

USMS Special Appointments and Liaisons

FINA Masters Committee – Mel Goldstein

The focus of the FINA Masters Technical Committee in 2014 and 2015 was the XV FINA World Championships in Montreal, and the XVI FINA World Championships in Kazan, Russia. Each World Championship presents its own set of challenges. In Montreal we had a beautiful city and excellent venues to work with. The temporary pool constructed for these championships, while it was an excellent venue it presented its own challenges the FINA Commission had not expected or prepared for. While the FINA Commission tried to make changes every day we felt the LOC could have done a better job programming and producing results. Water Polo, Synchronized Swimming, Diving and Open Water were the most organized and from a technical standpoint well run. The Montreal championship attracted 9036 swimmers (*all disciplines*) from 97 countries, with over 2244 swimmers from the US (*all disciplines*) participating. For the most part the championships were a success, with many new innovations implemented, most notably a separate deadline for entering relays.

The 2015 FINA World Championships will be in Kazan, Russia, August 5-16, 2015. Kazan is a beautiful city, capitol of sport in Russia and has World Class facilities. Those attending will have a unique experience in that the Kazan LOC will be offering reasonable housing packages in an athletes village which will include one-two or three meals a day, free transportation, and many more amenities. More information on the Kazan championship can be found on their website www.kazan2015.com.

My responsibilities on the committee was to chair a Sub Committee which evolved around development of Masters programs throughout the world, with emphasis on the 3rd World countries. A three-part proposal was put forth by the sub-committee to the FINA Bureau in our meeting in Montreal. One, to develop a FINA branded Masters video showing the benefits of a Masters swimming program. Two, develop a survey which will go to all FINA member federations specifically asking about their Masters programs, and Three, making sure there is Masters presence at all major FINA events to present the benefits of Masters Swimming. The committee agreed we must change the mindset of many coaches and definitive leadership around the world as how they view Masters swimming. The FINA Masters Technical Committee is dedicated to work on this process through education.

ISHOF Liaison – Walt Reid

IMSHOF

The 2013 International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held during the USAS Convention in Anaheim California. Edward Cazalet was inducted as Honor Swimmer and Ted Haartz was inducted as Honor Contributor.

Of the six male Honor Swimmer Nominees for 2014 four are from USMS. They are David Guthrie, David Radcliff, Timothy Shead, and Hugh Wilder. Of the six female Honor Swimmer Nominees for 2014 three are from USMS. They are Jean Troy, Anne Adams, and Danielle Ogier. The winners will be announced shortly and the 2014 IMSHOF Induction Ceremony will be held during the 2014 USAS Convention in Jacksonville FL.

ISHOF

I attended the 2014 International Swimming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony which was held at the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale FL. No Honor Masters Swimmers were inducted. Again the nominees from USMS for the 2014 ISHOF Honor Masters Swimmer were Aldo da Rosa, Burwell Jones, Frank Piemme, Betsy Jordan, Rita Simonton and Karlyn Pipes-Neilsen.

It has been announced that the International Swimming Hall of Fame will no longer be in Ft. Lauderdale FL. The pools and surrounding buildings will be torn down and replaced starting sometime this year. The Hall of Fame will be moving to a new city as yet to be announced. All items at the Hall Of Fame will be put in storage. Inductions for both ISHOF and IMSHOF will take place during the interim.

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National Board of Review – Barbara Delanois

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11.	Molly Grover	Colonies	Brand New/Coach/Meet
12.	Laura Winslow	Southwest	Audit
13.	John King	Oceana	Officials

Introduction: The Chair of the National Board of Review began her tenure on or about October 7, 2013. Since that date, no matters came before the board.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention: None

Action Items: None

Agenda: None

UANA Representative – Jim Miller

Introduction:

As some background UANA stands for Union Americana de Natacion. It is the governing body under FINA that encompasses North America, South America and the Caribbean Nations. United States Aquatic Sports is one of the Federations under the UANA banner. UANA was established in 1948. The logos involved here, just so you've seen them are:



You had better recognize the last of these!

The Masters Technical Committee under UANA is chaired by our own Mel Goldstein and I have sat on the committee since its inception in the early 2000's. Our committee takes up all aspects of all the 5 aquatic disciplines (swimming, diving, open water swimming, synchronized swimming and water polo).

2014

2014 was a relatively quiet time for the UANA Masters Technical Committee since this was not a championship year. The major project under way is the upcoming UANA Masters Pan American Championships in Medellin, Columbia June 17 – 27. All aquatic disciplines water polo, synchronized swimming, diving, pool and open

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water swimming.....will be represented in this competition this year. It is the express goal of UANA to have all the aquatic sports represented in all future UANA Masters Pan American Championships.



Future Suggestions (revisited from 2013 Sarasota Championships)

Whenever an event is conducted a review of the ways to improve the event must be done.

Recommendations for future hosts would be:

- Host all 5 disciplines at a close proximity, ideally in the same aquatic complex (open water aside).
- Host the event later in the summer when school is out in the host country
- Host the event over a briefer period of time (7 days max)

Considering the above recommendations from last year, 2 of the 3 are being implemented for the upcoming Columbian Championships.

Come and enjoy a Masters Aquatic Celebration in Columbia!

USMS Liaison to IGLA – Bruce Hopson

International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics bills itself as the world's foremost itself international organization solely devoted to developing and promoting LGBTQ masters swimming, open water swimming, diving, water polo and synchronized swimming. Each year IGLA holds its annual IGLA Championships, which make them the world's largest LGBTQ aquatics event, and attracts hundreds of participants from around the globe each year. an international championship meet for all of its disciplines. The IGLA Championships were first held in San Diego in 1987 and most recently in Copenhagen, Honolulu, Reykjavik, and Seattle

This year's event was held in conjunction with the Gay Games 9 from August 10-16 in Cleveland-Akron, Ohio, and sanctioned by the Erie LMSC. The aquatics portion was held at Cleveland State University. The next IGLA event will be held August 5-9, 2015, in Stockholm, Sweden, in conjunction with the EuroGames. The 2016 IGLA Championships will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, August 8-14, 2016, at the Kinsmen Sports Centre, which played host to the swimming portion of the 2005 World Masters Games. Auckland, New Zealand and Toronto, Ontario, Canada, also submitted bids. In 2013, the Federation of Gay Games awarded Paris over London and Limerick, Ireland, to play host to the 2018 Gay Games X.