

Streamlines... from the National Office

Greetings from the National Office...

It's Spring (I think). I woke up this morning to 2 inches of snow on the ground. Hmm... New England really never had a Winter this year. Hope it isn't planning to come now!!!

As you will see, this issue of Streamlines... is "loaded"!

The Board of Directors, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons, Special Assignments and Committees have been very busy since convention. Please be sure to read about their progress in their half year reports.

This years convention will take place at the Hyatt Regency DFW (Dallas/Ft. Worth), TX. Equipment Requirements (those running meetings), Delegate Entitlement (LMSCs), Proposed Code Amendments (who ever), Budgets (cost center heads), and Annual Reports (BOD, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons & Special Assignments) deadlines are amongst the numerous other deadlines that are listed under "Things to Do". Please be sure to read this section. If one or more of the deadlines apply to you, highlight the deadline/s and stick it somewhere visible so you don't forget. The complete calendar (January – December 2002) can be found on the USMS website.

Has your LMSC's 2001 Annual Meeting Minutes and Year End Financial Statements been sent to the National Office yet? Find out in the announcement section. If your LMSC's name is listed, the National Office hasn't received them yet. Get them in ASAP! The deadline is April 30th!!!

You know how it goes, once you go to print... Under "Updates & Corrections" you will find a number of updates/corrections listed for the USMS Rule Book LMSC Handbook and USMS Directory. Please take note of these and update the information in the appropriate publication.

Esther Lyman (USMS Database Administrator) has finally (quiet a project this year) put "2001 Membership Registration" to bed and has created a number of "nifty" membership reports that are included in this issue. If you have any questions on these or registration in general, Esther can be contacted at registration@usms.org

This is my favorite time of the "competition" year! We've all swum hard throughout the year and hopefully will be rewarded with good times at our championship meets this spring. For those of you going to SC Nationals in Honolulu... I'll see you there!!!

Tracy

THINGS TO DO

Listed are **all deadlines** from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 2002 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org

MAY 2002

1st

- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to USMS National Office. Electronic Files to Esther at registration@usms.org. Mail hard copies and checks to Tracy.
- Convention Registration packets e-mailed/snail mailed

15th

- Controller's filing deadline with IRS for Form 990
- Convention Committee Chair (Michael Heather) sends out final notice to Committee Chairs regarding equipment requirements for convention (**IN THIS NEWSLETTER**). Convention@usms.org
- First Quarter Financial Reports prepared.

14-17th

- USMS Short Course National Championship, U of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.
- Ransom Arthur award winner announced at SC Nationals.

20th

- National Office sends reminder to LMSCs of July 10th deadline for submission of proposed code amendments (**IN THIS NEWSLETTER**)

31st

- Committee Chairmen send reports containing updates on activities to Executive Committee Liaisons.

Other deadlines this month ~

- Pre-meet site visit by Championship committee Liaison to LC Nationals Host, Cleveland State, Cleveland, OH.
- Notify Sponsors of LC Nationals due dates for booths, banners and ads.
- USMS Secretary (Sally Ann Dillon) sends reminders to LMSCs for names of delegates to 2002 Convention, Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX. Secretary@usms.org

JUNE 2002

1st

- Cost Center Heads receive budget forms (for 2003 budget) from Finance Chair (Tom Boak). Finance@usms.org
- Committee Chairs, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons & Special Assignments receive annual report forms (for 2003 convention packet) from USMS Secretary (Sally Ann Dillon). Secretary@usms.org

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Things to Do

June continued

1st

- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to USMS National Office - SWIM MAGAZINE LABEL MONTH. Electronic Files to Esther at registration@usms.org. Mail hard copies and checks to Tracy.

8th

- Zone Reps submit list of events for SWIM calendar to Zone Chair (Lynn Hazlewood). Zones@usms.org

15th

- National Office reminds Committee Chairs, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons & Special Assignments that annual reports and convention agendas are due August 1st.
- Summary of liaison reports due from Executive Committee members to the President..
- Cut-off date for LMSC registration/delegate entitlements to the 2002 convention (National Office notifies Secretary of LMSC membership numbers as of June 15th. Secretary notifies LMSCs of any additional delegate entitlements).
- Registration Committee finalizes design of membership card, printer notified.
- Editorial material due to USMS SWIM Magazine Editor (Bill Volckening) for September/October issue. SWIMEditor@usms.org
- USMS Coach of the Year applications due to Coaches Committee Chair (Michael Collins). Coaches@usms.org
- Deadline for Nominating Committee to finalize slate for elections for Zone Chair.

30th

- LMSC SCY Top Ten reports due to Records and Tabulations Chair (Pieter Cath). TopTen@usms.org

Other deadlines this month ~

- **Requests for Delegate-at-Large appointments due in writing to the President (Jim Miller).** President@usms.org

JULY ~ 2002

1st

- Cost Center heads send 2003 Budgets to their Executive Committee Liaison.
- Committee Chairs, Ad Hoc Chairs, Liaisons & Special Assignments send their annual report to their Executive Committee Liaison. Those who will be having a meeting at convention, also send their agendas.
- Preliminary equipment requirements for convention due to Convention Committee Chair (Michael Heather). Convention@usms.org
- LMSC Registrars send registration reports to the National Office. Electronic Files to Esther at registration@usms.org. Mail hard copies and checks to Tracy.

5th

- Postmark deadline for LC National Championships, Cleveland State, Cleveland, OH

10th

- Proposed Rules, Long Distance and Legislative amendments due to respective committee chairs. Rules – Leo Letendre. Rules@usms.org
Long Distance – Peter Crumbine. LongDistance@usms.org
Legislation – Rob Copeland. Legislation@usms.org
- SCY Preliminary Top Ten mailed for proof reading.
- Deadline for receipt of photos from candidates for USMS Zone Chair.

12th

- Convention packets mailed to all certified delegates.
- LC National Championships entry receipt deadline.

15th

- Executive Committee Liaisons send their committees budget requests to Finance Chair (Tom Boak). Finance@usms.org
- Coach of the Year selected

20th

- President (Jim Miller) appoints Delegates-at-Large for the 2002 convention. President@usms.org

24th

- Corrections for SCY Top Ten due to Records and Tabulations Chair (Pieter Cath). TopTen@usms.org

30th

- USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Award nominations due to Recognition and Awards Chair (Kathy Casey). Awards@usms.org

Other deadlines this month ~

- Summer Coaches Committee Quarterly (CCQ) mailed.
- Summer issue of Streamlines... mailed/e-mailed

UPDATES & CORRECTIONS

LMSC HANDBOOK

Rule Proposal Change Information Sheet

- Leo Letendre's area code should be 636.

LMSC Officers

- Florida Editor – Gertraud Perry – e-mail is gertraudp@msn.com
- Florida Gold Coast, Officials Chair – e-mail is pattaback@hotmail.com
- Florida Gold Coast Registrar/Sanctions, Treasurer – new e-mail is junekrauser@attbi.com
- Georgia Vice Chair – Sean Fitzgerald, new e-mail is SeanFitzgerald@mindspring.com

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Updates & Corrections LMSC Handbook Continued

- Gulf Chairman – Sarah Johnson, new address – 22 Windfern Place, Woodlands, TX 77382, Home phone 936-273-9364, Work 281-292-1060, e-mail sarah_johnson@countrywide.com
- Kentucky Registrar – Joanne Tingley, new email is jtingley@bluegrass.net
- Ohio Chairman – Scott Goertemiller, new email is sgoertemiller@fuse.net
- Southern Pacific Chairman – Wayne McCauley – new e-mail is brasse@inreach.net

USMS DIRECTORY

- Hill Carrow – correct phone numbers – Home 919-6770081, work 919-890-6284, fax 919-890-6259
- Mo Chambers – new e-mail is moswimn@earthlink.net
- Sean Fitzgerald – new e-mail is SeanFitzgerald@mindspring.com
- Doug Garcia – home phone number is 509-332-1621, work number is 509-335-5301, fax 509-335-8568
- Ed Gendreau – new e-mail is egendreau@earthlink.net
- Lynn Hazlewood – fax number is 703-435-2180, new e-mail is lynhzlwd@comcast.net. Please use her alias at lynhzlwd@usms.org
- Sarah Johnson, new address is 22 Windfern Place, Woodlands, TX 77382, 936-273-9364, 281-292-1060, sarah_johnson@countrywide.com
- Leo Letendre – new work e-mail address is Leo.J.Letendre@pharmacia.com
- David Miller – new address is POB 49998, Austin, TX 78765, home phone is 512-469-0028
- June Krauser – new e-mail is junekrauser@attbi.com
- Wayne McCauley – new e-mail is brasse@inreach.net
- Gail Roper – PO Box 95, Healdsburg, CA 95448, 707-431-8041, fax is 707-431-8411
- Joanne Tingley – new e-mail is jtingley@bluegrass.net

USMS RULE BOOK

Appendix C, page 137, USMS National Championship Meets

- 2002 USMS Long Course National Championships, Cleveland State University - The correct dates are August 15th – 18th (not 16th – 19)

NEW LMSC OFFICERS

- Metropolitan Sanctions – Lisa Bauman, 734 Franklin Ave, suite 383, Garden City, NY 11530-4525, 516-294-7946, aquafitinc@aol.com
- Metropolitan Secretary – James Busby, 315 Hicks Street # 2F, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-624-5420, jamesbusby@earthlink.net
- Metropolitan Top Ten – Stan Kroder, 9 Maplewood Rd, Hartsdale, NY 10530, 914-949-7049, kroder@attglobal.net
- Metropolitan Top Ten – Steve Newman, 125 Beechwood Dr, mamaroneck, NY 40543, 914-698-5175, sn100@aol.com
- New Jersey Webmaster – Eric Fucito, Box 156, Newton, NJ 07860-0156, 908-464-0574, oticuf@ptdprolog.net
- Potomac Valley, Top Ten – Jim Nealis, 8321 Rhode Island Ave, College Park, MD 20740, 301-345-5512, jenealis@aol.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline For Submitting Proposed Amendments to the USMS Rule Book Is **JULY 10TH 2002**

Guidelines can be found in the Convention section of the LMSC Handbook

Submit proposed changes to Part 1 (Swimming Rules) to:

Leo Letendre – USMS Rules Chair,
Rules@usms.org

Submit proposed changes to Part 3 (Long Distance Swimming Rules) to:

Peter Crumbine – Long Distance Chair
LongDistance@usms.org

Submit emergency proposals to the code (Preamble, Goals and Objectives, Parts 2, 4, 5 and 6, the Glossary, and Appendix D) to:

Rob Copeland – USMS Legislation Chair,
Legislation@usms.org

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South Dakota, South Texas, Southeastern,
Southern and Utah

Masters Coaches at ASCA Clinic

The American Swim Coaches Association is holding its annual World Clinic in Las Vegas from September 2-8, 2002. Twelve of the top Masters coaches in the country are scheduled to give presentations on Masters coaching and team building on Saturday, September 7th and Sunday September 8th. The clinic is an outstanding opportunity for current coaches to enhance their knowledge of Masters coaching, while potential Masters coaches can learn more about the trade.

For more information on the clinic, go to ASCA's site at www.swimmingcoach.org, or contact either of these Masters representatives:

- Scott Rabalais, 912-927-7016 or vicepresident@usms.org
- Mel Goldstein, 317-253-8289 or sponsor@usms.org

To enhance participation, USMS is asking each LMSC to submit the name of one coach, whose registration fee (\$165 value) will be paid by USMS. If you are a coach and are interested in applying for this grant, contact your LMSC Chairman. Twenty (20) grants will be paid on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 4 months of the end of the LMSCs fiscal year or by April 30, 2002.**

2001 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOT RECEIVED YET

Allegheny Mountain, Border, Colorado, Hawaii, Iowa, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ozark, Pacific Northwest, Snake River, South Dakota, Southeastern, Southern, Southern Pacific and Utah

2001 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES NOT RECEIVED YET

Allegheny Mountain, Border, Florida, Gulf, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Ozark, Pacific Northwest, Snake River,

USMS Long Distance Swimming 2004 Championship Bid Form

The application for the 2004 Long Distance National Championship events has been mailed (via email or snail mail) to the LMSC Chairs, Long Distance Chairs, Newsletter Editors, Webmasters, Meet Directors, members of the USMS Long Distance committee and last but not least, the Board of Directors. The Long Distance Committee encourages all interested organizations to bid, particularly if this would be the first time hosting a national championship.

If you did not receive the application and would like to, please e-mail Peter Crumbine, USMS Long Distance Chair at LongDistance@usms.org or Pcrumbine@sempratradng.com. The form needs to be received by Peter no later than August 11th. Site/host selection for the 2004 events will occur at the USMS convention, September 11-15th in Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX, but committee review will take place prior to convention.

Selection will be based on the suitability of the bid received, the area in which the event is to be held, and the timeliness of the submission. Untimely bids (those received after August 11, 2002) will not be considered if a timely bid is received for the same event. Bid presentations are not necessary, but it is recommended that a representative be present at convention to answer any questions that the committee might have. Out-of-area bids will not be considered if there are qualified in-area bids, but this is often not the case.

The current USMS Long Distance Calendar may be accessed at: <http://www.usms.org/comp/ldcalendar.htm>. You may add long distance events to the calendar by filling out the form at <http://www.usms.org/comp/eventform.shtml>

LATYCAR AMISTAD CUBA – 2002

The Cuban Swimming Federation takes pleasure in inviting you to participate in the World Open Masters water polo, diving, open water and postal events Championship to be held in the Baragua Pool Complex in Havana City and in Vadaero, Cuba from the 25th – 30th of August this year.

All detailed championship information appears in the official event website: <http://www.latycar.org>

Equipment Request Form For 2002 Convention Dallas/Ft. Worth

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - Attached with this newsletter is the request form needed for equipment you may need or want for your meeting(s). Please respond even if you do not expect to need anything. You may print out the form and mail it to me, or respond by email and I will fill out the form for you. I need a separate form for each committee meeting, so if you have more than one meeting time, make sure to note the changes (if any), or confirm the same setup. If there is a special meeting or seminar related to your committee, please respond for that as well.

I will not chase you down to find out what you need. If I do not get a response by **July 1**, I will presume that there is no equipment necessary for your committee.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask me. The only stupid question is the one that is never asked.

If there is any equipment you want not on the form, please note what you want, and we will attempt to secure that for your use. We will have at least one LCD projector (for projecting information directly from your computer onto a screen) available full time, so if you want that, just mark the "client owned" package. All the equipment charges come out of the Convention committee budget, but the money still comes out of all of our pockets, so don't go crazy, just order what you need.

Michael Heather, Chairman
USMS Convention Committee
convention@usms.org

2003 NATIONAL SENIOR GAMES

The 2003 National Senior Games will be held in Hampton Roads, Virginia, May 27th thru June 9th, 2003. This year, 2002, is the qualifying year for the meet. So, if swimmers wish to participate in the 2003 National Games, they must qualify in their state Senior Games swim meet to enter the National Games. Contact your state Senior Games office for scheduling information on the state swim meet.

To qualify for the National Games, a swimmer must place in the state competition in the top two in his or her age group in an event. Also, there are national qualifying standards that apply as well, but only time from the state competitions will apply. So, if a swimmer gets third place or lower in an event, yet swims faster than the time standard, then the event may be entered.

There are also bonus events provisions that can be explained to you by your state office.

Also, you may be happy to note that the 100 IM and the 200 breast have been added to the events at the national meet and should be offered on the state level as well.

If you have any further questions, please contact your USMS liaison to the NSG, Scott Rabalais at vicepresident@usms.org

**DON'T FORGET TO READ THE
COMMITTEE 1/2REPORTS!!!**

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USMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT – Jim Miller, MD

The abbreviated half year has been a whirlwind of activity. I believe in the strength of the USMS volunteer network and the extensive committee structure. Each committee has responded to tasks placed before it; however, I feel that no single committee is as strong or as insightful as several committees working together on our complex issues. The best corporations operate with this belief.

Given this premise, the Executive Committee went into the midyear meeting with a different perspective. How can we stimulate inter-committee cooperation and dialogue? The result is shown in the upcoming Dallas convention format. The committees are grouped into similar interest types. They will begin their block meeting with a discussion outlining issues that are specific to their mutual interests which they as a unit intend to address. The committees will then break into their individual meetings where a wrap-up of their year's work can be conducted and discussion of their committee's contribution to the issues presented will take place. Hopefully, action items will emerge to address the challenges before them. All committees will then meet together to share their ideas and finalize action items that they collectively feel will address the issues. Once again, interaction and sharing are the key words. As you can see, we will not have a lot of time to do committee work, particularly the work of the entire year. Each committee's work is to be 90% completed before arrival at convention with ratification of that work occurring in Dallas. I have been working this year to outline the goals that each group can help to actually accomplish during these meetings. I, along with the rest of the EC members, shall be in place as a facilitator for these inter-committee meetings. The lists are long and will have to be cut down. There is ample material for future discussions. I am sure that we will learn from this convention experience and that we will come away with concepts that worked extremely well as well as some that need further refinement. As USMS grows, we must work to ensure that the cooperative efforts are put into place. Without that, the convention will become multiple individual meetings with the issues of that committee alone being addressed, not necessarily in harmony with the bigger picture.

As your president, I have directed many hours of conference calls by the Executive Committee and other committees and subcommittees. Currently the EC is meeting approximately once every 3 to 4 weeks via conference calls that are lasting approximately 3 hours each. I hope that you have been following the summaries on the web. From these calls we have moved in the direction of a series of cooperative committees such as the Data Base Project. I am very excited about the prospects of this collective committee, the members of which have been listed on the web. I have directed USMS to investigate the practicality of a common web/information format for our committees and corporate business. Thus, I would like to see the language of Registration, History & Archives, Records & Tabulation, Championship, and all other aspects of USMS to be on the same page. We have so much trouble tracking athletes and their performances due to the lack of common communication tools between the various aspects of our corporation.

USMS continues to see growth in the sponsor support as our success increases. New vehicles of communication through cooperation with other federations, such as USA Triathlon, and other media opportunities will help to enhance local growth and local program success. As you can see, I have put a great deal of time and thought into the "linking for success projects," as I see them. Not a single committee has been left out of this effort. They are all critical to the process of realizing the potential of USMS. New opportunities for communication with the athlete members are also being tried. The first of these is the Open Forum that will be conducted at Short Course Nationals. Several topics will be provided to stimulate discussion, but the floor will be open to see what topics mean the most to you.

Of course the Presidency has the day-to-day challenges and rewards that are unique to the position. My first challenge was to appoint committee chairs and help to select committee members. Several committees have a specific makeup outlined in our rules, making the selection that much more challenging. The decisions of the National Governing Body concerning issues relating to the aquatic community are both never ending and very rewarding to tackle. I represented USMS at the 2002 FINA Congress in Christchurch, New Zealand, in March. This report follows.

I would have to say that my most rewarding experiences so far have been the honor of interacting with so many of you. Next to that experience, I would have to rate my experiences with your current Executive Committee and USMS staff as being exceptional. I have spent my life working in the corporate world as it pertains to medicine. Yet, I have seen nothing that compares to the dedication and talent that this EC and the National Office staff have shown. USMS is very fortunate to have such leaders as Nancy Ridout, Sally Dillon, Scott Rabalais, Doug Church, Lynn Hazlewood, and Jack Geoghegan. Tracy Grilli and Esther Lyman hold down the National Office and perform countless hours of service to the EC and to the membership. Late nights answering correspondence and conducting meetings as well as toting laptops on family vacations for communication are just some of the sacrifices that I have seen. They love this organization. They have to in order to be making these sacrifices day after day.

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VICE PRESIDENT – Scott Rabalais

It has been a pleasure serving with the Executive Committee during the first six months of our administration.

As Vice President and Executive Committee member, one of my goals for the organization is to increase our outreach to other swimming-related organizations with whom a relationship would be mutually beneficial. To that end, I suggested soon after our elections that a liaison from USMS to USA Triathlon be established. This position was in place and filled by the first of the year and great progress has been made in this area.

I continue to serve as a liaison with three committees: Coaches, Fitness and Recognition & Awards. While all three committees have been active, a particular emphasis is being placed on the efforts of the Coaches Committee at the ASCA World Clinic in September. (Add: Along with Mel Goldstein, I will be working with the Coaches Committee in administering this program.) Fitness has moved quickly, updating the Fitness section on the USMS web site, while Recognition and Awards is on schedule to select and announce the Ransom Arthur award winner at SC Nationals.

During the Executive Committee's mid-year retreat in Houston, I offered specific ideas regarding the mission of USMS, including a revision of our mission statement. The Executive Committee is expected to present its ideas on this matter in Hawaii as well as at the DFW convention.

A Communications Search Committee has been formed to coordinate the application and interview process for our updated Webmaster and SWIM Editor positions. I have been asked by the President to serve as chairman of that committee, and initial discussions are underway.

Regarding the extensive database project that is evolving within the administration of USMS, I made initial contacts with Hy-tek to help determine its feasibility in serving our database needs. During the second half of this year, I plan to assist the President and work with the Executive Committee as requested. However, I don't do windows.

SECRETARY - Sally Ann Dillon

It has been a busy six months since I was elected to the office of USMS Secretary in November. The Executive Committee has held several conference calls and I have produced the minutes for these meetings as well as minutes for the three day planning retreat that was held in Houston, TX in February. All minutes have been regularly distributed to the Board of Directors and posted on the web.

Along with the other EC members, I participated in the process to select new committee chairs and committee members. I am the Executive Committee liaison to the Safety Education, Publications, and History & Archives committees and I correspond regularly with the committee chairs.

Each year a handbook is distributed to the committee chairs that outlines various procedures and information. I revised the information and distributed the handbook via e-mail to the Board of Directors. Although hard copies were available upon request, only one person requested a copy. A significant amount of time and expense was saved with the electronic distribution this year.

With Tracy Grilli's help, I have notified the LMSC Chairs of the procedures for naming their delegates for the upcoming convention. Reminders and updated information will go out in Early May. The delegate certificates must be returned in order for the delegates to receive their convention mailings.

TREASURER – Doug Church

With the excellent help from our Controller, Cathy Pennington, I am monitoring expenses and income of USMS. Our investment activity continues, in compliance with FOG, to be very conservative. Interest rates on CD's remain low but consistent with our budgeted expectations. Income and expenses through the first half of the year are in line with budget expectations as well. The quarterly reports from the Controller have proven to be of significant help in keeping the "big picture" in focus for all cost centers within the organization. Depending on unforeseen factors, I expect no major deviations from our budget during the remainder of the year.

PAST PRESIDENT – Nancy Ridout

Following November's convention in Louisville, the vast amount of free time, large reduction in emails and phone calls predicted were found to be greatly exaggerated!

It has been my privilege to participate in the Executive Committee business, conference calls, and mid-year meeting

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serving both as a resource and an active contributor.

The 5th USMS/USA Swimming High Altitude Training Camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs was held in February and was again very successful thanks in large part to the support of USMS, USA Swimming, and The Victor. We anticipate the next camp to occur in early February 2003. An application form can now be downloaded from the USMS Website and will be included in the National Championship goody bags.

My second shoulder surgery occurred in February and I'm now back in the pool kicking a lot and swimming some. I plan to "participate" in the Short Course Nationals in Honolulu and keep alive my streak of 27 straight Short Course Nationals by adding number 28. It will be a different Nationals than I had envisioned but it will be fun! I hope to see and support many of you there.

LEGAL COUNSEL – Jack Geoghegan

Working on contracts with sponsors and vendors with Mel Goldstein; Executive Committee conference calls and liaisons with my Committees and with ISHOF. Too busy to even fill out a 1/2 year report! However, as in my prior reports from this position, I am pleased to note that none of our officers are presently incarcerated and that, to my knowledge, there have been no successful litigations this year involving USMS as a defendant.

ZONE CHAIR – Lynn Hazlewood

WOW, it's been a busy time since convention. I've been so occupied doing Executive Committee work I can hardly believe it's only four months since we left Louisville. We stuffed about two month's worth of work into the first couple of weeks, naming committee chairs and helping the chairs to pick their committee members. Following that, we have moved forward with various projects for USMS during monthly conference calls and a mid-year meeting in Houston, TX.

I am fortunate to be the Executive Committee liaison to three of the most exciting committees in USMS. As I was last year, I am the liaison for Communications and Long Distance. This year I have added Planning to the mix. In addition, I am the chair of the Zone Committee. For more information on the work of these committees, see the published mid-year reports.

One of the great things about the Zone Chair position is that, except for running the Zone Committee and elections, the job does not have any other pre-defined requirements. The Zone Chair gets to carve out a niche on the Executive Committee based on their personal capabilities. The major project I have spent many hours on so far is one designed to unify major USMS databases into a coherent, linked system. We're just getting started and, hopefully, will have more to report in our annual reports.

In addition to my regular duties, I am also running for re-election and hope to remain on the Executive Committee to complete

USMS COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIP - Barry Fasbender

2002 SCY Nationals in Hawaii: Sandi Rousseau is the meet liaison for Hawaii. It looks like we will have about 1150 swimmers. All stands on both sides of the pool will be shaded as well as a small set of bleachers by the diving well. We have worked out an agreement with the USA Swimming officials committee that this meet will be the first masters meet that is a national certification meet for USA-S officials. This is a big step in guaranteeing quality officiating at our nation meets.

2002 LCM Nationals in Cleveland: Mel Goldstein is serving as the liaison for the Cleveland nationals. We have started a new "liaison in training" program. Jerry Clark will be filling this role and learning the ropes from Mel. The meet information will be in the May-June issue of SWIM magazine. A great social will take place the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. This meet is also a national certification meet for USA-S officials.

2003 SCY Nationals in Tempe, Arizona: Carolyn Boak is the meet liaison for the Arizona nationals and Debbie Cavanaugh is the liaison in training. **2003 LCM Nationals at Rutgers:** Jerry Clark is the liaison for this nationals.

2004 National Championship Pool Venues: Jeff Roddin has sent out a letter to major aquatic facilities encouraging them to consider bidding for either of our championship meets. He is in the process of sending out letters to the local LMSCs requesting that they encourage potential host to bid.

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2004 Bids: Possible interest from Savannah; Georgia, Austin, Texas (SCN); Coral Springs, Florida; Texas A&M; Buffalo, NY; Indiana University; East Meadow, NY; New Orleans, Louisiana; and University of Maryland. **Championship Event Schedule:** We have a subcommittee working on three new order-of-event schedules for National Championships. We would like to present a list of about five schedules to the House of Delegates to choose from. Tempe and Rutgers will get to choose which schedule they want, and then we will rotate through the schedules over the next four years.

COACHES – Michael Collins

ASCA CLINIC

The Coaches Committee, with the help of Scott Rabalais and Mel Goldstein, is preparing for USMS's first big step into the American Swim Coaches Association World Clinic. Twelve of our finest Masters coaches will be giving presentations at the September clinic in Las Vegas. 1400 coaches are expected to be in attendance. Masters coaches are highly encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Scott Rabalais (vicepresident@usms.org) or Mel Goldstein (sponsor@usms.org).

OTC CAMP REPORT

The coaches for Olympic Training Center Camp 5 in Colorado Springs were Janet Renner (head coach), Ed Nessel and Kris Houchens. Janet first served as an intern at Camp 3 and brought a solid technical knowledge to the camp. Ed Nessel, in his first camp, brought interesting scientific input, while rookie Kris Houchens shared a background in biomechanics. Scott Rabalais served as the Coaches Committee rep, assisting on deck and in the general camp organization. The campers were exposed to the usual rounds of analyses and tests, along with individualized feedback. Each coach gave a 40-minute presentation on a single stroke. Also, each coach gave a brief presentation on a topic of his or her choice. Also, the coaches were involved in the pool training, which is technique-oriented, and videotape analysis.

The next camp is expected to be in February, 2003, and all coaches and swimmers are welcome to apply. See the USMS web site for a coaching application.

INTERNATIONAL COACHING PROGRAM (ICP)

IX FINA World Masters Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand, March 24-31, 2002

The ICP was instituted for the New Zealand meet and was a great success, offering meet assistance to 182 USMS-registered swimmers enrolled in the meet. USMS swimmers set 27 individual World Records, 2 relay World Records, several National Records, and won numerous World Championships. The ICP coaching staff consisted of Bob Bruce (head coach), Mike Collins, Scott Williams, and Lauren Welting, who did a very good job fulfilling the goals of the program. Each coach brought specific strengths to the group, and used them well together in the team setting. The swimmers who requested it were given technical advice, especially during the warm-up sessions and the post-race evaluations. The swimmers' response to the coaches and the ICP was overwhelmingly positive.

Preparations are already underway to enhance the program for the 2004 World Championships in Italy.

COACHES COMMITTEE QUARTERLY

Mo Chambers continues to do a first-class job on the committees' newsletter with a wide variety of questions being posed to coaches. Also, the ASCA clinic will be widely promoted in the spring issue.

COMMUNICATIONS – Hugh Moore

The communications committee has been busy in many different arenas. Meg Smath, Kathy Casey, and Nancy Miller help proof articles submitted to SWIM Magazine. Various committee members helped Jim Matysek test the new discussion forum site before it went public. Members also monitor the discussion forums for inappropriate posts as well as answer questions and correct inaccurate statements.

I'd like to announce a new feature on the USMS Discussion Forum. We have started a private forum for Newsletter Editors to share articles. If you are a Newsletter Editor and did not receive a notice about the new forum, please contact me at weswim@mindspring.com.

As chair of the committee I have had regular conversations with our Webmaster, Jim Matysek, and SWIM Magazine Editor, Bill Volckening. I also communicate regularly with Lynn Hazlewood, Executive Committee liaison. Aimee Fitzgerald, USMS Public Relations consultant, and I recently discussed possible uses of the web for media relations. I have also participated in conference calls regarding the History and Archives Request for Proposal for converting the H&A database. During the next few months I will be active on the data base project, which is an endeavor to better coordinate

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the multitude of data bases used by USMS.

The committee is undertaking a project to help keep the LMSC address list up to date. The list of LMSC officers is dynamic. There are changes nearly every week as new officers are elected, new volunteers come forward, or addresses change. Unfortunately, most LMSCs don't promptly report changes to the national office. In order to improve communications, the Communications Committee will become pro-active in contacting LMSCs to make sure that we have the latest information.

The committee is considering many new tasks during the remainder of the year, including becoming more involved in selecting the newsletter of the year, providing better resources to aid LMSCs in communications, and helping to establish the annual editorial calendar for SWIM Magazine.

If you have any ideas on how USMS can improve communications, please send me a note at this address weswim@mindspring.com

CONVENTION – Michael Heather

Not much to report here, except that the schedule has been sent to USAS and rooms have been allocated for them. Don't blame the convention committee if you don't like the schedule, all we do is send it to USAS for the Executive committee. The committee also "computerized" the convention registration information and it is attached with the electronic version of this newsletter and will be available to download from the USMS website as a PDF file. I guess that would be my report.

FINANCE – Tom Boak

As the new chairman of the Finance Committee, I have spent the first part of this year trying to acquaint myself with the history and procedures that have been put in place by the previous Chairs. It has been an overwhelming task. The good news is that the committee is made up of individuals with varied backgrounds and talents, and all have taken an active interest in improving on what is already in place. We are currently looking at streamlining the budget process so that a majority of the work that needs to be done is complete prior to the convention. The Controller, Cathy Pennington, is up to date with the corporations financials, and we are working to have them distributed on a regular basis to each of the committee members for their review. United States Masters Swimming is in good shape financially, and I see no reason at this point that that would change.

FITNESS - Pam Himstreet

Our first goal as a committee was to re-structure the Fitness section of the USMS Website to better serve the non-competitive Masters swimmer. This goal has been accomplished with the help and expertise of Bill Volckening, Swim Magazine Editor.

We are featuring an "Article of the Month" and are establishing an article archive, categorized by subjects. We have a section called "Getting Started" that has useful information on starting a swimming and fitness program. Under "Fitness Events," we are resurrecting the "Check Off Challenge" and are starting a postal 30 Minute Swim. We are also trying to get a virtual geographical swim in every state. Here swimmers can use their practice yardage to conquer feats like swimming across Crater Lake or up the Missouri River. We have two so far. It looks like we are going to have to create a generic practice yardage tracking form that will work for the swims that do not have one. If we accomplish our goal, we will have swims that can be collected like the US State quarters. Swimmers will turn in their tracking forms and get a certificate with the swims they have done on it. These three events are set to go into publication this fall with the events happening in 2003. I hope to use the convention to get committee members involved in these three events.

We also have a member working on a Fitness Kit, a project from last convention and another who volunteered to compile a Fitness Booklet. Bill has promised us some material on his recent successful weight loss of 35 pounds. We haven't been mailing information to the LMSC newsletter editors because we felt the web might serve more swimmers more easily. This can still be done if needed. We are also being careful that we do not duplicate anything being done in the Coaches committee or any other committee whose activities we know about. Any feedback from members about the new web pages would be greatly appreciated.

HISTORY & ARCHIVES – Carl House

This reports on the most important tasks for the History & Archives Committee during the past six months. This report is on-line with links at: <http://www.swimgold.org/committee/midyear2002.htm>.

ACCURACY OF OUR ARCHIVES

The attention being given to our archives continues to present us with issues of accuracy. Our policy is that if something

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has been published and we wish to correct an inaccuracy, we request permission to do so from the Executive Committee. We have identified and are making about 20 corrections during the first half of this year and this effort will continue to be important. Affirmation of our archives also continues to be important. Esther Lyman recently searched through paper Registration printouts from the 1980's and was able to confirm that 51 heretofore "unidentified" All-Americans were, in fact, registered. Three years ago we said we had 2000 "unidentified" All-Americans; now we have only 349 remaining. The total number of All-Americans ever named is 3801 persons named a total of 11828 times. The complete list is available at: <http://www.swimgold.org/tt/aae/index.htm> .

TOP TEN

We also maintain Top Ten archives (since 1993). This database includes a total of 123089 swims by 9642 swimmers of whom we've found 8943 in USMS Registration files. That means we've not found 699 Top Ten swimmers in the Registration files. These are not necessarily unregistered Top Ten swimmers, as name changes and misspellings will account for many. But, it does affirm the importance of the USMS database project that has been undertaken by the Executive Committee. The names of all Top Ten swimmers is available at: <http://www.swimgold.org/nms/index.htm>.

ARCHIVES CATALOGUE (of paper items to be stored at ISHOF)

Jack Geoghegan and Doug Church are leading the negotiation of our contract with the Henning Library at the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF). We expect to meet with ISHOF during Y-Nationals in late April, 2002. We have already stored approximately 4 large boxes of material there and have a like amount ready to be added. The new material has been catalogued by Barbara Dunbar with important help from Lil Haneman. The catalogue is available at: <http://www.swimgold.org/committee/archives.htm>.

DIGITIZING TEXT

Digitizing text documents will be very, very important to our work. Eventually all the Swim-Masters and other important documents will be digitized in a way that gives us a good chance of converting them to text some may in the future when technology for that gets better. Wayne McCauley has taken the first big step on this by digitizing the entire original 182 page "Blue Book" ("masters Swimming History") by Ham and Mildred Anderson. We now have that book in 2 PDF files (727mb total) that can be easily shared. Meegan Wilson has created an index for it. This puts us on our way towards the goals evident in our Policy statement on "Priorities for What we will collect". <http://www.swimgold.org/committee/prioritycollect.htm>

GATHERING STORIES

We have 245 stories and 37 oral history contributions from or about USMS swimmers. In the past these have mostly been searched out and/or created by core members of the H&A Committee. This year things have changed as Marcia Cleveland has shown we really can draw contributions from our swimmers if we go after them. Marcia wrote a personal letter to twenty or so top swimmers in Colonies Zone and as a result 5 stories have already been added to our archives. Gail Roper has been making similar effort. Meegan Wilson wrote a brochure a year ago and she and Marcia have revised it with help from Meg Smath and it will soon be mailed with a cover letter by Jim Miller to 100 USMS leaders. Priorities for getting new stories have been established for every Zone and LMSC and we expect many new contributions before convention. See: <http://www.swimgold.org/zone/index.htm>.

ARTICULATING POLICY, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION & HISTORY

Barbara Dunbar, Vice-Chair of the History & Archives Committee, has taken on the special project of articulating our policies and organizing our Committee information and history. This includes her leadership in our effort to affirm the accuracy of our archives, to correct mistakes, and to make sure all is fully documented.

THE PERMANENT SWIMMER ID

Our permanent Swimmer ID continues to be the lynch pin that holds our archives together. We are greatly appreciative that the database project initiated by the Executive Committee is giving importance to a permanent USMS Registration number.

STRATEGY FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ARCHIVES

Our most important objective for our Committee is to share the technical burden of managing our archives. It is hoped that this year one or more additional persons will be maintaining our digital archives, providing assistance and relief for our Chairman and assuring continuity for USMS.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

While the database project underway by the Executive Committee will have important bearing on our strategy for continued development of our archives, we have written an RFP commensurate with the vision that we have developed. It

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is available at: <http://www.swimgold.org/committee/rfp/index.htm>.

INSURANCE – Colleen Driscoll

Many questions have been raised by our members and much of the time is spent responding to all the questions. With more information provided regarding our insurance coverage many of the questions have become more sophisticated and challenge us in our responses. Keep up the good work!

We have been monitoring the insurance market for coverage and premiums. The market continues to harden and coverages and limits are more restrictive. It is difficult to say where the market will be in a few months from now as insurers are reluctant to quote more than thirty days in advance.

We will continue to respond to questions and monitor the market.

INTERNATIONAL – Phil Whitten

At the request of USMS President Jim Miller, the International Committee began looking into the possibility of USMS hosting a major international meet in the near future. On polling the committee, I found there was universal support for our hosting the FINA World Championships. There was considerably less enthusiasm for the hosting of a Pan-Pac or Pan-Am meet.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2004 meet has already been awarded to Italy. Hosting a World Championship in 2006 or 2008 is both feasible and has a great deal of enthusiasm and support. We should have a geographical advantage since the 2002 meet was in Oceania (NZ), the 2000 meet in Europe (Germany), the 1998 meet in Africa (Morocco) and the 1996 meet in Europe (Great Britain). The last time the meet was held in North America was in 1994, and that was in Montreal, Canada. It's time to bring the meet to the USA.

The facility requirements for a meet that should attract between 5,000 and 7,000 athletes eliminate all but a handful of pool complexes in the US. These requirements include a world-class 50-meter competition pool, a warm-up/warm-down pool, plus facilities for open water, diving, synchronized swimming and water polo.

The IUPUI complex in Indianapolis was mentioned most often by committee members, but it is undergoing renovations and not seeking to host major meets, at least at this time. It may or may not be available in 2006 and 2008. In addition, I doubt that Indianapolis is a major draw for foreign swimmers.

However, there are other major facilities being built. The most promising appears to be in Mesa, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix. It will consist of two 50-meter pools, plus a diving and water polo pool. It is also indoors.

There are other potential sites under construction or in the planning stages in Tampa and Miami, Florida.

The greater Fort Lauderdale area has many 50 meter facilities. Fort Lauderdale and Plantation both have two 50 meter pools in complexes. However, they are outdoor and indoor would be preferable.

There may be other sites worth looking at as well.

PAN PACS

Several years ago, we hosted a Pan Pac meet in Hawaii, seemingly an ideal location, but it did not draw well. The same result occurred at Pan Pac meets in Japan and Australia. It may be that a Pan Pac meet simply won't draw a lot of top-class competitors. Consequently, there was only muted enthusiasm for our hosting such a meet.

We could host the Pan Pacs in 2005. If we did, I strongly believe it should be either in Hawaii or a west coast city -- San Diego, Long Beach, LA, Santa Barbara, the Bay Area, Portland, Seattle. With an estimated 2,000 competitors at the most, our facility requirements would be much more modest and we could think of hosting this meet as practice for the World Championships. Perhaps we could have the meet contested in short course meters to draw more participants.

PAN-AMS

A Pan-Am meet drew the least enthusiasm and, as June Krauser rightly pointed out, would probably have to be conducted in partnership with ASUA. This meet would have to be located somewhere close to Latin America: Florida or California are most likely, but Texas and Louisiana are also possibilities. We could host it in 2005 or '07. It should be run long course.

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Again, because we should expect a maximum of 2,000 participants --and probably fewer -- our facility requirements are less demanding than for a World Championship meet. There is a gorgeous new outdoor 50-meter facility in the Florida Keys (on Islamorada) run by Olympians Jon Olsen and Jeremy Linn and plenty of available hotel rooms. That might be a draw for visitors from both Canada and Latin America. Other possibilities are a number of pools in Florida, pools in San Diego (e.g., UCSD) and LA (at USC, Long Beach), Louisiana (new LSU pool) and Texas (Austin, San Antonio).

LEGISLATION – Rob Copeland

While this is an off year for Legislative amendments, it has been a very busy year (so far) for Legislation Committee work. The committee currently has two major initiatives underway, as well as many special requests and legislative interpretation of our code.

Our first initiative is the review of USMS Code - Part 4 "Athletes' Rights, Hearings, and Appeals". The sub-committee on Rights has reviewed the current code, previously proposed legislation and the USA-Swimming code as it deals with Hearings and Appeals. They are working to demystify and streamline the process, while focusing on the Rights of Masters Swimming and our members. The current plan calls for a completion of the review and recommendation phase, in time to produce a position paper for presentation and discussion at the 2002 Convention, followed by Legislative amendments for the 2003 Convention.

Our second initiative began as a review of the size and role of our Board of Directors. Since it's inception, this initiative has broadened in scope to look at the bigger picture of governance within USMS. The sub-committee on Governance is looking at executive, management, and oversight roles and authorities in code and in practice. From this review we hope to define an organizational structure that will be positioned to meet the ever expanding needs of our members. USA-Swimming is also in the midst of reviewing and revamping their governance model and we are fortunate to be able to learn from their experiences. The current plan calls for a completion of the review and recommendation phase, in time to produce a position paper for presentation and discussion at the 2002 Convention, followed by Legislative amendments for the 2003 Convention. In addition, we plan on working with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to define non-code responsibilities and procedures, which can be phased in advance of the 2003 Convention.

In addition to these initiatives, the committee has been asked to interpret many vague or confusing provisions to our code. A number of these interpretations have resulted in proposed amendments to code, which will be presented at convention. In addition, it has been pointed out that we have a number of discrepancies between our code and our LMSC handbook. These are being identified and addressed. To date seven proposed amendments have been logged, from simple housekeeping all the way to the official reorganization of Allied and Affiliate Members (groups who wish to be recognized as sharing a common mission and/or interest with Masters Swimming).

As we move into the summer, we anticipate additional amendments will surface, as we approach the July 10th submission deadline.

LONG DISTANCE – Peter Crumbine

My objective is to build on the tremendous progress that Sally Dillon made during her 8-year tenure. Following are the steps we have taken so far to that end.

New Long Distance Committee: The Vice Chairs are Marcia Cleveland and Randy Nutt, while Lynn Hazlewood is our liaison with the Executive Committee. Rob Copeland, LD Chair prior to Sally, rejoined the committee after an eight-year absence. Other members are Doug Brogan, Dan Gray, Barney Hungerford, Janet Renner, Steve Schofield, Shannon Sullivan, Jim Wheeler, Jill Wright, Pam Himstreet, Bruce Hopson, Eric Nordlund, Dick Sidner, and David Vandam. Ex-officio members include Robert Zeitner, Marcia Benjamin, and Graham Johnston. This is a strong group of dedicated volunteers.

Communications: One of my primary goals is to substitute email and web site postings for all normal mail. As starters, the time lines for the 2002 championship events have been put on a single spreadsheet. This allows updates and reminders to be sent regularly to the event directors, who will then be able compare their performance with the other events. For the future, we plan to mail hard copies of bid forms, calendars, entry forms and championship packets only if specifically requested. All of these will be posted on the USMS Long Distance web site and/or emailed to specific individuals.

Assignments: To achieve greater delegation, every member of the committee has a clearly defined role. In addition, the two Vice Chairs and EC Liaison work with me regularly on decision making and dispute resolution. The email traffic with them, as well as with others on the committee, has been voluminous.

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2002 Events: The One-Hour Postal event was great success, due in large part to the efforts of Margie Hutingger. A record number of swimmers (2005) participated, logging in almost 4200 miles. The entry forms for all other Championships have been approved and posted on the web.

Swim Magazine: Our goal is to have one article per issue on Long Distance events. So far, one has been published (on the formation of the new committee and the 2002 events) and another has been submitted (on the one-hour swim).

2004 Events: The bid form and cover letter for these events is ready to be emailed to the LMSC's and event directors. They will also be posted on the USMS Long Distance web site.

MARKETING – Rich Burns

The energy that we bring to this new administration is bearing fruit in a number of initiatives. We have launched the public relations initiative and Aimee is demonstrating that there are unlimited possibilities. The start of the program is challenging given the enormous task of coalescing resources and beginning the outreach. But the energy and enthusiasm is reopening the program. We are proceeding on a number of other fronts. We are preparing support programs for the clubs and LMSCs. We are exploring ways to make better use of the website for marketing. We are redoing the brochure. We are developing a program that will put USMS's name on hang tags that go with our sponsor's products. We are seeking ways to use SWIM as a marketing tool. I hope by the time you see this report you'll also notice a lot of visible progress from the committee.

OFFICIALS – David Diehl

- Selected the Officials Committee members, established an electronic address list and sent a letter to all members with a welcome onto the Committee and encouraged them to share their ideas.
- Along with the Championship Committee, worked to finalize the agreement with USA Swimming to use the two USMS National Championship meets as a vehicle for USA Swimming National and National Championship certification or re-certification.
- In the process of developing a draft of the LMSC procedures for certification of USMS officials. USA Swimming has included questions about the Masters rules in their certification test and have agreed to allow USMS members to sit in on their officials clinics and to take their tests for certification. The LMSC procedures will allow USMS officials to take the USA Swimming Officials tests and work USMS meets and to be certified as USMS officials through their LMSC. The procedures will be drafted and distributed for review prior to the Convention and voted on at that time.
- Joan Smith has been assigned as the USMS Officials Committee Liaison to the 2002 SC Nationals in Hawaii. The liaison for the LC Nationals in Cleveland has not yet been determined.
- The Chair of the Officials Committee has been involved with discussions regarding the pool length certification issue and the acceptance of times for top ten consideration when the pool was found to be short.
- Starting to use the USMS web discussion forum for communications with Officials Committee and USMS members. Still working to have an Officials page included on the USMS web site.

PLANNING – Betsy Durrant

The Planning Committee is looking at “planning” in two different ways: “short term” and “long term”. In many ways, “short term” is easier. We are trying to identify LMSC needs and then to work on solutions. A survey was sent to all LMSCs. Twenty-one of fifty-three LMSCs responded and their responses have been compiled. President Jim Miller has asked me to contact the remaining LMSCs again. At the same time, the concerns of the LMSCs are being brought to the attention of the appropriate committee(s) for action.

“Long term” planning is a little harder. A Planning thread has been started in the USMS website discussions in order to solicit ideas/comments from a broad range of swimmers. “Long term planning” will involve a review of the USMS Mission Statement, the Goals and Objectives of USMS, and the Strategic Plan adopted at the 2000 convention.

“Short term” and “long term” planning will be brought together by creating recommendations of ways USMS can help LMSCs and advance our Mission Statement and our Goals and Objectives. These recommendations will be presented to the next convention.

PLANNING COMMITTEE LMSC SURVEY

A survey was sent to all LMSC Chairs and Registrars. Three questions were asked: (1) What are your LMSC strong points? (2) What are your LMSC weak points? (3) How can USMS help your LMSC?

Some of the topics that popped up in a number of surveys were: Leadership, Communication, Publicity/Marketing and

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Coaching/Workouts.

Leadership and Communication showed up in the Strong Points and in the Weak Points. I believe this shows that these are important to the LMSCs. Leadership was sometimes mentioned in the Strong Points and Weak Points for the same LMSC. The comments were that the LMSC had strong leaders, but that new faces were not stepping up to replace them.

Some progress is already being made:

- The Communications Committee has set up a section of the website Discussion Groups for newsletter editors. Editors are encouraged to share articles in a format that can be used by other editors.
- The Marketing Committee is discussing the preparation of materials for local use.

The Planning Committee will discuss the results via email and will prepare some recommendations for the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to consider. At the convention, recommendations

PUBLICATIONS – Meg Smath

As soon as convention was over, the Publications Committee sprang into action to get the rule book printed as quickly as possible. I used the convention reports from Sally Dillon and Elin Zander to make the changes to the legislation and long distance sections of the rule book, and Leo Letendre emailed me a file with the changes to part 1. Right on schedule, Walt Reid e-mailed me the new pool records on November 1, and Sally sent me the long distance records as she received them throughout the fall. As soon as I had the changes made to parts 1 through 6, I sent PDF versions off to the committee chairs and to members of the Publications Committee for proofreading. Once the Executive Committee made its decisions about committee assignments, Tracy Grilli compiled the material for appendix e and e-mailed it to me as Excel spreadsheets. Mary Lee Watson was in charge of advertisements, as usual, and took care of getting them to the printer. Bill Volckening, who won the cover design contest, sent me the Photoshop file for the cover via ftp. I downloaded it and put it on a CD, along with the PageMaker files for the rule book. The CD was sent to the printer, along with hard copy, just before Christmas. This was the first time the rule book was reproduced from digital files. If the whole process hadn't been so rushed anyway because of the late convention, I think this would have speeded up the process considerably. But it was hard to tell this time because Gateway worked at warp speed anyway! Tracy Grilli also did a fantastic job of sending out the rule books and mini rule books to the clubs as quickly as possible, once they were received from the printer. But we knew it wouldn't be possible to have rule books to the clubs in early January, as usual. So I sent a PDF of the rule book to Jim Matysek, and he had it posted on the USMS website. Tracy also sent copies of the "Major Changes" to clubs so that they would know of any new rules that would affect the conduct of meets. So we got the rule book printed in half the time that we usually do, but the sacrifice was that it was put together very quickly, and proofreading was also rushed. We've never published a perfect rule book yet, but this one may have even more errors than usual. I hope not, but it's certainly possible. I'd like to especially thank Sally Dillon, Elin Zander, Leo Letendre, Walt Reid, Tracy Grilli, Jim Matysek, Bill Volckening, Mary Lee Watson, Gateway Printing, and the Executive Committee for everything they did to help get this year's rule book out!

Normally, once the rule book is finished we're done for the year, but now that we're the Publications Committee, we're charged with helping other committees with their publishing needs. So when the History and Archives Committee wanted to put out a brochure describing the History Project, we were called on to help. I took the copy sent to me by H&A members Marcia Cleveland and Meegan Wilson, edited it, and plugged it into one of the templates for brochures provided in PageMaker (a desktop publishing software package). After all parties agreed they were satisfied with the final product, I e-mailed Meegan the PageMaker file and also a PDF version for posting on the web.

Still to accomplish is a project to revise the indexing in the rule book. The index entries are hidden tags in the PageMaker files. I need to print the rule book out so that the tags are visible so that the committee members can see what is tagged, and what is not tagged, and make suggestions for changes to existing tags and adding new tags. We will also scour the rule book for housekeeping proposals.

I think that's it! If anyone has any questions, just let me know.

RECOGNITION & AWARDS – Kathy Casey

The first order of business was to complete the selection of committee members. There are 27 members on the committee plus the liaison from the Executive Committee, Scott Rabalais. Committee membership includes Ransom Arthur Award winners who are still USMS members and other interested delegates/USMS members chosen to represent age groups that are not represented by the Ransom Arthur Award winners. Carolyn Boak, the 2001 Ransom Arthur Award winner, agreed to serve as vice chairperson.

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A call for nominations for the Ransom Arthur Award was published in *SWIM* magazine, *Streamlines*, and a reminder was sent to all LMSCs. Four nominations were received by March 15:

John Bauman from Wisconsin
Betsy Durrant from Virginia
Hugh and Jane Moore from Pacific Northwest
Steve Schofield from Southern Pacific

Letters of congratulations have been sent to all nominees.

Nomination information and ballots have been sent to all committee members. Ballots are due April 15. Committee members also received a spreadsheet to use when comparing candidates' accomplishments. The spreadsheet was prepared by Suzanne Rague for the committee to try. Comments and suggestions will be taken from the members as future business is conducted.

Champion Trophy Company, who has made the award in the past, has been contacted about this year's order.

The call for nominations for the USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Award has been sent to *SWIM* magazine.

Discussions have begun with Hugh Moore, Communication Committee chair, about posting all past and present USMS award winners on the USMS web site, and a search for all award winners has begun. That will include a search of convention minutes for winners of the President's Service Award instituted by Mel Goldstein when he was president.

Future committee business will include:

- Discussing the Ransom Arthur presentation at the USMS Short Course National meet with President Jim Miller
- Selecting USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Award winners
- Completing the web site project
- Finalizing the spreadsheet for comparing Ransom Arthur nominees' accomplishments
- Notifying previous award winners that they can purchase replacement pins
- Discussing the status of USMS awards and any proposed awards
- Asking delegates for committee agenda items early in the summer so the committee can consider those items and conduct committee business prior to convention

RECORDS & TABULATION – Pieter Cath

Top-Ten Tabulations for 2001 Long-Course Meters and 2000-2001 Short-Course Meters were sent to the printer and published on schedule.

The 2001 All-American tabulation was prepared and sent to the National Office for verification and publishing.

NQT tabulations were sent to the Championship Committee. The 2001 Relay All-American tabulation was prepared and sent to all Committee Members, Top-Ten Recorders and to all the Clubs that were listed on the tabulation.

Walt Reid continues to process all record applications and supplies the record information that is included in the Top-Ten Publications. The Top-Ten subscription list is now maintained by the National Office.

The issue of pool length surfaced this year. Two SCM pools were found to be too short and top-ten submissions from these pools were not included in the top-ten tabulation for 2001 SCM. Jim Miller has charged the Records & Tabulation Committee and the Rules Committee to make a joint recommendation for new rules and procedures to ensure that all pools that are used for USMS competition meet length requirements.

REGISTRATION – Anna Lea Roof

Several deficiencies in the USMS registration process have come to light this year. The new USMS Database Project could help solve two of these problems.

SWIMMERS SUPPLYING FALSE BIRTH DATES

We have had a couple of instances this year of swimmers who have registered with birthdates different from what they supplied in previous years. In both cases, the swimmers changed LMSCs and correspondingly changed their birthdates. A centralized database could catch such occurrences.

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NON-REGISTERED OR ONE -EVENT SWIMMERS MAKING TOP TEN

Every year there are a few instances of swimmers making the Top Ten listings either without having a USMS number at all, or having only a One-Event registration. Currently the errors are caught "after the fact" when the Top Ten list is sent to the USMS National Office.

The Top Ten software currently does not require the swimmer's USMS number. Adding a required "USMS number" field to the Top Ten software is the first step in solving this problem. Alternatively, a centralized database could provide the same function.

Another issue to investigate is whether a statement such as "USMS reserves the right to verify any of the supplied information" is necessary on the USMS registration form. This would allow USMS to request proof of age, such as a copy of a driver's license, on questionable registrations.

RULES – Leo Letendre

Besides the normal preparation of the submission of proposed rules changes, the committee met in extraordinary session via teleconference to develop an official interpretation of section 107.2.1 with respect to submission for Top Ten consideration.

SAFETY EDUCATION – Patty Powis

After obtaining information about the status of projects from the previous Safety Education Committee and resolving some communication difficulties, the committee is now pursuing several initiatives. Subcommittees have been formed to work on the USMS Safety Handbook and ideas for encouraging safety at the local level. In addition, the committee is picking up previous efforts on the creation of a "job description" for LMSC Safety Chairs and, based on recent discussions, is investigating the possibility of a CPR training campaign for USMS members.

SAFETY HANDBOOK

Given some dissatisfaction expressed at the committee's meeting at Convention about the brief nature of the current draft of the Safety Handbook, which had been pared down because of legal concerns, the committee obtained the USA Swimming Safety/Loss Control Manual for comparison. The 72-page manual has some items that would not be appropriate in the USMS handbook, but it also has some things that could be helpful in the USMS book.

A subcommittee is currently reviewing the USA Swimming Manual chapter-by-chapter to determine which aspects should be suggested for adoption in the USMS handbook. After reaching consensus on each chapter, that portion of the handbook will be sent to Legal Counsel and the Insurance Committee Chair for review and comment. The Safety Education Chair has spoken with Legal Counsel to inform him of our plans and discuss Legal Counsel's views about what type of information is appropriate in the handbook.

IDEAS FOR ENCOURAGING SAFETY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

The committee is exploring methods for fostering discussion and initiatives about safety at the club and LMSC level, as an alternative to mandates coming down from the national level. A subcommittee has been formed to explore ways to encourage a grassroots safety focus. For example, one idea is to communicate safety information primarily by giving articles/small safety blurbs to newsletter editors (the committee has done this in past years) rather than focusing on national articles in SWIM Magazine.

LMSC SAFETY CHAIR JOB DESCRIPTION

Shortly after the committee was staffed, the committee chair received an inquiry from an LMSC about whether there was an existing description of what the LMSC Safety Chair's duties are. There had been an ongoing effort by the committee in previous years to create an LMSC Safety Chair "job description". The Safety Education Committee Chair has now spoken with previous Chair Julie Heather to discuss the status of that project. Julie has forwarded a copy of a previous initial attempt to describe the LMSC role. An effort is underway to form a subcommittee to work on this, but we are currently lacking committee volunteers to pursue this project.

POSSIBLE CPR CAMPAIGN

In an attempt to get some guidance as the committee resumes work on the Safety Handbook, the committee chair contacted the chairs of the Coaches Committee and Sports Medicine Committee to solicit feedback on whether a safety training requirement for coaches should be phased in. That request engendered some constructive e-mail discussions involving committee members and USMS coaches. One suggestion that was made during those discussions was to make a push to encourage USMS members and coaches to get CPR-trained. The committee is now exploring the

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possibilities for such a campaign and the role the committee can play in structuring it and facilitating training opportunities.

OTHER ITEMS

One committee member is working on an article for SWIM Magazine about lightning safety. He has been informed of the need to work with Bill Volckening and the timeline for the inclusion of articles in SWIM.

Communication difficulties are starting to be resolved, as more committee members are responding to e-mail messages and several have stepped forward to volunteer for subcommittees.

SPORTS MEDICINE – Jessica Seaton

The Sports Medicine Committee has been quite energetic during the four months we've been up and running. We've loosely divided the committee into subcommittees and liaisons to other USMS committees.

The communications subcommittee, headed by Jane Moore, has written a waiver for sports medicine articles and another waiver for sports medicine related forums on the usms.org web site. Her committee members are establishing a process and guidelines for sports medicine related articles appearing on the USMS web site.

The research subcommittee, headed by Joel Stager, has produced an eight page document of requirements and guidelines for those wishing to apply for grant money from the USMS Foundation. They are also working on a mission statement for USMS sponsored research, as well as on directions they'd like to see USMS research pursue. A research project on Parkinson's disease and essential tremor and competitive swimming is finalizing the logistical and financial details.

Jane Moore attended the Olympic Training Center as the Sports Medicine liaison, and was very well received. She gave a short talk, did some measurements on the participants, compiled data from previous sports medicine OTC surveys, and written a report. Her subcommittee is currently discussing future possibilities for the sports medicine liaison at the OTC.

Liaisons to the following committees have been chosen: Coaches, MACA, ASCA, Communications, Fitness, and Safety. All these committees have been engaged in a large discussion on the pros and cons of CPR and first aid training/certification for USMS coaches and swimmers.

An article by committee member Jody Welborn on atrial fibrillation appeared in the March/April issue of SWIM Magazine. Future articles are scheduled for all but the May/June issue of SWIM Magazine. The March/April issue also saw the debut of the "Ask Dr. Swim" column.

ZONE COMMITTEE – Lynn Hazlewood

This year saw a more than 50 percent turnover in membership for the Zone Committee. Returning for another 2-year term were June Krauser - Dixie Zone, Melissa Rinker - Great Lakes Zone, and Larry Wood - South Central Zone. New to the committee are Marcia Anziano - Breadbasket Zone, Barb Protzman - Colonies Zone, Dan Frost - Northwest Zone, Joan Alexander - Oceana Zone, and Wayne McCauley - Southwest Zone. Congratulations to all for being among the thirteen elected USMS officials on the national level.

The committee is in the process of running the Zone Chair election for this year. Melissa Rinker has been appointed Election Chair, since I am running for re-election and cannot take part in organizing the election. We will soon know who the candidates for Zone Chair are.

This year, the Zone Committee will endeavor to complete all outstanding projects prior to convention. Some of the projects will purposely be spread over the 2-year terms of the current Zone Reps. The issues we will be working on are:

1. What is the future of the Zone Committee as a standing committee in USMS. This will include a review of possible changes to legislation which defines zones and the zone committee. These changes will be proposed during the 2003 legislation cycle.
2. A review of the Zone Committee budgeting process to consolidate the two sources of income for zones - USMS budget and internal zone resources.
3. Recommendations for updates to the Election Operating Guidelines (EOG) based on our experience during the 2001 and 2002 elections.
4. Develop a clear job description for Zone Reps and possibly guidelines for running zone activities.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

ISHOF NOMINATING – Ginger Pierson

- Updated ISHOF candidate reports were filed timely.
- Updating records into the database continues and it is current.
- Conferred with Bob Duenkel regarding notification of the ISHOF recipients. (He will contact Ginger when the selection is made – probably May)
- A list has been compiled containing names of swimmers that have had names changes during their years in USMS. The process for identifying the dates of the changes for each name has begun.
- Walt continues to computerize World Championship Meets for identifying total events won, events and times, for ISHOF resumes.

USMS ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD OF GOVERNORS – Doug Church

Several significant contributions have been made to the Endowment Fund this year including several in memory of recently deceased swimmers and several in honor of living members! The DC Masters and the Gold Coast Masters made generous contributions in recognition of the research being done on Essential Tremor by Eddie Ames and others. Indiana Masters memorialized John Maxwell who died on Christmas Day at the age of 93. He had been active until just months before his death. Numerous other individual gifts have been received in addition to the check-off contributions and the matching grants from USMS.

The first two grants have been awarded and funding is being finalized. The first was to Dr. Joel Stager for work at the Councilman Center for the Study of Swimming at Indiana University. The second to Eddie Ames for the Study of Essential Tremor.

The Endowment Fund balance is now over \$100,000.00! The Board of Governors set that amount as the target for the beginning of grant-making and Requests for Grants are now being actively solicited. The Board of Governors will be organizing subcommittee's to evaluate Grant Requests and to establish criteria for their award, and, to energize the efforts to encourage contributions to the Endowment Fund. Anyone interested in a grant, making a donation, serving on a committee, should contact Doug Church, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Endowment Fund. DChurch@cchalaw.com or P.O. Box 10, Noblesville, IN 46061.

USMS LIAISONS & SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

CONTROLLER – Cathy Pennington

The position of Controller is one that flows in cycles. During the first part of the year I was busy closing the books on 2001, collecting all the last minute reimbursement requests and preparing various adjustments to the books. That job is mostly behind me now although we still have the audit/review and tax return to complete. During the second half of the year I'll get into helping the Finance Committee with the budget. In between those two activities I try to make sure the bills get paid.

Fiscal 2002 was my first experience with a new administration, Board of Directors and committee chairs. To each person with budget responsibility, I have provided a copy of any existing budget detail for their line item(s) along with a printout of the expenses charged to that budget for 2001 to give some sense of history in that area. If I missed anyone, please let me know.

One of the other things I do is provide quarterly reports of expenses charged to the various budget lines. These reports help me make sure I'm charging things to the right places and also tell the responsible individuals how much money is left in their budgets.

I continue to try to make this a user-friendly position. If you have questions about reimbursements or your budget, please send me an e-mail to Controller@USMS.org.

FINA REPRESENTATIVE – June Krauser

The FINA Masters Committee met on March 21-22, 2002, in Christchurch, New Zealand before the IX FINA World Masters Championships. We met with the Organizing Committee and tried to straighten out a few problems. They did a good job at the Championships and had more Volunteers than I have ever seen! The Championships ran smoothly until they got to the Open Water Swim. Had a few problems that must be solved. The Entertainment was marvelous. Had a

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chart for seating for over 800 people at the Gala! On March 23rd the FINA Masters Congress was held. USMS's two representatives were Jim Miller and Michael Collins (see below report). It didn't take long and was followed by lunch. A breaststroke kicking movement is permitted for butterfly – passed with no problem. Another rule that was amended to read, "World Records can only be established in a Masters meet sanctioned by a member". 'Member' meaning 'Federation'. Swimmers who have to be disqualified must be listed with coded reason for disqualification in the results. There will be a Special Edition of the FINA Masters News with the top three in every event, Statistics, photos, World Records broken, etc. The FINA Bureau meeting in Moscow voted on the site of the X FINA World Masters Championships. They are to be held in Riccione, Italy. You might ask, where? I looked it up on a map and it is a small town on the East Coast just SE of Bologna on the Adriatic Sea.

FINA CONGRESS REPORT - Christchurch, New Zealand – Jim Miller, MD, USMS President

The FINA Technical Masters Congress was convened on March 23, 2002. The USMS representatives voting for US Masters Aquatic Sports were Jim Miller, MD, and Michael Collins, Chairman of USMS Coaches Committee. It is usual that USMS shares one of its two votes with one of the other Masters aquatic sports, but after the diving representative withdrew several weeks prior to the meeting, the other disciplines could not make arrangements to get to New Zealand in time for the meeting. The meeting was held the day prior to the start of the Masters World Championships, which featured all of the Masters aquatic sports.

Michael and I participated in the discussions and voted on various agenda topics. The final results of the meeting can be summarized as follows:

- *Adoption of an international waiver which specifically states:*

"Masters Competitors must be aware of the need of being well prepared and medically fit before entering into Masters competitions. They shall assume full responsibility for the risks included in competing in such competitions. In consideration of their entry, they must agree to waive and release FINA, the Organising National Federation and the Organising Committee from any kind of liability for accidents, which may cause death, injury or property loss. Entry Forms containing a warning of the risks, an Accident Waiver and Release of Liability must be signed by each Masters competitor."

- *Defense of allowing the breaststroke kick to continue to be legal in Masters butterfly events. This was passed.*
- *Defeat of a motion to allow relay teams to be composed of members from two different clubs and have their times become eligible for all official purposes.*
- *Passage of a motion stating: "World Records can only be established in a meet sanctioned by a Masters Member." In the US, this means that times achieved at any meet sanctioned by USMS will be eligible for consideration for World Records assuming that the event meets all of the standards of competition.*
- *"Swimmers who had to be disqualified must be listed along with the coded reason for disqualification in the results." This is the language that passed for international meets.*
- *Masters open water events are now restricted to distances of 5 K or less. There is no longer any provision for paddle boards/canoes or escort boats for each athlete.*
- *The numbering of caps is now mandatory in all open water events, and new language was passed for seeding: "Swimmers shall be seeded according to age groups from the youngest to the oldest. Swimmers may be selected irrespective of gender. The slowest entered swimmers of each age group may comprise and be seeded in special heat(s)."*

The site of the next World Championship was briefly discussed. So far, Mexico and Italy are in the bidding, though there were rumors that Mexico was going to withdraw their bid. Discussions were conducted with the FINA Committee about the US bidding for Worlds in 2006. These topics will be forwarded to the International Committee for consideration and for site selections.

Along the same lines, the Pacific rim nations are coming to USMS to produce a site for the Pan Pacific Championships, which actually should be held in 2004. The bid process was to have been conducted in Hong Kong where Pan Pacs were to have been held in October, 2002. This meet was not held due to the events of 9/11, and therefore the next site was not picked. These discussions will be submitted to the USMS International Committee for further consideration and site selection with the suggestion that Hong Kong should be invited to be the host since their original planned meet had to be cancelled.

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IGLA LIAISON – Cris Meier-Windes

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN AQUATICS (IGLA)

On behalf of United States Masters Swimming, I sent a letter introducing myself as liaison to the board members of IGLA. I also spoke by phone with the Pacific Co-President Pricilla Kawakami (Utah Masters). She welcomed me and their board invited me to write something for their newsletter.

GAY GAMES VI

Registration for the swimming events at Gay Games VI in Sydney, NSW, Australia, closed earlier this year at 1,200 individuals, representing a widely diverse International field. A good percentage of entrants are registered with United States Masters Swimming. A waiting list now exists. Also, I cannot yet confirm whether registration was reopened on a limited basis. The swimming events are sanctioned by AUSSI Masters for FINA, and will take place at the Sydney Olympic Aquatics Complex the week of November 2-9, 2002.

IGLA NEWSLETTER

WetNotes, the newsletter of IGLA can be viewed at <http://www.igla.org/publications.htm#wetnotes>

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME LIAISON – June Krauser

It has been a year of turmoil for ISHOF. They tried to move to a city parking lot just north of Las Olas Blvd. But lost the bid to another developer. Hard feelings materialized between the City Commissioners of Fort Lauderdale and ISHOF. Several other cities in the area were interested. The ISHOF Board decided on the City of Hollywood after hearing three proposals. After a time, that deal fell through and ISHOF pulled out of that deal. They are now negotiating with the city of Pompano Beach. Hollywood, FL is just south of Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach is just north of Fort Lauderdale. The ISHOF Selection Committee has new guidelines for selecting fewer Honorees each year. Because of this, the Board has appointed a small committee to study the idea of having an International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame to be housed at ISHOF.

USMS PUBLIC RELATIONS/NATIONAL SPONSOR LIAISON – Mel Goldstein

FREE ! FREE !

I am pleased to announce USMS has two USMS National Sponsors, “Endless Pools”, a virtual swimming treadmill manufacturer, and “Cliff Bar”, a nutritional power bar and gel manufacturer. Both will contribute monetarily to USMS to defray costs for non-revenue generating programs. You will hear more about these new sponsors in months to come.

While the activities of the USMS National Sponsor Liaison have been many, I would like to take the space provided for my report to tell you about a service USMS provides for LMSC's and Club's that is absolutely **FREE!** Two years ago USMS invested into a portable tradeshow display unit to be used at various aquatic conferences like ASCA World Coaches Clinic, National Parks & Recreation Aquatic Conference, and the National Senior Games. The display unit is a 10 x 10 pop-up display; it is a very colorful and depicts all aspects of masters swimming. Many of you have seen this display at our master's registration desk at convention. This display is available to any LMSC or Club absolutely **FREE!** As I travel about the country, and read the various threads on the USMS website, the one common comment I hear is, what can we do to get new members? To answer this question, your LMSC or Club must take the initiative, instead of waiting for members to come to you; you must go where potential members are, health fairs, triathlons, and marathons. Here is what Clay Evans said after setting up the USMS display at the Los Angeles Marathon, “There were 30,000 runner's and we must have registered 100's, but the great thing was we got 100 new members, I want the booth back for the Whole Earth Festival in the LA Valley at the end of April.” You too can have this type of success with a little effort, if new members don't come to you, you must go to them. USMS provides the service, but you must take the initiative. If you have a major marathon, triathlon, or health fair in your area and would like to have the display unit, USMS will pay all costs of shipping to and from. It is very easy to assemble, and there is no cost to your club. Contact Mel Goldstein, USMS Public Relations / National Sponsor Liaison, www.goldstein@mindspring.com for more details.

SENIOR GAMES LIAISON – Scott Rabalis

Coming off of a national competition year, appeals were made to the NSG national headquarters to include both the 100 IM and 200 breaststroke in future NSG national swim meets. Both events were approved and will be offered in the Hampton Roads, Va., competition (SCY) in May-June, 2003. There is on-going discussion that I will serve as an on-site consultant for the 2003 swim meet.

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In addition, I calculated a formula for determining the qualifying times for the two new events. I also suggested a more accurate method of determining seed times for bonus events that are entered with no seed time. USMS Rule Books for 2002 were sent from the National Office to the NSG office, and will in turn be sent to the state swimming coordinators.

I continue to answer inquiries from USMS members and beyond on various issues relating to the NSG. Usually, I handle the questions myself, but when necessary I pass them along to the NSG. Finally, although I am not of age to participate in the National Senior Games, I am beginning to experience occasional "Senior moments." When I turn 50 in seven years, I am sure those moments will be occurring with greater regularity.

SWIM MAGAZINE EDITOR – Bill Volckening

Last year, in my mid-year report I spoke to the ways in which the USMS Editor position fully caters to the statement of purpose of the USMS Strategic Plan. During the last six months, I have continued to work toward this ideal, while doing my part to assist with the Executive Committee transition. Working diligently as a liaison between the publishers and editors of SWIM Magazine and the leaders of USMS, our shared goal is to educate, entertain, inform and uplift our readers.

This job includes soliciting articles, illustrations or other material from USMS members and committees, and submitting this material to SWIM Magazine for publication; researching and writing articles for publication; editing proposed articles for publication before they are submitted to SWIM (editing involves working with authors, USMS proofreaders, and SWIM Magazine as necessary); reviewing all editorial proofs from SWIM Magazine before printing; representing USMS when cover photos are selected; working with SWIM Magazine, the USMS Communications Committee and the USMS Executive Committee to prepare an annual Editorial Calendar; submitting proposed, edited material to the USMS Executive Committee for review prior to publication; working with the USMS Championship Committee to format the USMS National Championship Entry Forms, and generating electronic files of the Nationals entry forms for internet distribution; and attending the annual USMS Convention.

In addition to these tasks, this job includes: working with SWIM Magazine to establish deadlines for submission of materials, including those being received by the USMS Editor, and those sent from the USMS Editor to SWIM Magazine; distributing these deadlines to the National Office, and the USMS Secretary; working with SWIM Magazine and representing the interests of USMS during the process of determining the final run sheet for each issue of the magazine – especially when there is too much content for the 48-page publication; annually reviewing the balance of editorial content and proposing new ideas; sharing feedback from USMS and its members with the Editors and Publishers of SWIM Magazine; appointing proofreaders, and communicating with them when planning the annual calendar and reviewing materials; preparing news and information about USMS and its swimmers for www.swiminfo.com web site; and reviewing unsolicited story ideas, and communicating with the individuals generating these ideas.

During the time I have served as USMS Editor, the time commitment has increased from approximately 40 hours per/month to 120 hours per/month, and the amount of editorial content produced has increased from approximately 35% of the magazine to roughly 65%. In the May/June, 2002 issue, 24 of the 37 editorial pages were generated by USMS, and USMS was involved with 10 of the 13 pages generated by Sports Publications. The other 11 pages of the 48 page magazine are dedicated to advertising, which is solely the work of Sports Publications. We have also seen an increase in the number of columns generated by USMS. Recently, we have successfully introduced "How They Swim," "Long Distance News," and "Ask Dr. SWIM" – and there are other new columns planned on this year's editorial calendar. As the number of columns has increased, so has our involvement with several of the committees within USMS.

Serving United States Masters Swimming as USMS SWIM Magazine Editor is not only a pleasure for me, it is a passion. It is very important to note that this role is not an individual effort. It requires teamwork, a fully cooperative working environment, and the highest possible level of communication. I extend my personal thanks to all the individuals who have worked in supporting roles.

US OLYMPIC COMMITTEE LIAISON – Hill Carrow

There is not a great deal to report in the first half year except for the hosting of another most successful high altitude swim camp at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in February. These camps have become an important offering for our membership, and they have provided an attractive link with USA Swimming and the US Olympic Committee.

The camps continue to receive lots of interest from Masters swimmers across the country and generally get excellent reviews from attendees. Feedback from participants is being utilized to fine-tune and improve the camp format to make subsequent versions even more appealing and beneficial to future "campers."

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USMS LIAISON TO USA TRIATHLON – Cindy Hawkinson

Since being appointed shortly after Convention as the USMS Liaison to USA Triathlon, I have established a relationship with the USA Tri representative, Angela Flannery, in effort to bring the two organizations together as well as increase membership in both organizations.

Several goals were established, some of which are highlighted below

1. Link to each others websites
2. Share articles in each others publications
3. Publish calendar of events
4. Post workouts
5. Offer to assist in the clinics/camps
6. Study USA Tri's coaching certification process
7. Study USA Tri's organizational infrastructure
8. Study club development
9. On-line registration / dual membership – can either be accomplished?

USA Tri would also like to learn from us a variety of things. A couple are as follows:

1. Discussion forum – how do we get the success that we do?
2. Volunteers – they are amazed at our volunteer organization and the quality of the work that is accomplished
3. Possibly use some of our coaches for clinics

I've met with Angela twice since convention and have accomplished the following:

1. We are now linked to the USA Tri website and vice versa.
2. Workouts are posted on the website and USA Tri has informed its membership to look at our site for workouts.
3. An article will be published in the USA Tri club newsletter about USMS and the new affiliation USA Tri has with us (also encouraging membership and joining a team to better the swim portion of a triathlon).

The next step will be to get our Executives and their Executives together. This could happen as soon as right after Nationals.

USMS LIAISON TO USA SWIMMING – Ted Haartz

At the January 26th USA Swimming Board of Directors meeting in Colorado Springs, CO., several new publications were provided. The first was a copy of SCIENCE; The Science and Art of Coaching written and produced by USA Sports Science. Secondly, was a series of 5 brochures for INCLUDING SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY covering Officials, LSCs, Meet & Safety Directors, Coaches and Parents & Swimmers. All of this material was forwarded to the President for review.

The 5 foot pool depth rule for teaching starting dives is causing problems for pool operators through out the country. Modification, where possible is cost prohibitive and monolith construction impossible to modify.

The next USA Swimming Board meeting will be held in Omaha, NE May 3 - 5, 2002.

USMS LIAISON TO YMCA - Stu Marvin

Just finished with hosting the National YMCA Masters Championships at the Hall of Fame Pool in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (we also hosted the "age group" Nationals just prior). This whole process started back around March 31 and we are just now coming up for air. A lot of things with regard to the Y Masters program are in "the process" (including the location and dates of next years Y nationals) at the moment and I prefer to wait on a report until we have some solid answers and something to report. I plan to have a full report in the Summer issue of this publication.

USMS WEBMASTER – Jim Matysek

Updates and new features for the usms.org web site continue to be planned and implemented at a quick pace. Major updates have been made to the following areas since our latest convention:

- 2001 convention minutes published.
- 2002 rule book published.
- LMSC Handbook published.
- A new Discussion Forum package was installed and configured for our use. This new software is much more powerful than the previous package and has been working well. We have moved the Working Calendar to the calendar area of the forums, and have added forums for each LMSC and national committee. We have also

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added workout forums for each of the coaches selected by the Coaches Committee to provide free workouts on the web for our members.

- Short course nationals info and on line entry system published, including a major re-write of the on line entry system and administrative tools. 473 on line entries were received and processed for SC nationals.
- Relay All Americans list published for the year 2001.
- ...and many more small updates to various sections of the site.

In addition to responsibilities for maintaining the usms.org web site, the webmaster also serves as the system administrator for our dedicated web server. This part of the job involves keeping the server up-to-date with all of the latest versions of the software that we use and installing security updates as they become available. Updates typically become available at the rate of one per week, and they must each be researched, obtained, installed, and configured. Since some of the updates impact applications that are running key services on our web site, they must be handled very carefully to avoid any problems with current web services. Other tasks associated with the system administrator functions include updating email aliases, creating and maintaining mailing lists for our national committees, and tracking spam email and viruses reported to me and updating filters on the server to help prevent these wherever possible.

We continue to offer free web hosting for all zones and LMSC's. Information about our hosting capabilities can be found at <http://admin.usms.org/>. We also now allow any LMSC that hosts their site on our server to set up free sub-sites for registered clubs within their LMSC. Any club web site with their own domain name may also point their domain name to their sub-site on our server. To date, we have 4 of our 8 zones, 13 of our 53 LMSC's, MACA, and 3 clubs with dedicated domain names hosting their live web sites on our web server. There are also 7 LMSC's that are in various stages of setup and test on the server and other club sites available without dedicated domain names.

The Webmaster job has continued to increase in complexity and demands on my time. Since convention, I have averaged over 30 hours per week and have still not been able to accomplish everything that is desired.

ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

BREADBASKET ZONE – Marcia Anziano

Colorado reports membership at 1050 as of March 28, 2002.

Colorado has made some major changes as regards to their meetings. After many years of monthly meetings in the same location, they have gone to fewer meetings at various locations. They are holding 'team talk' meetings four times a year in the metro area, moving the location from one end of the city to the other every 3 months. This is an attempt to attract input and participation from more teams when the meetings are held in their general location. In addition, they will have at least one meeting per year on the West Slope, the other side of the mountains.

Colorado has also worked to attract new people to become involved at both the executive and committee levels. This year they have new 1st time volunteers as committee chairs for Sanctions, Officials, Top Ten and Newsletter along with a new member of the Executive Board serving in the position of Secretary. This is a major step for Colorado.

They have also attempted to go from paper mail to email when possible (87% of the members have email) but are finding mixed reaction to this. Many with email still like the old paper mail, and those in more rural areas find that their email and web access is not as reliable for them as it is for those that live in the more metro areas of the state. This is a challenge that they will continue to face in the coming year.

As for the zone in general, the Breadbasket Zone Championships are being sponsored this year by the Missouri Valley LMSC. They will be held on April 6, 2002, in Lawrence Kansas. Information on this was forwarded to all LMSC's earlier in the year and again this last week.

DIXIE ZONE – June Krauser

The Dixie Zone is doing great! There have been two Newsletters since Convention. The Dixie Zone SCY Championships were held in Clearwater, FL with 235 swimmers attending. The Florida Association had their Awards Banquet the Saturday night after the meet. This was their first Awards Banquet and it was a huge success. The Florida Gold Coast held their Awards Banquet on January 5th with over 100 in attendance. It also was a great evening. We are now looking forward to the YMCA Masters SCY Championships at the Hall of Fame Pool in Fort Lauderdale. The weather is going to be great for the 654 swimmers expected to attend.

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GREAT LAKES – Melissa Rinker

"The Great Lakes Zone has some exciting things going on this year! Lake Erie is hosting the 2002 Long Course Nationals at Cleveland State University from August 15-18th. Plans are nearly completed for a successful meet, including a great time at the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame!

Summer meets include the SwimLouisville.com Masters Invitational, to be held at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center, on June 15-16th. This meet is sponsored by Crescent Hills Masters Swimming.

At least 2 states (Michigan & Indiana) reported in that they had the largest meet attendance ever at their 2002 State Short Course Meets, so we hope the Great Lakes Zone continues to grow and enjoy the competitive aspect of Masters Swimming.

NORTHWEST ZONE – Dan Frost

At press time, the Northwest Zone is entering the spring championship season. Many of the Northwest Zone LMSCs are conducting their LMSC championship events at this time. Our first Zone championship since the November 2001 convention is being held in Federal Way, Washington. So far this season, our local meets have been well attended with many new and returning swimmers participating.

This year, we have started a new program to put the entry forms for every meet within the Zone and British Columbia on the World Wide Web in PDF format. The zone representative collects the forms, converts them to PDF if necessary, and then distributes them by e-mail to the LMSC chairs and webmasters. The Northwest Zone website (www.northwestzone.org) and the PNA website (www.swimpna.org) regularly maintain the full collection of upcoming meet entry forms. As a result, we have seen some increased interest and participation at our meets from swimmers outside of the local area and expect that trend to increase through the summer.

Speaking of summer, the Northwest Zone has been planning a very busy schedule for 2002. At least a dozen open water events are planned within Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia, including a USMS national championship event in Oregon for the third consecutive year. The Snake River LMSC is hosting the 2002 USMS 5k/10k postal championship and zone LMSCs have already started reserving long course pool time to support this event. When the Winter Olympics began in Salt Lake City, we announced that our 2002 long course zone championship would be held in the Olympic city.

E-mail communications between the Zone and the LMSCs have become more prevalent and effective. More information and news is being communicated through timely e-mails instead of through standard zone newsletters. LMSC newsletter editors are better able to incorporate e-mailed news into their products. We seem headed towards gradually becoming "paperless" in both our intra-zone and inter-zone communications.

Our morale this season has been tested but it remains excellent. Our members are getting more and more excited as warmer weather and the championship season have finally arrived. The forecast for a terrific spring and summer season of Masters swimming in the Northwest Zone looks excellent!

OCEANA ZONE – Joan Alexander

Pacific is starting a Coaches Mentoring Program to help small club coaches with building their teams, structuring workouts and on deck coaching. I am not sure what else will be done, but these are very inventive coaches. Kerry O'Brien, Brian Stack and Thomas Huggins will lead this project.

We have just completed our Short Course Championship meet and look forward to Nationals in Hawaii. Our Open Water schedule is full and Jim Wheeler is doing a great job. The Donner Lake swim has been scheduled again after a 2 year absence. Jim Wheeler and Thomas Huggins are giving at least two Open Water clinics.

Our Registrar reports that we have 6,791 swimmers and 104 clubs as of March 22, 2002.

Hawaii LMSC - Hawaii is busy preparing for Short Course Nationals. In January, 2002, I requested a count of their registered swimmers. Their registrar reported that they had 556 swimmers. The breakdown for 2001 is: Oahu - 264, Maui - 208, Hawaii - 56, Kauai - 28. They have several open water swims scheduled.

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SOUTHWEST ZONE – Wayne McCauley

Voted at last USMS convention to levy \$0.25 per registered swimmer to fund a South West Zone bank account. This will fund Zone club top team awards for SCY, LCM and SCM Zone Championship meets. The South West Zone now has a web site hosted on the USMS server, with our own URL of <http://www.southwestzone.org/>

Southern Pacific Masters LMSC by Wayne McCauley- LMSC Chairman Membership is up 300 members from this time last year. With a good summer registration season we should set a new membership record this year. We are working on a strategic plan to build membership. Our one downside to our LMSC is the weather, which is too good. This offers potential members too many choices for nice days. Swim Meets: Attendance at swim meets is up 20-30% compared to last year. Down side is we could not arrange a SPMA short course regional championship for the first time ever. We are supporting the South West Zone championship in Tucson, Arizona. Communication with members: 80% of our members are using our web site. Our newsletter is now in PDF format and in color. Posted on the web site. Value added: We have established a Coaching Resources web page to help out new coaches. We continue to offer swim meets to help out beginners. We are offering a large Ocean Race schedule. We have consolidated the Video Library with the Registrar/Top 10 position and purchased new videos for our members to utilize. We continue to offer swim meets for beginners, we had thirty new beginning swimmers for our meet and clinic 4/14/02.

Arizona Masters LMSC Membership: is at a new record for membership, very close to breaking the 1000 barrier. Swim Meets: Extremely well attended, they are putting on the South West Zone short course zone championship meet April 19-21, 2002.

New Mexico Masters LMSC Membership: is up, they have several new teams. They will be electing a new LMSC Chairman. Swim Meets: are better attended Communication with members: Their web site is doing well.

San Diego- Imperial Masters LMSC Membership: is up Swim Meets: are better attended, several US and world records set at their meets. Communication with members: Their web site is doing very well.

National Office Bookings by LMSC & Type						National Office Bookings by LMSC & Type					
Net current registrations (minus 70 mid-year transfers)						Net current registrations (minus 70 mid-year transfers)					
Composition of 2001 Regs						Composition of 2001 Regs					
# 2001 Registrations by Source						% 2001 Registrations by Source					
From						From					
Own						Own					
Assoc						Assoc					
All-New to USMS						All-New to USMS					
Members	MembType				Grand	Members	MembType				
LMSC	Renews	Re-Regs	Moved In	Add-Ons	Total	LMSC	Renews	Re-Regs	Moved In	Add-Ons	Total
Adirondack	133	13	4	32	182	Adirondack	73.1%	7.1%	2.2%	17.6%	
Alaska	149	11	6	59	225	Alaska	66.2%	4.9%	2.7%	26.2%	
Allegheny	40	1	1	5	47	Allegheny	85.1%	2.1%	2.1%	10.6%	
Arizona	542	50	28	343	963	Arizona	56.3%	5.2%	2.9%	35.6%	
Arkansas	59	6	1	36	102	Arkansas	57.8%	5.9%	1.0%	35.3%	
Border	34	5	2	18	59	Border	57.6%	8.5%	3.4%	30.5%	
Central	873	94	40	483	1490	Central	58.6%	6.3%	2.7%	32.4%	
Colorado	799	65	31	499	1394	Colorado	57.3%	4.7%	2.2%	35.8%	
Connecticut	243	21	18	121	403	Connecticut	60.3%	5.2%	4.5%	30.0%	
Delaware Val	347	70	11	176	604	Delaware Val	57.5%	11.6%	1.8%	29.1%	
Florida	931	90	23	454	1498	Florida	62.1%	6.0%	1.5%	30.3%	
Florida Gold	429	48	18	242	737	Florida Gold	58.2%	6.5%	2.4%	32.8%	
Georgia	458	54	29	288	829	Georgia	55.2%	6.5%	3.5%	34.7%	
Gulf	253	17	20	204	494	Gulf	51.2%	3.4%	4.0%	41.3%	
Hawaii	266	62	18	210	556	Hawaii	47.8%	11.2%	3.2%	37.8%	
Indiana	510	18	18	288	834	Indiana	61.2%	2.2%	2.2%	34.5%	
Inland NW	134	25	4	91	254	Inland NW	52.8%	9.8%	1.6%	35.8%	
Iowa	113	15	4	64	196	Iowa	57.7%	7.7%	2.0%	32.7%	
Kentucky	343	20	3	131	497	Kentucky	69.0%	4.0%	0.6%	26.4%	
Lake Erie	194	24	6	86	310	Lake Erie	62.6%	7.7%	1.9%	27.7%	
Maryland	263	22	8	128	421	Maryland	62.5%	5.2%	1.9%	30.4%	
Metropolitan	966	55	19	370	1410	Metropolitan	68.5%	3.9%	1.3%	26.2%	
Michigan	383	46	12	246	687	Michigan	55.7%	6.7%	1.7%	35.8%	
Midwestern	41	4	3	25	73	Midwestern	56.2%	5.5%	4.1%	34.2%	
Minnesota	358	29	12	154	553	Minnesota	64.7%	5.2%	2.2%	27.8%	
Missouri Val	183	11	4	62	260	Missouri Val	70.4%	4.2%	1.5%	23.8%	
Montana	52	5	2	15	74	Montana	70.3%	6.8%	2.7%	20.3%	
New England	1070	67	44	458	1639	New England	65.3%	4.1%	2.7%	27.9%	
New Jersey	357	15	10	152	534	New Jersey	66.9%	2.8%	1.9%	28.5%	
New Mexico	68	10	3	59	140	New Mexico	48.6%	7.1%	2.1%	42.1%	
Niagara	307	19	2	115	443	Niagara	69.3%	4.3%	0.5%	26.0%	
North Carolina	471	18	15	192	696	North Carolina	67.7%	2.6%	2.2%	27.6%	
North Dakota	13			2	15	North Dakota	86.7%	0.0%	0.0%	13.3%	
North Texas	479	65	23	309	876	North Texas	54.7%	7.4%	2.6%	35.3%	
Ohio	234	23	9	118	384	Ohio	60.9%	6.0%	2.3%	30.7%	
Oklahoma	94	7		32	133	Oklahoma	70.7%	5.3%	0.0%	24.1%	
Oregon	512	55	22	220	809	Oregon	63.3%	6.8%	2.7%	27.2%	
Ozark	131	8	3	69	211	Ozark	62.1%	3.8%	1.4%	32.7%	
Pacific	6159	611	110	2803	9683	Pacific	63.6%	6.3%	1.1%	28.9%	
Pacific NW	648	51	31	291	1021	Pacific NW	63.5%	5.0%	3.0%	28.5%	
Potomac Val	1225	91	36	511	1863	Potomac Val	65.8%	4.9%	1.9%	27.4%	
San Diego-Imp	506	42	29	153	730	San Diego-Imp	69.3%	5.8%	4.0%	21.0%	
Snake River	14	8	1	14	37	Snake River	37.8%	21.6%	2.7%	37.8%	
South Carolina	192	12	6	93	303	South Carolina	63.4%	4.0%	2.0%	30.7%	
South Dakota	10	3		14	27	South Dakota	37.0%	11.1%	0.0%	51.9%	
South Texas	500	53	37	427	1017	South Texas	49.2%	5.2%	3.6%	42.0%	
Southeastern	326	30	17	180	553	Southeastern	59.0%	5.4%	3.1%	32.5%	
Southern	255	27	6	114	402	Southern	63.4%	6.7%	1.5%	28.4%	
Southern Pac	1417	213	52	764	2446	Southern Pac	57.9%	8.7%	2.1%	31.2%	
Utah	83	35	13	62	193	Utah	43.0%	18.1%	6.7%	32.1%	
Virginia	542	46	27	195	810	Virginia	66.9%	5.7%	3.3%	24.1%	
Wisconsin	258	11	3	77	349	Wisconsin	73.9%	3.2%	0.9%	22.1%	
Wyoming	79	3		28	110	Wyoming	71.8%	2.7%	0.0%	25.5%	
Grand Total	25046	2404	844	12282	40576	Grand Total	61.7%	5.9%	2.1%	30.3%	
Definitions & Caveats											
Numbers are based on location of swimmer at end of each registration year											
It is not possible to account for all moves during the year; some transfer 2-3 times											
Add-ons	Swimmers new to USMS 1994 and later										
Renewals	Swimmers renewing from year immediately preceding current year										
Re-registration	Swimmers who were last registered with same LMSC										
Moved In	Swimmers registering in from another LMSC										

Membership Retention and Growth Rates											
(net of mid-year transfers)											
Renewal Rates								Membership Growth			
% of 2000 membership renewing in 2001								# members above previous year			
		Who		Added	Added	Added					
				From	From	From					
LMSC	Members	Renewed	Pct	Own	Other	All-	Pct	LMSC	2000	2001	Growth
	in 2000	in 2001	renewed	Assoc	Assoc	New	Adds				
Adirondack	174	133	76.4%	13	4	32	28.2%	Adirondack	174	182	4.6%
Alaska	306	149	48.7%	11	6	59	24.8%	Alaska	306	225	-26.5%
Allegheny	62	40	64.5%	1	1	5	11.3%	Allegheny	62	47	-24.2%
Arizona	823	542	65.9%	50	28	343	51.2%	Arizona	823	963	17.0%
Arkansas	143	59	41.3%	6	1	36	30.1%	Arkansas	143	102	-28.7%
Border	46	34	73.9%	5	2	18	54.3%	Border	46	59	28.3%
Central	1279	873	68.3%	94	40	483	48.2%	Central	1279	1490	16.5%
Colorado	1178	799	67.8%	65	31	499	50.5%	Colorado	1178	1394	18.3%
Connecticut	344	243	70.6%	21	18	121	46.5%	Connecticut	344	403	17.2%
Delaware Val	558	347	62.2%	70	11	176	46.1%	Delaware Val	558	604	8.2%
Florida	1517	931	61.4%	90	23	454	37.4%	Florida	1517	1498	-1.3%
Florida Gold	782	429	54.9%	48	18	242	39.4%	Florida Gold	782	737	-5.8%
Georgia	766	458	59.8%	54	29	288	48.4%	Georgia	766	829	8.2%
Gulf	411	253	61.6%	17	20	204	58.6%	Gulf	411	494	20.2%
Hawaii	569	266	46.7%	62	18	210	51.0%	Hawaii	569	556	-2.3%
Indiana	731	510	69.8%	18	18	288	44.3%	Indiana	731	834	14.1%
Inland NW	184	134	72.8%	25	4	91	65.2%	Inland NW	184	254	38.0%
Iowa	177	113	63.8%	15	4	64	46.9%	Iowa	177	196	10.7%
Kentucky	519	343	66.1%	20	3	131	29.7%	Kentucky	519	497	-4.2%
Lake Erie	302	194	64.2%	24	6	86	38.4%	Lake Erie	302	310	2.6%
Maryland	404	263	65.1%	22	8	128	39.1%	Maryland	404	421	4.2%
Metropolitan	1405	966	68.8%	55	19	370	31.6%	Metropolitan	1405	1410	0.4%
Michigan	642	383	59.7%	46	12	246	47.4%	Michigan	642	687	7.0%
Midwestern	80	41	51.3%	4	3	25	40.0%	Midwestern	80	73	-8.8%
Minnesota	532	358	67.3%	29	12	154	36.7%	Minnesota	532	553	3.9%
Missouri Val	267	183	68.5%	11	4	62	28.8%	Missouri Val	267	260	-2.6%
Montana	70	52	74.3%	5	2	15	31.4%	Montana	70	74	5.7%
New England	1485	1070	72.1%	67	44	458	38.3%	New England	1485	1639	10.4%
New Jersey	476	357	75.0%	15	10	152	37.2%	New Jersey	476	534	12.2%
New Mexico	119	68	57.1%	10	3	59	60.5%	New Mexico	119	140	17.6%
Niagara	429	307	71.6%	19	2	115	31.7%	Niagara	429	443	3.3%
North Carolina	688	471	68.5%	18	15	192	32.7%	North Carolina	688	696	1.2%
North Dakota	22	13	59.1%	0	0	2	9.1%	North Dakota	22	15	-31.8%
North Texas	769	479	62.3%	65	23	309	51.6%	North Texas	769	876	13.9%
Ohio	397	234	58.9%	23	9	118	37.8%	Ohio	397	384	-3.3%
Oklahoma	160	94	58.8%	7	0	32	24.4%	Oklahoma	160	133	-16.9%
Oregon	759	512	67.5%	55	22	220	39.1%	Oregon	759	809	6.6%
Ozark	204	131	64.2%	8	3	69	39.2%	Ozark	204	211	3.4%
Pacific	9273	6159	66.4%	611	110	2803	38.0%	Pacific	9273	9683	4.4%
Pacific NW	896	648	72.3%	51	31	291	41.6%	Pacific NW	896	1021	14.0%
Potomac Val	1810	1225	67.7%	91	36	511	35.2%	Potomac Val	1810	1863	2.9%
San Diego-Imp	805	506	62.9%	42	29	153	27.8%	San Diego-Imp	805	730	-9.3%
Snake River	26	14	53.8%	8	1	14	88.5%	Snake River	26	37	42.3%
South Carolina	282	192	68.1%	12	6	93	39.4%	South Carolina	282	303	7.4%
South Dakota	21	10	47.6%	3	0	14	81.0%	South Dakota	21	27	28.6%
South Texas	921	500	54.3%	53	37	427	56.1%	South Texas	921	1017	10.4%
Southeastern	522	326	62.5%	30	17	180	43.5%	Southeastern	522	553	5.9%
Southern	415	255	61.4%	27	6	114	35.4%	Southern	415	402	-3.1%
Southern Pac	2703	1417	52.4%	213	52	764	38.1%	Southern Pac	2703	2446	-9.5%
Utah	147	83	56.5%	35	13	62	74.8%	Utah	147	193	31.3%
Virginia	773	542	70.1%	46	27	195	34.7%	Virginia	773	810	4.8%
Wisconsin	331	258	77.9%	11	3	77	27.5%	Wisconsin	331	349	5.4%
Wyoming	98	79	80.6%	3	0	28	31.6%	Wyoming	98	110	12.2%
Grand Total	38802	25046	64.55%	2404	844	12282	40.02%	Grand Total	38802	40576	4.57%

CONVENTION XXIII

SEPTEMBER 10 – SEPTEMBER 15, 2002 AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT REQUEST FORM

NGB (Circle) USD USMS USA-S USSS USWP

DATE OF MEETING _____ TIME OF MEETING _____

NAME OF MEETING _____ MEETING ROOM _____

PROJECTORS

___ OVERHEAD PROJECTOR PACKAGE \$95.00

___ 35 mm CAROUSEL PACKAGE \$95.00

MICROPHONES

___ AT PODIUM or \$30.00
LAVALIER (indicate)

___ TABLETOP \$30.00

___ FLOOR (Standing) \$30.00

___ WIRELESS \$125.00
(handheld or Lavalier)

VIDEO TAPE RECORDERS, PLAYERS MONITORS

___ 27" MONITOR PACKAGE \$175.00

___ LCD PROJECTOR PACKAGE \$435.00

___ CLIENT OWNED LCD PACKAGE \$50.00
(Includes screen, stand, power strip, AC)

MIXERS

___ 4 CHANNEL \$40.00

___ 8 CHANNEL \$100.00

TRIPOD SCREEN

___ (Circle one) 6' 8' \$40.00

MISCELLANEOUS

FLIPCHART PACKAGE \$40.00
(Easel, Pad, Marker)

WHITE BOARD/MARKER \$25.00

PROJECTION STAND \$15.00

POWER STRIP \$10.00

EXTENSION CORD \$10.00

OTHER

If you require any equipment not listed or special set-ups, please contact Penny Taylor – 520-531-9707.