Very hot and humid and language (both reading and spoken) was an issue, but high excitement amongst all the athletes. This experience mirrored our USMS Championships in terms of day length and stamina needed, something to consider when requesting applications for next World Championships.
 - **2020 Pan American meet** – Diana asked if USMS / FINA will ask for ITO's. She is going and happy to officiate. Teri spoke with Mel Goldstein about this in Gwangju, he reported UANA Masters is not organized on this issue and doubts that there are funds available to support ITOs, but it is the direction they hope to eventually take. No doubt they would welcome Diana's support if offered.

- **College Club Swimming.** Onshalee reported that there are three Regional meets in October-November that could use help. Auburn, Maryland and Indiana. CollegeClubSwimming.com will have details.
- **National Sr Games:** Judy & Herb not on the call, table for next meeting on report.
- **USMS Officials Award:** Teri reported: we chose our candidate (name withheld from minutes pending presentation at Convention), a clear winner. Award ordered from Hasty, Teri will bring to Convention. Award ceremony is Saturday morning (Teri Confirming), Teri will present, all requested to attend if possible.
- **USMS Officials website.** USMS Officials website (Work Group) report - Mike reported on his submitted documents, housekeeping items, updated DQ slip, updated links, LMSC Officials Standards, Dave to draft S&T Role and present by 9/1/19. Judy & Mike reviewing FAQ's. John will review the Staffing & Deck Sets. Mike & Dave will enhance OW descriptions/links and add to our Certification page. MAS for all updates (motion below). Mike – well done! Diana reminded Appendix B Language needs to be here, Teri to provide to Mike.

Requested Committee Actions: MAS

1. Approve new web page layout and link renaming
2. Approve updated pages including:
 - Officials' Briefing
 - List of Officials
 - Lap Counting Sheets
 - USMS Required Officials Differences between USMS and other bodies
 - DQ Slip
 - LMSC Standards for Officials' Chairs
3. Authorize creating/updating the following pages to reflect current rule book and practice: Officiating Masters Swimming presentation document
Stroke and Turn Roles and Responsibilities
Meet Situations Staffing and Deck Sets
4. Authorize moving Open Water Referee information to Certification page and update Certification page to include a description of the Open Water program and links to training and test materials.

New Business:

1. **Convention Workshop:** "Developing Officials in your LMSC" Teri to revisit last year's program and update for review by Committee. Friday 9/13 9:30 Regency CD
2. **Convention – attending?** Business meeting Thursday 9/12/19. 2:00 Regency F. Attending: Teri, Mike, Judy, John, Jerrilynn, Omar & Alina, Diana, Marie
3. Alina reported that SPMS removed Sanctioning (after the meet) for Senior Games due to lack of certified officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM PST. Next meeting 9/13/19, 9:30 AM (Convention)
