

Streamlines... from the National Office

Greetings... from the Executive Secretary

Hello to everyone!

I hope you are all doing well and are ready for the USMS Registration Year 2000! As you will see from the following pages, there is a lot of activity going with USMS!!! The purpose of this newsletter is to get important information out to you (LMSC Chairmen, Registrars, and Editors), who in turn get it out to our membership.

As you read through **Things To Do...** on page 2 you will see that we have a new USMS SWIM Magazine Editor – Bill Volckening. Congratulations Bill and thank you Susan Ludwig (page 7) good work as our Editor over the past 2 years!

Also at the USMS Convention, Ginger Pierson was appointed as Chair of the ISHOF Nominating Committee, replacing Tom Boak. Good luck Ginger and thank you Tom!

And as you know, stepping down after 9 years of service as our National Registrar is Bill and Diane Black (page 5). Thank you Diane and Bill – you are just a phone call away, right?

Back to **Things To Do...**

Meg Smath, USMS Rule Book Editor is hard at work with her staff in preparing the USMS 2000 Rule Book and Mini Rule Book for print. Full-size rule books will be distributed to the Board of Directors; members of Rules, Long Distance, Legislation, and Rule Book committees; and all registered clubs. Both full and mini rule books will be distributed to all LMSC Registrars. Mini rule books will be sent to the LMSC Officials Chair.

LMSC Handbooks, USMS Directories and the first mailing of the 2000 Rule Book are planned for late December.

Convention was an unbelievable experience again this year - Lots of activity with a tremendous amount of work being accomplished. It's a great opportunity to socialize, meet new and returning LMSC representatives and see how our organization works! Thank you June Krauser for providing us with the convention summary **Masters Swimming for Life** (Pages 3-5).

The National Office is still missing a few 1998 Annual Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports. PLEASE... if your LMSC is listed in **Article 502.7 Records and Record Keeping** (Page 5), you must get that information in ASAP (it was due April 30th).

It's time to update our Promotional Poster. We want your ideas and are having a **USMS Poster Contest**

(Page 5) similar to the one we have for the Rule Book Cover. In the very near future, this advertisement will also be on our website. Deadline for submissions is January 15, 2000.

As of the 2000 registration year, the data entry and maintenance of the USMS database will now become a function of the National Office. Esther Lyman has been hired by USMS to assist me with this process.

Now that registration is part of the duties of the National Office, I thought it would be appropriate to add a section to this newsletter called **Registration News**.

Over the past 6 months we have been "job shadowing" the registration process and have come across two areas that need to be attended to more closely - **Address Changes and Transfers**. This is explained on page 6. **Editors, please post these announcements in your newsletter.** We must keep the swimmers informed!

As I stated earlier, the purpose of this newsletter is to get important information out to you. Well, now I'm asking you to return the favor and send some information to me, **Surveys** (page 7).

I would appreciate responses to both of these questions:

- **What does your LMSC do for Delegate Reimbursements for Convention?**
- **Would you like to receive this newsletter by e-mail?**

Phone, Fax or e-mail messages to me will be fine. Remember - More people who respond = more people who will benefit!

Registrars – you will find in this issue a "corrected" copy of the One Year Membership Application. After Sarah sent it out there were two "tiny" typos found (Murphy's Law). Thank you Emmett!

Well, I guess I have run out of room. Happy Reading!

UNITED AIRLINES
THE OFFICIAL AIRLINE FOR
2000 USMS SC National Championships
Indianapolis, Indiana
APRIL 27 – 30TH

United Airlines is offering discounted airfare to Indianapolis. Call 800-521-4041 and refer to our meet **ID# 583BP** for your discount.

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THINGS TO DO...

This newsletter goes to the Board of Directors as well as the LMSC Chairmen, Editors and Registrars. Listed are all deadlines from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 1999/2000 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org

NOVEMBER ~ 1999

- 1st
- Editorial material due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening) for Jan/Feb issue

- 2nd
- LMSC Registrars send reports to **National Office**
 - President sends Rule Book Appendix E Committees and Chairmen to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath)
 - Executive Secretary sends Appendix E memberships address list to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath)
 - Final copies of Legislation/Long Distance/Rules changes due to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath) from Chairmen (Elin Zander, Sally Dillon and Leo Letendre respectively)

- 9th
- Records and Tabulation Chair (Pieter Cath) sends National Records to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath)

- 15th
- Print Planner & Sponsor inserts for SWIM Magazine (Rich Burns)

- 16th
- Final proof reading of Rule Book due to Rule Book Editor (Meg Smath)

- 23rd
- All camera ready copy and artwork due to Rule Book Printer (Gateway Printing and Graphics)

- 30th
- LMSC 2000 registration forms due to **National Office** from Local Registrars

Other deadlines this month ~

- Minutes of House of Delegates mailed to all who attended the convention (Betsy Durrant)

DECEMBER ~ 1999

- 1st
- Marketing Sponsor packet and Planner layout due to SWIM Magazine

- 2nd
- LMSC Registrars send reports to **National Office**

- 15th
- Mailing labels for 2000 Rule Book due to printer (Executive Secretary) (Board of Directors, LMSC Registrars, LMSC Officials Chairs, members of the Rules, Legislation, Long Distance and Rule Book Committees, registered clubs, sponsors and individual orders)

NOVEMBER, continued

- Convention Committee sends out preliminary room set-up requirement information for 2000 convention to all committee chairs (Michael Heather)

- 20th
- Editorial material due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening) for March/April issue

- 27th
- Mailing of LMSC Handbooks and USMS Directory
 - First mailing of 2000 Rule Books

- 31st
- End of Short Course Meter season
 - End of 1999 Fiscal and Registration years

Other deadlines this month ~

- Finance Committee Chair (Doug Church) sends copies of FOG, the USMS budget, Expense Reimbursement Forms and general instructions for the coming year to all cost center heads
- USMS Secretary (Betsy Durrant) mails Working Calendar and Committee Chairmen Handbook

JANUARY ~ 2000

- 1st
- Coaches' Committee sends National Office, LMSCs, and USMS SWIM Magazine Editor notice regarding USMS "Coach of the Year" nominations
 - Signed contracts for Long Distance National Championship events due to Long Distance Chair (Sally Dillon)

- 2nd
- LMSC Registrars send reports to **National Office**

- 15th
- Room set-up requirements for 2000 Convention due from Committee Chairs to Convention Chair (Michael Heather)

- Coaches Committee Quarterly (CCQ) mailed

- 26th
- LMSC SCM Top Ten Reports due to Top Ten Chair (Pieter Cath)

- 30th
- Open Water Clinic application distributed to clubs and LMSCs

- 31st
- Final requests for reimbursement for 1999 expenses due to the Controller (Suzanne Rague) from all cost center heads

- Deadline for entering the Check Off Challenge fitness event. Swims take place all year, but entry due now. Tracy and David Grilli – 603-537-0203

- Deadline for completing the 1 Hour Postal Championship. Mel Goldstein – 317-253-8289.

Other deadlines this month ~

- Pre-bid packets sent to interested bidders for USMS 2002 SCY & LCM National Championships & 2001 Long Distance Championship events
- Solicitation of information for 2000 Long Distance Calendar

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MASTERS Swimming For Life

Summary of the USMS Convention from June Krauser

USMS CONVENTION - MASTERS *Swimming for life* was the theme of the XX Convention held in San Diego, CA September 15-19, 1999. The Convention is held in conjunction with United States Aquatic Sports and there were over 1300 in attendance - 182 were Masters delegates. We all needed to carry a Property Map of the Town and Country Resort Hotel to help find our meeting rooms and it was a little tough. The convention went very well with only one little 'glitch'.

BREAKOUT GROUPS - At the first House of Delegates meeting we separated into five groups - Fun, Leadership, Communications, Public Relations and LMSC Events. Many interesting suggestions came out of these groups.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE - Surcharge is increased to \$30.00. All swimmers will be required to sign a safety waiver form upon check-in. No copy of USMS card will be required with entry. Meet hosts may eliminate phone call check-in but allow check-in up to the morning of the event. 20% of SC entries and 23% of LC entries were Internet entries. 2001 SCY at Santa Clara, May 17-20 and 2001 LCM at Federal Way, Aug. 16-19. A survey will be made of Top Ten swimmers to help identify possible areas of improvement for Nationals. New designs for the National Championship Patch will be solicited.

COACHES - The Coaches Manual will be available as a PDF file on the USMS website. Will develop a method of registering and identifying coaches and develop a group of LMSC Coach Reps. Still have USMS Mentor Clinics, NIKE Champions Clinics and beginning to offer Open Water clinics. The Victor Olympic Training Center Camp was a huge success and the goal is to run two or three a year. There is a Video Library and a Book Library for rental. The MACA News comes out bi-monthly as an e-mail PDF file. Ron Johnson was the 1999 recipient of the Coach of the Year award. Considering subsidizing three to four coaches to the Munich World Championships and next year studying and developing a proposal for a National Coaching Director.

COMPUTER ON LINE - Technology is moving so fast that everyone should at least have e-mail. Requesting the Executive Committee to draft a privacy statement to place on our web site. Recommend changing the Webmaster position to a contract position. Schedule a web site demonstration for next year. Discontinue offering new personal aliases unless a replacement volunteer can be found. On line database thru Hy-Tek can now be shown on the web site. Missing data on 70% of 3000 All Americans (please help). A registration area is under test that refers the swimmer directly to the LMSC registration web page and a PDF registration form for the LMSC.

CONVENTION - All new delegates should be assigned to the committee. (We need help!) Closing the Hospitality suite during meeting hours next year will depend on the availability of local volunteers.

FINANCE - Cash and cash equivalents as of 9/15/99 are \$785,610. We come out a little ahead each year. Some of the reserves might be used for USMS committee projects, the USMS Endowment Fund or for our insurance reserves. A monthly report will be sent to each registrar as so many are not paid up

FITNESS - Currently there are two USMS Fitness events: The Postal Pentathlon and the Check Off Challenge. New events proposed are the Y2K Triathlon and the USMS 500 Swim. The Fitness Committee Quarterly was renamed Fitness Tips. The goal is to send out four a year to the LMSC Newsletter editors.

INSURANCE - The Policies are extended to 1/1/2001 from various dates. Voted to conditionally approve Foreign Accident coverage. Voted to increase policy liability coverage Director and Officer limits from \$500K to \$1M. Secondary Accident Insurance changes effective 1/1/2000: Deductible now \$100 (was \$250); Reduced from \$.60 to \$.55 per swimmer; \$250 per tooth limit eliminated; Chiropractic and Physical therapy limited to a maximum of \$1,000 each.

1998 INTERNAL AUDIT - Research revealed that the 1998 financial records of the organization are in excellent order. Reimbursements are now being made in a timely manner. Advised sending a monthly report to registrars.

INTERNATIONAL - The USMS Executive Secretary to send letters to venues that might be interested in bidding for the 2002 or 2004 World Masters Championships. We have compiled a list of USMS International Contacts and eventually it will be on our web site. We need an article in Swim Magazine on the starting command procedure and false start rule for International meets. A copy of the entry book for Munich is available from the National Office for \$3.

LEGISLATION - All recognition's shall be signed by the LMSC's authorized representative. Entry forms shall contain the language of the liability release as stated but may be modified by naming the sanctioning LMSC, sponsoring USMS club(s) and/or addition insured(s) following "UNITED STATES MASTERS SWIMMING, INC." The Board of Directors of USMS include: each member of the Executive Committee; Each zone rep; Past presidents; the chairmen of all standing committees; the internal auditor; the controller; and the liaison from USA Swimming. All standing committees have been revised. No final report from this committee as yet.

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LONG DISTANCE - The One Hour Postal Swim set a new record with 1838 swimmers. LMSC's have the option of recognizing events when a sanction is inappropriate. Championship bids selected for 2001:

One Hour Postal	PNA	January
5/10 K Postal	Central Oregon	May 15-Sept
3000/6000 Postal	O*H*I*O*	Sept/Oct
One Mile OW	Empire State	July 14
Two Mile Cable	Greater Ind.	June 23
1-3 Mile OW	Central Oregon	Aug 4
3-6 Mile OW	FGC	April 29
6+ Mile OW	Greater Ind.	Tba

If USMS recognizes an OW event, the USMS swimmers will be fully covered with liability and medical insurance. A non USMS host would not be covered. The 3000/6000 postal swim is restricted to a 25 yard pool.

MARKETING/PUBLICATIONS - The web site has increased our visibility. Please support our sponsors:

ALAMO - Rent a Car; **Destinations** - nations leading hotel discount program; **Earthlink** - pre pay phone card; **Kast-A-Way Swimwear** - swimwear and swimming equipment; **MBNA MasterCard** - USMS Preferred and Gold affinity credit card; **Mindspring** - dial up internet service; **NIKE** - active sportswear; **Speedo** - innovative swim suits, apparel and accessories; **The Victor** - swimwear and training accessories; **TYR** - manufacturer of swimwear and accessories; **Ultra Swim** - hair and skin care products; and **VASA Trainer** - versatile sport-specific conditioning equipment for all sports. There is a proposal to be investigated to produce for TV a health program built around swimming and human interest snippets of individuals. It would be used to market USMS as an organization.

OFFICIALS - All certifying bodies rule differences should be added to our Appendix B. Those bodies include: USA, YMCA, CSOA and NFHS. Rule change information should be added to the MACA Newsletter, SWIM Magazine, and sent to LMSC Official's Chairs. Officials Liaisons are appointed to our Championships.

PLANNING - Suggested that a USMS liaison be appointed to the Senior Games and that the LMSC's need to become more involved to make the quality of these games more consistent. It was recommended that USMS have a booth at the Senior Games in Orlando. Also recommended was that the Committee develop a pre-packaged booth and materials display to be used at a wide range of both aquatic and non-aquatic events.

RECORDS AND TABULATION - The "as of November 1, yyyy" date will be placed on the web listed records. There will be written guidelines for Top 10 recorders to generate their Top 10 submissions. The goal is to limit the number of formats used for submission. Lake Erie LMSC will continue with the USMS Top 10 Patches.

REGISTRATION - The Registration software will be updated with all the changes discussed on one update to be mailed to all Registrars hopefully by the end of Oct. (Single sheet or tractor-fed) cards to be mailed in October. The new forms will be two up because of all the information requested. Registrar's portion of the handbook will be mailed at the beginning of October. Each LMSC registration form will be put on the Internet. Reports will be sent each month detailing the transactions that have occurred during the month. All LMSC's are requested to send registration website links or paper forms to Craig Campesi as soon as possible to facilitate registration through the USMS website. **ALL 1999 BUSINESS GOES TO THE BLACKS - ALL 2000 BUSINESS GOES TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE!**

RULE BOOK - Full-size rule books will be distributed to the Board of Directors; members of Rules, Long Distance, Legislation, and Rule Book Committees; and all registered USMS clubs. Both full and mini-rule books will be distributed to all LMSC registrars. Mini-rule books will be sent to the LMSC Officials Chairmen. Let clubs know about the mini-rule book.

RULES - Adopted the USA Relay Take-Off Judges rule. Referees may prohibit the use of any device that disrupts or interferes. I am not quite sure about the final outcome of the whistle start rule and the new false start rule but if you are swimming in a meet outside of the USA you should be aware of them. They are being used widely around the world.

SAFETY EDUCATION - The committee is going to produce a Club Safety Handbook that should be ready by 2000 convention. Articles are written for SWIM magazine.

SPORTS MEDICINE - The committee's goal is to have articles widely disseminated in national publication. The committee has a strict observance of the editorial process. Many articles are in that process.

ZONE - The guidelines and procedures used for next year's election of the Zone Committee chairman will be the same as those used for this year's election of officers with the exception that there will be a candidates forum at the House of Delegates meeting when championships are voted on.

AD HOC RECOGNITION AND AWARDS - USMS Service Award number of recipients will be left to the discretion of the committee. The Award Ring will be forwarded to the Marketing committee for further evaluation.

AD HOC 1999 LEGAL COUNSELORS - While the law is evolving, at this time a hard copy of the liability release will need to be signed by swimmers who seek membership in USMS and swimmers who want to enter our national championships. A "Want Ad" for USMS member-lawyers will be created and distributed nationally. The committee will research the issue of Privacy and pursue the drafting of a privacy policy for the organization.

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AD HOC 1999 USMS HISTORIAN - The committee needs to create a scheme for organizing, cataloguing, documenting and retrieving information. Encourage local Masters members to find and interview Masters pioneers. Much of this information needs to be on the web.

AD HOC 1999 USMS ENDOWMENT FUND - The fund now has \$18,356.35. USMS will increase the matching fund to \$20,000 for the year 2000 and make a 1 to 1 match instead of 50 cents to the dollar. Encourage the members to use the check off on the registration form.

AD HOC 1999 ISHOF NOMINATING - A group of individuals were suggested for consideration for 2000 and 2001. We need to collect the criteria data to determine the nominees. A letter will be sent to the LMSC of the individuals suggested

ARTICLE 502.7 RECORDS AND RECORD KEEPING

Each LMSC shall comply with the financial record keeping and reporting requirements of USMS. The LMSC shall forward to the USMS National Office the **minutes of the annual meeting and annual financial reports** within four months of the end of the LMSCs fiscal year (which was April 30th – 6 months ago).

Below are the LMSCs whose **1998 Financial Reports have not** been received by the National Office:

Gulf, Inland Northwest, Midwestern, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, Ohio, Ozark, South Dakota, South Texas, Southern and Utah

And the **Meeting Minutes from the 1998 Annual Meeting** of the following LMSCs that **have not** been received:

Central, Florida, Indiana, Inland Northwest, Iowa, Maryland, Midwestern, Niagara, North Dakota, North Texas, Ozark, Snake River, South Carolina, South Dakota, Southern and Utah.

If your LMSC is listed, that means the National Office **has not** received it. Please send them in ASAP. Thanks!

Thank you Bill and Diane!

I would like to send out a special thanks to Bill and Diane Black for their 9 years of service as our National Registrars and for their valuable assistance to Esther and myself in preparing us for the very important responsibility of maintaining the USMS Membership Database.

USMS Poster Contest Submittals are due by January 15th

It's time for a new design for the USMS Promotional Poster – we want your ideas!

Your submission should be eye-catching, “fun”, informative and attract passers-by to read about USMS and local Masters Swimming information.

The poster must use the phrase “United States Masters Swimming”, the USMS logo (including the trademark sign), and provide a space for Local Masters Information.

The finished poster will be 11” x 17” and we ask that you submit a “to size” original. The winner will be awarded the satisfaction of their design being posted in pools and seen by Masters Swimmers, all over the country.

Send finished design to Tracy Grilli at the National Office, P.O. Box 185, Londonderry, NH 03053-0185. Deadline is January 15th, 2000. All submissions become the property of USMS, and we will ask each contestant to sign a release.

Registration News

National Office

November 1st and the 2000 registration year is right around the corner! You know what that means... Registration transmittals and checks will be sent to the National Office. Esther Lyman has been hired by USMS to assist me in the National Office with the data entry and maintenance of the USMS membership database.

USMS Registration Webpage

The USMS Online and USMS Registration committees are working on a new registration webpage that will provide information and registration forms for each LMSC. The goal is to get this page on-line for the 2000 registration year (around November 1st).

Local Registrars have been contacted by Craig Campesi (Virginia Registrar and USMS On-Line Committee Member) and were asked to review the proposed website at www.usms.org/reg and provide any feedback.

If your LMSC registration form is hosted on an LMSC or Club website, a link will be provided. If it is not a space will be provided to host the form at the USMS site.

Once this site is up and running, any person in the United States will be able to download the appropriate registration form for their area. It is also valuable to the LMSC Registrar in that registration forms can be e-mailed and/or swimmers can be sent to the link and download the forms themselves, which will save valuable time that in the past was used on extra phone calls, faxes, snail or e-mails.

Address Changes (please post in newsletter)

Did you know that in a 1 year period USMS receives approximately 2,500 address changes from SWIM Magazine, Local Registrars and Individual Swimmers? The majority are from SWIM Magazine who receive the returned magazine. They in turn send them on to us. This is over 200 per month and 6% of our membership. By the time we receive this information and update the database, they may already have missed the next issue.

Be sure to inform your members to contact their LMSC Registrar with their new address.

LMSC Registrars send their monthly registrations and any address changes they receive to the National Office. The National Office in turn create the labels for SWIM Magazine. If the swimmer does not inform their local registrar of their change in address, the national database is not updated and the magazine is sent to their old address. In the transition, if the swimmer did not contact the US Post Office to have their mail forwarded, **they lose out.**

More Registration News

Transfers (please post in newsletter)

Please be sure to inform your membership of the USMS Transfer policy which is included in the LMSC Handbook (Registration pages 2 & 3).

Swimmers must wait 60 days after competing for one club before he/she can affiliate with a new club, except at the time of annual renewal. Transfer fees do not apply to swimmers who change club affiliation at the time of renewal.

- The swimmer must complete an Application of *Transfer of Club Membership* form (in LMSC Handbook) and submit it to the registrar of the LMSC where the new club is located (may be the same LMSC).
- Local registrars will include the original transfer form and appropriate fee (\$1.50) to the National Office with their monthly submittal.
- If the swimmer has transferred from another LMSC, the National Office will notify the registrar of the swimmer's former LMSC to advise of the change in club status.
- A transfer form must accompany all changes in club membership status (from club to club, from unattached to club, and from club to unattached).

We have come across a number of swimmers who are recorded as transfers but:

- Have not filled out the transmittal form or the form was not submitted
- Have not paid the transfer fee
- **HAVE NOT WAITED THE 60 DAYS AFTER COMPETING FOR ONE CLUB**

We have also found swimmers who are registered with more than one club and have 2 or more "current" registration cards! **Beginning November 1st, the National Office will not recognize a swimmer as transferred until we have received proper documentation and payment. We will pay close attention to be sure they are registered with only one club and have waited the required 60 days after competing for one club.**

LMSCs where there is only 1 Club

When registering for the 2000 registration year, you must **register your LMSC** by filling out the LMSC Annual Registration Form and paying the \$20 registration fee (before November 30th or \$40 after) **and register your Club** by filling out the USMS Club Registration Form and paying the \$20 registration fee.

E-mail transmittals are to be sent to: registration@usms.org followed up with a hard copy and the check.

Announcements

FINA Approves Body Suits

Received from Ted Haartz

Official Statement:

With the aim to obtain direct and full information of the "full body" swimsuits, the FINA Bureau invited sporting goods companies "Adidas" and "Speedo" to present a report on their research, design and other aspects. The FINA Bureau ruled that the use of these swimsuits does not constitute a violation of the FINA rules. The bureau leaves up to the swimmers the choice of their swimsuits.

VII World Masters Swimming Championships Munich 2000

Organizing Committee:

E-mail: m-sm-masters@t-online.de

Phone: (49) 89 89 160 920

Fax: (49) 89 89 160 921

Website:

<http://www.munich-2000.de>

Bill King sent me the following Tourist Office contact information:

Munich_tourist_office@comupserve.com

Tourismus@munchen.bts.de

He thinks there is a website at the below address but was not able to get through:

<http://www.munchen-tourist.de>

From Susan Ludwig

I have been proud to be associated with USMS as SWIM Editor for the past two years, and wanted to take a moment and say thank you to all of you.

see why USMS is the strong, well-that it is. Thanks for your kindness and willingness to assist whenever I have asked.

Thanks to everyo have learned so much. Love, success and happiness to you all.

Sincerely,

Susan

Surveys

Survey #1 -

for Delegate Reimbursements for Convention???

Over the past few weeks, I have received a number of requests from LMSCs wanting to know what other LMSCs do for Delegate Reimbursements for Convention.

The facts are – the delegates are representing the LMSC and the LMSC (depending on how much \$ they have) would like to "financially assist" them for representing them. The big questions are – "How Much?" and "For What?"

I sent an e-mail to Hugh Moore, USMS Zone Chair asking him if USMS has any information on this and if not, suggested a survey. Hugh replied by stating "What we do know is that there is a large variation of what LMSCs do for reimbursement, ranging from "none" for some to "full" for others. Some LMSCs have detailed policies on reimbursement, while others have none at all". He thought a survey was an excellent idea. So...

LMSC Chairmen - If your LMSC has a policy, please send, fax or e-mail it to me at the National Office.

This information will be a valuable tool to those LMSCs that do not have a policy and will assist them in the development of one.

LMSC Chairmen – If your LMSC does not have a policy, USMS encourages you to set a budget and determine one. If you need assistance, contact the National Office.

Survey #2 – Would you like to receive this newsletter by e-mail?

In this day and age of electronic "everything", wanting/needing all things "immediately" and never having enough time in the day... It is time to think about sending out this newsletter via e-mail.

At this time, the circulation for *Streamlines...* is approximately 200. For those of you who are Editors, I'm sure you can understand the time it takes (and the expense) in creating, collating, stapling, folding, taping, labeling, stamping and mailing a newsletter like this.

I am in the process of working with some of our USMS "software experts" in what the best process would be for the next issue coming out in January. I'm sure I will still end up sending out a few "hard copies" but would appreciate it if you would let me know whether or not you would be interested in receiving this via e-mail. If so, what formats you are able to read (Word, PDF file, etc).

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**(Just pay for shipping)
If you are interested, contact
the
National Office**

**Aquatic Facilities Construction
Repository**

At the 1998 convention a question was raised regarding the construction of new aquatic facilities. Specifically the lack of research resources to assist in understanding the costs of such projects. It would be helpful to talk to others who have gone through the process.

The National Office is now a repository for any and all information developed by various groups as that information pertains to the construction costs, expected operating costs and expected usage for a new facility. The purpose is to make this information readily available as a research source to any interested Masters group.

If you have recently built a facility or know of someone who had information to share, please send this information to the National Office so that others may benefit.