

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIP – Sandi Rousseau

The Championship Committee has focused on processes to evaluate and improve our national championship meets in both the conduct of the meet as well as attracting new host groups and facilities.

In 2000 we have served as a resource for two successful national championship meets, The short course championship hosted by Indy Swim Fit at the Indiana University Natatorium in May attracted 1390 swimmers to Indianapolis, Indiana. Long course championships hosted by Maryland Masters were held at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in August and had 1380 competitors. This meet was the largest long course meet in USMS history.

We have continued to work with the USMS web master in streamlining and improving the on line entry procedure and had a favorable increase in usage. Short course nationals had a 25% usage rate for on line entries and long course usage increased to 43% of the swimmers entering on line. This year we coordinated with the registration database from USMS headquarters resulting in smoother registration and club affiliation confirmations.

A new procedure for assisting the meet host in enforcing our safety precautions during warm-ups was instituted and utilized at both championship meets. This consisted of each swimmer being asked to sign a form at meet check-in stating he/she is aware of the safety regulations including no diving during warm-ups except in designated lanes. Notice of a new marshalling policy was posted in many obvious places, and adherence to the safety procedures has improved.

Our processes for contacting possible host facilities and LMSC chairmen within the USMS bidding areas were updated and improved resulting in a significant increase in interest in hosting a USMS national championship meet. This process consisted of a letter being sent to each LMSC chair within the bidding area and to all known facilities within the bid area that are capable of hosting a national championship meet.

We have continued to do the more mundane yearly tasks of updating the contracts and revising manuals and forms to assist the meet hosts. We are also working more closely with the USMS National Sponsor Liaison to improve our relationships with USMS sponsors. Championship liaisons for the 2001 Nationals are actively working with Santa Clara, CA, and Federal Way, WA, in preparations for these championships.

A large project currently being completed is a survey of USMS Top Ten swimmers. The survey consisted of 25 questions, and the purpose is to provide USMS with comments and ideas regarding the current formats of our national championship meets, possible changes to these formats, and any other ideas to enhance our national meets. The data from this survey will be analyzed prior to convention for discussion at the committee meeting. It is hoped that this information will guide the Championship Committee toward any changes that the USMS membership would like to see at our championship meets.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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Thursday, October 12, 2000

3:30 – 6:20 PM

1. Introductions / Conduct of the Meeting
2. Discussion of Bids for 2002 Short and Long Course National Championships
3. Rules Proposals
4. Review of 2000 Short Course Championships – Indianapolis, IN – Barry Fasbender
5. Review of 2000 Long Course Championships – Baltimore, MD – Jim Miller
6. Update on 2001 Short Course Championships – Barry Fasbender / Alma Guimarin
 - Approval of Award Designs / Usage of NQTs / Computerization Plans
7. Update on 2001 Long Course Championships – Sandi Rousseau / Hugh Moore
 - Approval of Award Designs / Usage of NQTs / Computerization Plans
8. USMS Sponsorship Opportunities / Issues – Mel Goldstein
9. National Champion Patch Designs
10. Review of Championship Policies / Procedures / Meet Issues
 - Internet Entry Update
 - Safety / Warm-up Procedures
 - Officials Liaison
 - Facility Standards / Water Quality Issues
 - Two per lane seeding / Chase swimming
 - Results on the internet
 - Administrative referee proposal
 - Medical Requirements
 - Distance Check-In
 - Relay Procedure
11. Pool Championship Section on the USMS web site
12. Subcommittee Updates
 - Meet Manager's Manual – Paul Windrath
 - Venue Updates – Jeff Roddin
 - Liaison Guidelines- Carolyn Boak
 - Meet Evaluation Forms – Bob Kolonkowski
13. 2003 Masters Games – Hill Carrow
14. Discussion of Recommendations of Committee to House of Delegates (Closed Meeting)

Friday, October 13, 2000

9:00 – 10:20 AM

1. Top Ten Survey – Ed Gendreau / Dave Gibson
2. Goals for 2001

Friday, October 13, 2000

6:30 – 9:00 PM

1. Championship Bid Presentations at House of Delegates

COACHES – Scott Rabalais

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The Coaches Committee continues its programs dealing primarily in the education of coaches and swimmers and the identification and recognition of coaches. Further, it is a goal of the Coaches Committee to advance the profession of Masters coaches across the country, from sea to shining sea.

Our system of identifying Masters coaches has been implemented through LMSC and USMS registration processes. To date, nearly 900 coaches have been identified, an increase of over 400 coaches from our previous hodge-podge database. The Coaches Committee will continue to work with the LMSC registrars to ensure that all coaches are accounted for.

One of the most significant additions to the work of the Coaches Committee over the past year has been to establish the position of the LMSC Coaches Representative. The job of the Coaches Rep is to improve the effectiveness of coaching in the LMSC and to help implement Coaches Committee program in their specific domain. Nearly 80 percent of LMSCs have appointed Reps, with the remaining 20 percent still begging for volunteers. In the coming year, we will work to have the Coaches Reps become more productive and to network with other reps.

New to the Coaches Committee in 2000 was the International Coaching Program. Three coaches, one head coach and two assistants, were selected and paid stipends to assist the American delegation at the World Masters Championships in Munich. All three coaches learned the German language, or at least how to ask for directions to the restroom. Preliminary reports indicate that the program was a success, with suggestions made to improve the coaching in New Zealand in 2002.

Several clinics have been held to educate both coaches and swimmers. The Coaches Committee played an integral role in the USMS/USA Swimming Camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Three coaches and one intern, along with a strength/flexibility expert, served the needs of the 12 campers. Five USMS Mentor Coach and Swimmer clinics were held around the country, and two USMS Open Water clinics offered advice from the experts on riding the waves.

In its never-ending quest to further the intelligence of the swimming community, the Committee uses several means, most notably its *Coaches Committee Quarterly* and *Ask the Coach*. The "CCQ" is now being sent to all coaches in the national database and poses interesting and thought-provoking questions to a panel of coaches. In SWIM, *Ask the Coach* addresses commonly-asked questions from swimmers. Also, the video and book libraries provide educational items for USMS members. Plans call for a Coaches Links page on the USMS web site that will serve as an educational hot spot for Masters coaches.

You'd think this is enough, but we ain't done yet. A coaching seminar is being planned for the USAS convention on Wednesday afternoon, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. If you have reading this prior to convention, make plans to drop in and hear some of the country's top Masters coaches speak on various topics.

A unique program to aid in the education of swimmers is the Snooper Loan Program. Two color Snoopers were purchased in the last year and are available from the Committee for a rental fee. The Snoopers are a popular item for swimmers and coaches wanting feedback on their strokes. If you haven't been Snoopied, you're missing out big time, and you probably think your strokes are better than they actually are.

The On-deck Coaching Program has been a hit at national championship meets, the convention and on a regional basis. Roughly 12 to 20 coaches participate in the program at each of the national functions, allowing sprint lanes and workouts to run efficiently and effectively.

The Committee continues to work closely with the Masters Aquatic Coaches Association (MACA) to serve Masters coaches in education, leadership and professionalism. An important MACA project in the works is updating the certification courses offered to Masters coaches.

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The Coaches Committee is developing a survey on Masters coaching compensation. The survey will be distributed in the Coaches Committee Quarterly and through the website.

The Coaches Committee is working with our USMS Sponsor Liaison with regard to support for our On-deck Coaching Program and our quarterly newsletter.

The Coach of the Year Award, sponsored by Speedo, will be presented once again at the USAS Awards Banquet, where, hopefully, the skit will be funnier than last year.

COACHES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

3:30 – 4:50 pm

1. Welcome
2. Coaches Database
3. LMSC Representatives
4. Clinics and Camps
 - OTC Camps
 - Mentor Coach and Swimmer Clinics
 - Open Water Clinics
 - Nike Clinics
5. Education and Information
 - Ask the Coach
 - Coaches Committee Quarterly
 - Video and Book Libraries
 - MACA/ASCA
6. Coaching Programs
 - Munich Coaching Program
 - Snooper Loan Program
 - On-deck Coaching
7. Recognition
 - Coach of the Year Award
8. Financial
 - Review of Budget
9. Other Business
10. New Business
11. Adjourn

COMPUTER ON-LINE – Jim Matysek

The USMS web site has continued to grow steadily this year, along with our membership's dependence on the site. Since the 1999 convention, the daily visitation rate to our site has increased

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by about 50%. Members have now become accustomed to receiving services on the web that were never available before the past year or two such as immediate nationals results, top ten publication before the hard copy booklet comes out, event listings from around the globe, on line entries for nationals, and posting of heat sheets prior to nationals. With increased demand for services, several projects have fallen behind due to time constraints, including web publication of the rule book, maintenance of the LMSC officer listing, and e-mail alias processing. We are working on ways to further automate some of these tasks so that future delays can be avoided. As our organization moves forward, we will be attempting to integrate web publishing into more of the daily tasks of the overall administration rather than as an afterthought, which typically results in duplication of efforts. Modifying processes to include web publication of information will take time, but we will get there eventually.

Our sponsorship agreement with Mindspring will end this fall, and we are currently looking for a new place to host the web site. Our site has grown in size, popularity, and sophistication to the point where we are considering moving to a dedicated web server as opposed to the shared services we have used to date. A dedicated server would also allow us the flexibility in the future of being able to provide more member services that are not possible with a shared server. Moving the web site is being discussed and planned by the committee now, and may be complete by the time we all arrive at convention, or it may be a major topic of discussion at our meeting.

Latest Site Statistics (July, 2000)

- 2,256 Average user sessions/day
- 6,506 Average page views/day
- 20,662 Average hits per day
- 160 MB Average bandwidth/day
- 81.6 MB of disk storage used at usms.org
- 25% of SC nationals entries received on line
- 43% of LC nationals entries received on line

COMPUTER ON LINE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

5:00-6:20 pm

1. Welcome and introduction of committee members
2. Old business
 - Review actions from 1999 convention
 - Status of ongoing projects
3. New business
 - Re-hosting usms.org to a new server
 - Project priorities for the coming year
4. Adjournment

CONVENTION COMMITTEE – Michael Heather

The Convention committee reports that since there is little to do for us during the year until we actually get to the convention site, we have done just a little.

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The meeting schedule is finalized, theoretically, but there are still the odd change requests to deal with, and it will undoubtedly remain a work in process until the convention is completed.

As is usually done, each and every meeting will be checked by one of the committee members, to determine that the requested room setup has been delivered.

The Convention committee has assembled a traveling office with many useful items for report assistance, and will be available to all the committee chairs for use. An inventory will be made available to the Board of Directors on site. There are also walkie-talkies for communication between the committee chairman, the certification table, and the hospitality suite.

All Delegates will be issued passes on Wednesday, Oct 11 to Epcot Center, and will be transported there (probably by bus) sometime that evening (time yet to be determined). The Committee had nothing to do with this windfall, but will take full credit for its existence.

Swimming workouts will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the former Justice swim center, now part of the YMCA in Orlando. Wednesday the pool is available to delegates, but there will not be any coaching available. Just sign in at the desk as a USMS delegate.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA (a first!)

Wednesday, October 11

5:30-6:00 pm

1. Call to order and introductions
2. Meeting attendance scheduling
3. Hospitality Suite administration
4. Certification table schedule
5. Reimbursement administration
6. Report printing and disbursement
7. New business
8. Adjournment

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Doug Church

The Finance Committee has had a fairly uneventful year since the last convention. In addition to generally monitoring the expenditure of funds, the Finance Committee has received and processed several overbudget requests and has consulted on interpretations of FOG. In addition, we have

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reviewed several draft contracts for consistency with budget projections. The Finance Committee is currently gearing up for the budget presentation at the convention in Orlando.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

1:00 – 1:50 PM

1. Welcome, call to order, general comments and approve 1999 minutes - Chairman, Doug Church
2. Treasurer's Report - Jeanne Ensign
3. Controller's Report – Cathy Pennington
4. Internal Audit Report – June Mather
5. Old Business
 - Report on 1999 overbudget items.
 - Approval of pending overbudget, if any
 - Other old business

Friday, October 13

9:00 – 11:50 am

1. New Business
 - 2000 Budget
 - Income
 - Expenses
 - Inventory
 - Proposed FOG amendments
 - Other new business
2. Adjourn

FITNESS COMMITTEE – David Grilli

The Fitness committee became involved with the Strokes For Stroke campaign in May.

A national coaches e-mail database was generated and information concerning the event was circulated. Since the event is on going, final participation information is not ready yet but should be by convention. Further statistics will be available then.

Nominations have been received for a Fitness Award and final discussion and selection by the committee will take place during our committee meeting at convention and an award will be presented at the House of Delegates meeting.

The Swim Around Revilla fitness event is in the final design stages and a presentation will be made at convention.

Fitness Tips, a publication of the Fitness Committee has had 2 issues distributed this year to the LMSC newsletter editors and should have one more issue before Convention. It is the hope of the committee that the newsletter editors find the information useful and are using it in their respective newsletters.

A report on the Y2K Event is expected and will be reviewed at the committee meeting.

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A report on the Check Off Challenge will be submitted and reviewed for the year 2000. The current administrators of the event are seeking someone to run the event for 2001.

FITNESS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Friday, October 13

9:00 – 10:20 am

1. Introduction and review of the annual report.
2. Fitness Award discussion.
3. Swim Around Revilla Event
4. Y2K Event
5. Check Off Challenge
6. Fitness Tips Editorial
7. Strokes For Stroke wrap up
8. New Business

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – Colleen Driscoll

Once again, our loss experience continues to be very good and is evidenced in our premiums and our ability to extend our insurance programs to multiyear policy terms. As our membership continues to increase, we have been able to accommodate our increased insurance exposure.

We continue to respond to many questions from our members and meet directors. We have tried to identify areas of insurance concerns for our members and are working with our insurance broker to find solutions. We continue to review our insurance coverages and look for areas of enhancement.

We have made some updates to our "Frequently Asked Insurance Questions" as more questions have been asked by our members. I suggest that everyone review the questions and answers and contact me with any questions.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Friday, October 13

10:30-11:50 am

1. Introduction of Insurance Committee members
2. Appoint recorder
3. Roll call
4. Review of current policies and premiums
5. Vote on 2001 programs
6. Projected 2001 and beyond
7. Review of loss history and current reserves
8. Old business
9. New business
10. Adjournment

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE – June Krauser

The half-year report contained the information on the Pan Pacific Masters Swimming Championships held in Perth, Australia on the 16-24 October 1999. Those attending from the USA were Nancy Ridout, June Krauser, Ernie Leskovitz (60-64) from Hawaii, Frank Warner (50-54) PMN, Matthew

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Shirley (35-39) RMS, Doug Woodring (30-34) TOC and Janet Kavadas (65-69) PNM. To date no one had bid for the Pan Pacifics for 2001.

Ginger Pierson and Bill Tingley completed the International Contact list for USMS and it is now on the USMS web site.

The expectation that Munich 2000 would be one of the largest FINA World Masters Swimming Championships of all time proved all too true! More than 7,400 participants from around the world converged on Munich to participate in the VIII FINA World Masters Swimming Championships for swimmers, divers, open water swimmers aged 25 and over, synchronized swimmers aged 20 & over and water polo players 30 and over.

The competitions took place in the Olympia Schwimmhalle, site of the 1972 Olympic and Dantebad, site of the 1072 Olympics in water polo on July 27 – August 7, 2000. Both facilities were in great shape. The local organizing committee, under the leadership of Marion Hillenbrand and Klaus Huber worked extremely hard to ensure that the event was a success – which it was. The hosting club, Manner-Schwimm-Verein Muchen, provided an extensive variety of social events for entertainment in Munich – the capital of Bavaria.

In all there were 429 individual swimming events plus 14 relay events, 75 diving events, 28 synchronized swimming events and 65 water polo teams playing 6 tournaments. 591 competitors were entered in the open water swimming in 22 events at the Ruder Regatta Strecke with the water temperature at 18 C. In the swimming events, 47 world records were broken or equaled.

Onward to Christchurch 2002, New Zealand for the IX FINA World Masters Swimming Championships to take place in the Queen Elizabeth II pool complex March 21 to April 3, 2000. Christchurch, the city of sport awaits us.

We had one last meeting of the FINA Masters Committee for this quadrennial, as a new committee will be announced in Sydney.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Friday, October 13

10:30-11:50 am

1. Call to order and introduction of members
2. Review of year
 - Pan Pacifics
 - Munich, Germany
3. Old Business
 - List of venues deemed capable of conducting FINA World Championships or Pan Pacific Championships. (Phil Whitten and Dan Gruender)
 - Letters sent to the International Contact list. (Ginger Pierson and Tracy Grilli)
 - Inform swimmers of FINA Swimmers Forum in Germany.
 - Phil Whitten's article on the starting command procedure and false start rule for International meets.
4. New Business
5. Adjournment

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Elin Zander

You will find the proposed amendments to the code in this packet. We will be considering those amendments and any others that may come to us from the USMS standing committees at our

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meeting at convention. In addition we will continue work on projects which are ongoing leading up to convention 2001 in Michigan.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

5:00-6:20 pm

1. Role call and introduction of committee members
 2. Action on emergency amendment proposals
 3. Action on housekeeping amendment proposals
 4. LMSC Handbook: Sanctions Section – Bill Earley
 5. Amendment policies/procedures project – Rob Copeland
 6. Part IV
 7. Article 202: Sanctions and Recognitions – Bill Earley
 8. Other projects for 2001
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LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE – Sally Dillon

The Long Distance Committee has conducted its usual business throughout the year. The All American and All Star teams were selected, the bid form for 2002 National Championship events was distributed in January, the LD calendar and National Championship event entry forms were distributed in April, and the LD calendar and web site were updated on an ongoing basis. The Open Water Manual was revised last fall and is available by mail from the USMS National Office (\$7) or on the web site at usms.org/longdist/.

The 2000 National Championship Event hosts received a packet of organizational materials from the LD chairman, signed contracts, developed entry forms and organized their events. The One Hour Postal swim set another record this year with 1865 individual swims. The 5/10 K postal event is underway and the 3000/6000 yd postal swim begins in September. The 6+ mile open water swim in Southern Oregon was host to nearly 90 swimmers; more than twice the previous record. Successful open water swims were also held in Indianapolis, IN, Cape Cod, MA, and Charlottesville, VA. The final championship open water swim is scheduled to take place in Chicago, IL in September.

The committee welcomed a number of new members this year. Doug Brogan, Marcia Cleveland, Dan Gray, Elizabeth Johnson, Shannon Sullivan and Dennis West are new to the group and Barney Hungerford returned after an “absence”. (It was excused so he’s not in trouble!) I appreciate the participation from all members of the committee and especially the following “leaders” of special projects: Marcia Cleveland, Lynn Hazlewood, Maureen Koss, Robert Zeitner and Marcia Benjamin.

“Timely” bids for the 2002 National Championship events are due to the chairman by September 11. “Untimely” bids will be accepted prior to the committee’s meeting Thursday afternoon and will be considered if no appropriate “timely” bid has been received. Bid selections will take place at Friday’s meeting. The LD committee has proposed 13 rule changes, mostly due to our “never ending” effort to make the rules easy to understand.

Finally, the Long Distance Committee thanks NIKE for sponsoring the LD All Star Team again this year.

**2002 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS WERE DUE SEPTEMBER 11
“UNTIMELY” BIDS FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE
THURSDAY MEETING**

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LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

3:30-4:50 pm

1. Introduction of committee members
2. Chairman's report
 - Report on 2000 National Championship events.
 - Assign evaluators to 2001 National Championship events.
 - Review of decisions made by the committee during the year.
3. Subcommittee reports
 - All American - Marcia Cleveland
 - Long Distance Calendar and Bids - Lynn Hazlewood
 - Awards - Robert Zeitner
 - Records - Maureen Koss
4. Issues involving National Championship events - shall we set new policies for the following?
 - Evaluations; do we need a more active liaison? How tough are we?
 - Set minimum years experience hosting open water swims before bidding?
 - Require OW Manual - provide to host?
 - Safety - require written directions to nearest hospital on site?
 - Standardize data entry and results processing; should LD create forms and reports and make them available to meet hosts (i.e.: Microsoft Access)?
 - Postal records reported "on line" before the meet is closed; make recommendation to allow or disallow?
 - Shortage of cable events being offered; how can we encourage more?
 - "Splits" at the 1 mile during a cable swim; can we accommodate them?

Friday, October 13

9:00-11:50 am

5. Financial report/budget review
6. Sportsmanship issues; what can LD do?
7. Proposals to amend the Long Distance Rules
8. Discussion of priorities/criteria for selection of National Postal Swim bids.
9. 2002 Long Distance National Championship Bid Selection
10. New business

MARKETING COMMITTEE – Debbie Morrin

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With the development of the USMS Sponsor Liaison position, the Marketing/Publications Committee has begun to reconsider its role and focus in marketing and publicity for USMS. Completed and ongoing projects and discussions include:

- Development of media contact list and strategies for national and local publicity (Linda McCowan and CJ Hall working with Betsy Durrant on media contacts and press releases)
- Production of press releases for national events
- Web links to USMS site from appropriate sites not requiring links from USMS (CJ Hall)
- Booth at NPRA meeting in San Antonio (Mary Lee Watson and Marcia Marcantonio represented USMS)
- Development of USMS traveling exhibit through (Mel Goldstein), discussions as to where USMS desires presence through exhibit
- Working on production of a new USMS poster (design contest held) and updated brochure for the upcoming year
- Discussions regarding USMS Sponsor Liaison and committee interactions

MARKETING/PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

3:30-4:50 pm

1. Introduction of members
2. USMS Display (Mel Goldstein) and exhibit sites
3. Press releases and media database (Linda McCowan, CJ Hall)
4. USMS Sponsor Liaison (Mel Goldstein) and interactions with committee
5. USMS Poster
6. USMS Brochure
7. Web links and potential "press room" (CJ Hall)
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE – David Diehl

The Executive Director of the College Swimming Officials Association (CSOA) was contacted and gave his approval to use that organization's certifying process as a USMS approved certifying body for USMS meets. The rule differences for NCAA/YMCA were added to the 2000 USMS Rule Book.

The rule changes for USMS that took effect as of January 1, 2000, were sent to all LMSC Chairs, Officials Chairs and Newsletter Chairs.

The guidelines for the USMS Officials Committee liaison to the national championship meet were finalized and sent to the appropriate individuals (Eric Norlund for short course and David Diehl for long course). Eric was not able to attend the meet at the last minute and Michael Lemke agreed to be the liaison.

A proposal was written and sent to the USA Swimming National Officials Chair (Pat Lunsford) that would allow people to be certified through USA Swimming by working a combination of USA and USMS meets. Prior to sending to the USA National Officials Committee, draft copies were sent to the USMS National Officials Committee members and other appropriate Masters administrators and officials for comment. The USA National Officials Committee reviewed the proposal at their February meeting and agreed in principle to the proposal. Pat Lunsford apologized for the delay in responding

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but he did appoint a sub-committee under Pauline Hubbell to coordinate this effort. A finalized proposal will be presented at the Convention, if not before.

Work has begun to set up an Officials Page on the USMS web site with pointers to the USA Swimming Officials web page. Coordination with the USMS Computer On-line Committee Chair (Jim Matysek) is on-going. Information has been provided to the USMS Web Master (Jim) for use in creating the officials page. Permission from USA Swimming has been given to have links to their officials web site.

At the upcoming Convention the Officials Committee will review the following projects from the previous year:

- Annual review of certifying organizations;
- Use of Certified Officials at meets;
- Review of rule differences between the YMCA, National Federation of High Schools (NFHS), College Swimming Officials Association (NCAA) and USMS for Rule Book changes;
- Review of USA/USMS Officials Certification Proposal
- Status of USMS Officials Web Site;
- Effectiveness of Officials Committee liaison at SC and LC National Championships;

In addition, the Officials Committee will discuss the following items:

- Review proposed Rules Changes/Committee recommendations
- Assignment of liaisons for the 2001 SC and LC National Championships.

The Officials Committee encourages all LMSA Officials Chairs and all delegates that officiate at USMS meets to attend our meeting and share experiences and provide discussion on the above agenda items.

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Thursday, October 12

3:30-4:50 pm

1. Introductions
2. Review of action items from last year
 - Position description and effectiveness of Officials Committee liaison for national championship meets
 - USA Swimming Officials proposal
 - USMS Officials Web Site
3. Review USMS Officials Training program (Certification Manual)
4. Review proposed rules changes and discuss Committee recommendations;
5. New Items for discussion:
 - Follow-up actions regarding USA Officials proposal
 - Survey of LMSC officials
 - Additional information for USMS Officials web site
 - Newsletters
6. Appointment of Officials Committee Liaison for 2001 SC and LC National Championship Meets

PLANNING COMMITTEE – Nancy Miller

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The Planning Committee has had an active year. We continue to be very interested in the financial health of the USMS Endowment Fund and are actively encouraging the Sports Medicine Committee, among others, to develop grant applications to potentially fund programs which are of particular interest to them. I believe there is a need for a central clearinghouse through which all grant applications must pass where they will be reviewed by established, objective criteria and then ultimately accepted or rejected. This mechanism has yet to be established.

At last year's convention, Planning was successful in its plea to have a USMS liaison position created with regard to the National Senior Games. Scott Rabalais was appointed to this post, and he has met with Phil Godfrey (the Vice President of the National Games) and Bill Bankhead (the CEO of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2001 Games). According to Scott, these individuals are excited about building the relationship between the two organizations in a very positive way which should benefit us both. We will continue to explore ways in which this can best be accomplished.

Also at the last convention, Planning requested that Marketing develop a pre-packaged booth and materials display of USMS information which could be sent or taken easily to aquatic and non-aquatic events all over the country for the purpose of promoting our organization. Debbie Morrin, the new Marketing Chair, has agreed to make this a priority.

But the largest portion of our efforts this year has been devoted to the continuing development of the Strategic Action Plan. This document has seemingly taken on a life of its own as it morphs and changes with each bit of input received, resulting in an ever-evolving entity. While this sometimes creates difficulties for those working on it, it nevertheless makes perfect sense when viewed in light of the fact that the Plan should and does reflect many, many very different individuals and all of their varied thoughts, perspectives, hopes, and beliefs.

Please bring your thoughts and ideas to the Planning Committee meeting on Thursday, October 12th, from 5:00 to 6:20 PM. All are welcome.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

5:00-6:20 pm

1. Introduction of Committee Members
2. Old Business
 - Update on Aquatic Facilities Construction Repository
 - Update on Altitude Training Camps
 - Status of USMS Endowment Fund
 - Update on USMS official involvement with and presence at Senior Games
 - Update on Marketing Committee pre-packaged booth and materials display of USMS Information
3. New Business
 - Strategic Action Plan
 - Development of grant application process with regard to future disbursement of USMS Endowment Fund monies
 - Development of proposed mentor-type program linking Board of Directors/Planning Committee members and LMSC's/clubs

RECOGNITION & AWARDS – Mary Lee Watson

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Nominations for the year 2000 Ransom Arthur Award recipient were circulated to the committee and Nancy Ridout presented the award to RICHARD AND JOAN SMITH at short course Nationals in Indianapolis. The official presentation will be made at the Convention banquet.

The call for nominations for the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award was published in SWIM Magazine, Streamlines and other publications. This award recognizes a USMS member whose volunteer service has been outstanding. The honorees will be recognized and presented with a pin and certificate at the Convention in October.

In an effort to compile data on all USMS awards, a letter was sent to the committee chairs who present National awards requesting information on their selection process, voting rights and names of all previous recipients. This information will be reviewed by the committee at convention.

RECOGNITION & AWARDS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

5:00-6:20 pm

1. Welcome, introductions and attendance
2. Old Business
 - Ransom Arthur Award
 - Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award
3. New Business
 - Reports from Committee Chairs who present National Awards
 - Other Awards
4. Adjourn

RECORDS AND TABULATION – Pieter Cath

TOP TEN

Top-Ten Tabulations for 1999 Long-Course Meters, 1999 Short-Course Meters, and 1999/2000 Short-Course Yards, were sent to the printers and distributed. The World-Record listings in these publications were supplied by Walter Reid.

The Top-Ten information is also available on the Web. Carl House continues to improve these presentations.

Walt Reid continues to process all record applications and supplies the record information that is included in the Top-Ten Publications. Betsy Durrant maintains the Top-Ten subscription list and supplies mailing labels.

ALL AMERICANS

Individual and Relay All American tabulations were completed. The Individual list appeared in Swim Magazine and the Relay list was sent to all members of this Committee and to representatives of the listed Clubs. The Relay list is also available on the USMS web site.

QUALIFYING TIMES

Tabulations of qualifying times for National Championships were compiled for SCY and LCM and sent to the Championship Committee.

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RECORDS

The number of records that were processed during the last year for LCM is in excess of 123 (Women 63, Men 60, Relays 18), for SCM it is 146 (Women 78, Men 71, Relay 31), and for SCY 134 (Women 69, Men 65, Relay 15).

This year records for all courses are eligible for TYR Certificates. Tracy Grilli's help in this process is greatly appreciated.

LMSC HANDBOOK INFORMATION PAGES

The information pages for Top-Ten Recorders in the LMSC handbook were expanded to include additional hints for preparing Top-Ten submissions.

RULES PROPOSAL

The committee submitted a rules proposal to make it easier to request splits at meet.

RECORDS & TABULATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Friday, October 13

10:30 - 11:50 am

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Rules Proposal
3. Review of LMSC Handbook Instructions
 - Software for Top-Ten Recorders
 - Identifying foreign swimmers and one-event registrants
4. Top-Ten Subscriptions
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

REGISTRATION – Sarah Hromada

The Registration Committee and the Registrars enjoyed a smooth transition in the National Registrar position. While Tracy and Esther may have had many moments of panic, the local registrars were not aware of it. Thanks to Tracy and Esther for a great transition year.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Friday, October 13

9:00-10:20 am

1. Report from Tracy and Esther summarizing last year and plans for 2001
2. New Sponsorship program – Mel Goldstein
3. Discussion on what the Local Registrars job is and what it will become
4. Other discussion

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RULE BOOK – Meg Smath

No big changes for the 2000 rule book. We stuck with the same printer (had to—second year of a two-year bid!), used the same binding. One small change was the way the articles were listed. WE included the entire article number, at least as far as the third division (e.g., 107.12.1). The goal was to make it easier on the reader to find his/her way around. I've heard from some that people like the new format—let us know what you like and don't like about the 2001 rule book! Tracy tells me we have quite a few rule books left over this year, so we may need to print fewer rule books in 2001.

I sent Jim Matysek a PDF version of the rule book soon after it came back from the printer, but Jim, overworked as he is, has not been able to post it.

SWIM magazine published notices of the contest to design the cover of the 2001 rule book and the opening of bids to print the 2001 rule book. We have been rewarded with several quality designs, and three bids to print the rule book (so far). I extended the deadline for both the cover contest and bid due date this year because the convention is so late.

Apologies to everyone for the missing information in the table in article 103.13.3. It actually *is* in the file, but was accidentally truncated. The complete table has been restored.

Like everyone else in USMS, we have mourned the loss of Dot Donnelly. The meeting this year will not be the same without her. She was always an integral contributor to the rule book, and is irreplaceable.

RULE BOOK COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

1:00-1:50 pm

1. Appoint recorder, take roll
2. Choose cover design
3. Award bid to print rule book
4. Decide how many mini and full rule books to print
5. Status of housekeeping proposals
6. Make assignments for 2001 rule book

RULES – Leo Letendre

In addition to the normal course of business which included interpretation of the rules for members and consideration of proposed changes to the rules of competition, the Rules committee has studied the differences between the rules of competition for USMS and USA-Swimming. These differences will be discussed at the convention and proposals to change the USMS rules may result from these discussions.

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RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

1:00-1:50 pm

Friday, October 13

10:30-12:45 pm

1. Introduction of the members
2. Discussion of the procedures to be used
3. Consideration of proposed changes to the Rules
4. Consideration of the differences between the Rules of USMS and USA-Swimming

Thursday, October 12

2:00-3:20 pm

1. Open meeting, all delegates invited – questions and discussion

SAFETY EDUCATION – Julie Paque

Members of the Safety Education Committee have completed and reviewed the first draft of the Club Safety Handbook. Revisions for the second draft are currently being compiled. There are some liability and legal issues that will need to be resolved prior to publication of the Club Safety Handbook.

In the coming year we will be working on the safety section for the LMSC Handbook (an outline has already been completed), and providing tools to the LMSCs to help them provide safe meets.

SAFETY EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

Friday, October 13

9:00-10:20 am

1. Introductions and attendance
2. Current projects
 - Club Safety Handbook
 - SWIM Magazine article
 - Safety Section for LMSC handbook
3. Brainstorm new projects
4. Proposed changes to the rule book relating to safety
5. New Business
6. Review/assign tasks for the coming year
7. Adjourn

SPORTS MEDICINE – Dr. Jim Miller

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The 1999-2000 Sports Medicine Committee spent the majority of its times producing articles for Swim Magazine with the backlog of articles serving as our base of production. Two more Altitude Training Camps have been conducted with a growing base of data being fed to the committee in the creation of a survey of our members.

The purpose of the survey is to better help us get a feel of the impact of swimming both positively and negatively on us. We all suspect that there is an impact on the aging process but in swimming that has yet to be proven. At this year's convention we will be spending a significant percentage our time on the ways in which the foundation can be used to assist us in this research. This particularly comes at a good time since we have a fund of knowledge that has been built through this process at the Altitude Training Camp.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Friday, October 13

10:30-11:50 am

1. Introduction of members to the committee
2. Review of last years minutes including production of articles for publication
3. Review of the survey with updates from this years Altitude Training Camps
4. Assignment of new articles for publication
5. Impact review and proposals regarding the foundation as it applies to our committee
6. Review of legislation and rules proposals as they impact sports medicine
7. Discussion of the role of the Sports Medicine Committee at the Altitude Training Camp
8. New Business

SPORTS MEDICINE PRESENTATION

Friday, October 13

12:45-1:45

Presentation by Suzie Tuffey – Sports Psychology Director for USA Swimming – Psychological Aspects of Perfomance Enhancement in other words “swimming as fast as you can, don’t get in your own way”

ZONE COMMITTEE – Hugh Moore

An important role of the Zone Committee is to act as the nominating committee for USMS elections. This year the committee selected a slate of candidates for the position of Zone Committee Chair. The report of the nominating committee is included as a separate report. The committee has already been planning the election process to be used for USMS Officers at next year’s convention and will finalize the process during the committee meeting at convention

The Zone Committee has also been active in developing lists of upcoming events that appear in each issue of SWIM magazine. Each zone rep has periodically reviewed the national address database to verify that LMSC officers and addresses are correct.

The zones had a fun time organizing and competing in the Executive Committee Relay challenge during Short Course Nationals in Indianapolis. When the Executive Committee realized that the entire committee would be competing in the meet, they challenged the zones to a 8X25 yard freestyle relay.

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Since there are only seven members on the Executive Committee, Tracy was adopted as their eighth member. The zones were asked to limit the relays to active board members of the LMSCs within the zone and to try to involve as many LMSCs as practical. There was some trash-talking before the meet, but cooler heads prevailed immediately before the competition. Colonies won the event in a time of 1:36.00, followed by Dixie in 1:44.88, and Northwest in 145.15. Less than three seconds separated third through sixth places. Also competing were Great Lakes, Oceana, and Southwest.



1st place Colonies team of David Grilli (New England), Andrea Luallen (New Jersey), Stephanie Walsh Beilman (Delaware Valley), Tom Mack (New England), Barb Protzman (Maryland), Greg Weber (Niagara), Jim Matysek (Niagara), and Jeff Roddin (Potomac Valley)



Dixie team of Scott Rabalais, Jerry Clark, Randy Nutt, Debbie Cavanaugh, June Krauser, Jean Fox, Cav Cavanaugh, and Ed Saltzman



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Northwest team of Pam Himstreet (OREG), Priscilla Kawakami (UTAH), Kathy Casey (PNA), Karen Oliver (UTAH), Sally Dillon (PNA), Sandi Rousseau (OREG), Richard Kittel (UTAH), and Dennis Tesch (UTAH),



Executive Committee team of Jack Geoghegan (Vice President), Betsy Durrant (Secretary), Mel Goldstein (Past President), Nancy Ridout (President), Tracy Grilli (Executive Secretary), Hugh Moore (Zone Committee Chair), Jeanne Ensign (Treasurer), and Jeanne Crouse (Legal Counsel)

Each Zone Rep has also been active within their zone. Their reports follow.

Zone Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday, October 13

9:00 – 10:20 am

1. Election process for USMS Officers in 2001
2. SWIM Magazine event listings
3. LMSC Officer Address List
4. Pilot Project – pool utilization
5. Zone Websites & Newsletters
6. Zone reports
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Adjourn

BREADBASKET – Rob Whitters, zone representative

Ozark Masters in St. Louis hosted the Breadbasket Zone meet in April. The meet was well run and a lot of fun. Each of the LMSCs hosted many quality meets throughout the year. We continue to make great use of the internet and e-mail to stay in contact with the swimmers in our zone. Without these tools the task would be next to impossible. Breadbasket swimmers proved their generosity this past year by donating to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots and by supporting "Strokes for Stroke" in June.

COLONIES - Lynn Hazlewood, zone representative

Colonies Zone has had a busy year since the last convention. We have instituted new zone financing practices which give us more flexibility on projects. Our web site is now fully implemented and

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expanding with services for the zone. Two zone members have achieved national recognition - Debbie Morrin, Marketing Chair and Cathy Pennington, USMS Controller. Five LMSC or team web sites received MACA web site awards. We also had a productive mid-term meeting after the SCY Zone Championships in April.

Colonies teams have hosted 5 zone championships in the past year. Rutgers Masters hosted the SCM Championships in November and the SCY Championships in April. For the first time, we had open water championships. Reston Masters hosted a 2-mile swim in May, Mashpee Leisure Services held a 3-mile super swim in June, and Empire State Masters hosted a 1-mile swim in July.

Three national championships were held in Colonies this past year. The Mashpee zone championship was also a Long Distance National Championship as was the 2-Mile Cable Championship in Charlottesville, VA in July. Maryland Masters hosted the recently completed Long Course Nationals.

No annual report for our zone would be complete without noting the passing of Dorothy Donnelly, former USMS Executive Secretary and the backbone of Connecticut Masters. I remember when I first started working on the national level how much assistance she gave me, always with a smile. It was easy to call her on the most trivial matter and get the attention worthy of a world shaking issue. At conventions or zone championships, I always knew I had someone to sit with if she was there. One of the main topics at our meeting at this year's convention will be the establishment of a Zone Service Award in her name. How appropriate to name an award after someone who gave so much to USMS as well as Colonies Zone.

DIXIE - June Krauser, zone representative

Since the Convention I have mailed four quarterly newsletters - October-December; January-March; April-June; and July-September. The first newsletter contained a report of the Convention held in September and the entry blank for the SCM Dixie Zone Championships. The second issue contained a chart with the Officers and Committee Chairmen from each of the seven LMSCs. The third issue contained news and the entry blank for the Dixie Zone LCM Championships. The fourth issue contained a picture of our Dixie Zone Relay at Short Course Nationals that came in second to the Colonies Zone, news and the entry blank for SCM Dixie Zone Championships in Anderson, SC.

There have been three Zone Championships since September. The SCM Dixie Zone Championships were held on Dec. 3-5, 1999 at the Coral Springs Aquatic Complex in Coral Springs, FL. Jonathan Coyle ran a good meet with 120 swimmers. The Dixie Zone SCY Championships were held on March 18-19, 2000 in Atlanta and there were 274 swimmers! Lisa Watson ran a great meet as usual! The Dixie Zone LCM meet was held in Brunswick, GA. Both the SCY and LCM results can be found on the Dixie Zone Web Site.

All seven LMSCs have newsletters. That makes it easy to compose a Dixie Zone Newsletter and I thank all of the editors for sending me a copy. Some clubs also send me their newsletters. Greatly appreciated. There are no problems that I am aware of.

Dick Brewer does a great job with our Dixie Zone Web Site. I finally learned how to print pdf files and hopefully this web site has helped with communications. Many thanks to Dick. The Dixie Zone Top Ten for SCY and LCM is now on the web site. However, Karen Crossen has resigned and we will be discussing ways of keeping this valuable Top Ten Times current. Also, our Records have to be updated. Anyone interested in volunteering please let me know.

On the 22nd of March I received an e-mail from New Zealand informing me that Christchurch had been awarded the 2002 FINA World Masters Swimming championships for March 21 – April 3, 2002. Start planning.

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GREAT LAKES – Melissa Rinker, zone representative

The Great Lakes Zone was proud to host the 2000 SC National Championships at the IU Natatorium this year. There were 1300 participants, of whom helped set 108 USMS National records! In addition, Mel Goldstein and “crew” hosted a successful National One Hour Postal Swim in January, and the National One Mile Open Water Championships in June.

Melissa Rinker is in her first year as chairman, trying to promote communication and competition within the Zone. A mythical “GLZ Inter-state championship meet is being tabulated with results to be distributed at this year’s Convention.

Indianapolis is the site for 2 National Open Water Championships in 2001; the 2 Mile Cable and the 6 Mile Championships.

7 out of the 8 LMSC’s are publishing newsletters and state records.

This year the Great Lakes Zone will place greater emphasis on promotion of marketing ideas and taking advantages of USMS programs already in place.

NORTHWEST - Dave Radcliff, zone representative

Masters Swimming moved into the new Century in grand fashion in the Northwest. Rogue Valley Masters of the Oregon LMSC hosted the first Open Water National Championship ever held in the Northwest. With over twice as many entrants as any previous 10K Championship, a beautiful setting, outstanding weather and water conditions and the wonderful attitude of the host team the event was truly one that the swimmers will not forget. PNA hosted the 5K/10K Postal Event and Rogue Valley Masters just had time to catch their breath after the 10K and then they hosted the 3000/6000 Postal Event. This same commitment continues in 2001 as the LCM Nationals returns to PNA and the superb Federal Way Pool and the 2 mile Open Water Championship will be held at Elk Lake in Central Oregon.

The Northwest’s commitment to Masters is seen not only in their hosting of National Events but in the leadership and dedication of their swimmers. I would like to highlight and thank those swimmers who do so much for Masters Swimming not only in the Northwest but also at the National level. Jeanne Ensign of PNA is the USMS Treasurer; Hugh Moore of PNA is the USMS Zone Chair; Sally Dillon of PNA is the USMS Long Distance Chair; Elin Zander of Inland Northwest is the USMS Legislative Chair; Sandi Rousseau of Oregon is the USMS Championship Chair; June Mather of Oregon is the USMS Internal Auditor; Ginger Pierson of Oregon is the USMS Ad Hoc ISHOF Chair; Bill Volckening of Oregon is the USMS Swim Magazine Editor; Doug Garcia of Inland Northwest and Bill Volckening of Oregon coordinate the USMS Mentor Clinics and the USMS Nike Championship Clinics and serve as MACA Co-Reps for the Northwest; Dan Gray of Oregon coordinates the USMS Open Water Mentor Clinics; and Suzanne Rague of Oregon is the immediate past USMS Controller and served part of 2000

The Northwest held three Zone Championship meets this year. The MAC Club of Oregon hosted the SCM Zone meet. This meet rewrote the Records Book when over 90 new Zone Records were set. Inland Northwest hosted the SCY Zone Championships at Washington State University in Pullman. The Oregon LMSC hosted the LCM Championships at Mt. Hood Community College. Mentor and Nike Clinics were held in PNA, Montana and Alaska and Oregon hosted an Open Water Mentor Clinic. Six newsletters a year and email provide the communication network to keep the Northwest informed and up to date. The Executive Challenge Relay at Short Course Nationals gave the

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Northwest swimmers a fun opportunity to come together and swim as one relay. The 21st Century is off to a great start in the Northwest and we are looking ahead to another great year in 2001.

OCEANA - Richard Smith, zone representative

Oceana's Pacific and Hawaii LSMCs continue to move forward under the fine leadership of Julie Paque and Janet Renner. One of Pacific's main thrusts for the year has been the recruitment and retention of members, coaches, pool time and facilities. This has contributed greatly to Pacific's growth pattern. This has been a year of many excellent sanctioned pool and open water swims for the competitive swimmers who have responded with many fine swims and records. Pacific is now looking forward to hosting the 2001 USMS Short Course Nationals in Santa Clara, California and will be planning for the appearance of Masters from all parts of our great organization. Hawaii has been building its leadership group and has had a year of firsts. First website, first newsletter (one that can be received by email), first LSMC annual open meeting, and first for establishing a system of inner-island communication by inviting representatives from the various islands to become members of the LSMC Committee. Keep you eyes on Hawaii and you will find their group becoming another strong spot in our USMS program. Due to the time and distance factor Oceana has yet to have a Zone swim meet but down the line-----who knows???

SOUTH CENTRAL – Larry Wood, zone representative

The South Central Zone is comprised of nearly 2000 swimmers in six LMSCs (Border, Gulf, South Texas, North Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas). During the past year, the zone has maintained an active meet schedule with each LMSC hosting their usual competitions. Most LMSCs have increased both registrations and attendance at meets this year. We exchange newsletters among the LMSCs to encourage communication. Both Gulf LMSC and North Texas LMSC maintain websites which list all of the events held within the zone. We are using the web to publish meet entries. The Gulf LMSC uses an e-mail list (with voluntary participation) to notify members of LMSC meetings, events, meet schedule, and minutes of the meetings.

The South Central Zone SCY meet was held in Oklahoma City the first weekend of April, with approximately 150 entrants. South Texas chartered a bus for our members in order to show our support for Zone meets in neighboring states. Our Long Course Zone meet was hosted in July in El Paso.

SOUTHWEST - Clay Evans, zone representative

At last year's convention, the zone rep election ended in a tie. As a result, Judy Gillies and I are sharing many of the responsibilities. This year I am listed as the official zone rep and next year Judy will be listed.

We have had a successful year with all three LMSC's growing in size compared to last year. Although it was not a large growth, we all feel healthy. We have planned a Southwest Zone open water Championship in Lake Las Vegas but unfortunately we lost a sponsor hotel and are rushing around trying to find another sponsor. Our event is scheduled for October 21. This will be a much later date for an open water swimming but we feel that it will generate enthusiasm in the four states of our zone: Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and California. Our hope now is to move the event into Lake Mead. However it is taking a long time to secure permits from the federal government. Our emailing system in the SPMA is working quite well. Once every two weeks we send out a message informing members of events and results. We always ask that they link over to the web sites: SPMA.NET and SWIM.NET. Our ocean swim results are looking very good on our web pages. This has had dramatic results in

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communication for our SPMA LMSC. We hope to get out our first zone email before convention. We will need to get a general email out if we can get our open water swim in Lake Mead.

Our main goal this past year was to coordinate "Zone Meets". There has been much discussion, but no actual results. Our plan is to have one Zone meet per season, SCY, SCM, & LCM, each in a different LMSC. Hopefully next year.

ZONE MEETINGS AGENDA

Saturday, October 14

9:30-11:50 am

The agenda for each zone will vary. The following is a sample agenda.

1. Zone specific tasks (zone meets, newsletters, policies, budget/finance, marketing, LMSC highlights, etc.)
2. Report from the Zone Committee Meeting
3. Zone activities for upcoming year
4. Coaches Mentor Program
5. Coaches On-deck Program
6. Coordination of meet schedules
7. Verify LMSC election process database
8. Verify LMSC address database
9. Discussion of "hot" convention topics
10. New business
11. Adjourn

AD HOC ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD – Doug Church

The year 2000 has seen a substantial increase in the value of our Endowment Fund. Several contributions were received in memory of Dorothy "Dot" Donnelly as well as the check-off receipts and the appreciation of the funds on hand. A full report as of the end of the 3rd quarter will be available at convention. At convention, the Board of Governors of the Endowment Fund will be considering the ways and means of increasing the development of the Endowment Fund and looking ahead to awarding the initial grants.

ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Friday, October 13

12:00-12:45 pm

1. Welcome - Chairman, Doug Church
2. Report on check-off collections and Fund status - Doug Church and Jeanne Ensign
3. Criteria for Grant Award - Doug Church
4. Advancement Opportunities (Strokes for Stroke, etc.) - Doug Church
5. New Business
6. Adjourn

AD HOC HISTORY & ARCHIVES – Carl House

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President Nancy Ridout created the ad-hoc History and Archives Committee after convention in 1999, to give official stature to its stated mission: to construct permanent recorded history - both hard copy and electronic - of United States Masters Swimming. As our first year comes to a close, we've made a lot of progress building on all the work that has come before. We think Dorothy Donnelly, who started our committee, is proud of us. In addition to the people named below, we especially want to thank Sally Dillon and Nancy Ridout for their major contributions to the work of our committee. The most important next thing for us to do is to identify resource people in all LMSC's who will help us make the information on their LMSC be as good as it can be.

Validating All-Americans

Barbara Dunbar has led our effort to make sure our historical record of Pool and Long Distance All-Americans is accurate. This involves comparing the All-American data with the original source documents including national meet results, some regional meet results, Top Ten, and the All-American announcements. This effort is nearly complete. The result is that names are spelled correctly, most birthdays are included to assure proper identification, and LMSC and club affiliations have been filled in for most All-Americans. A recommendation has been submitted to the Executive Committee to add 26 swimmers who were erroneously omitted and to delete a few foreign or USS swimmers who should not have been included because they were not registered with USMS. This effort is continuing and it is probable that more errors of inclusion or omission will be discovered and corrected.

The Pool and Long Distance All Star database will also be verified.

Effort continues to obtain birthday and affiliation for the unidentified All Americans by researching old masters results, newsletters, and documents. The most important source of continuing help and progress on this is expected to come from LMSC people providing information on their people. Lists of unidentified people are available at our website or by request from the National Office (who will refer the request to our committee).

Championship Meet Results

Craig Tribuzi has been accumulating a database of top finishers at each USMS national championship meet and age group record holders every year. The 1970's are complete and he's seeking computer files to complete his information for the 1980's and the 1990's.

Olympians in USMS

Gail Roper is leading the effort to identify every Olympian who has participated in USMS. This will include some foreign Olympic aquatic competitors who later moved to the U.S. and some American Olympians from other sports. The list includes 156 people so far. The database includes their Olympic year(s), the events they competed in, the years they competed in USMS, and other information like maiden and married names and birthdates.

Stories and Oral History

Stories about our people in Swim Magazine and other national media and in LMSC & club newsletters are important to our archives. Meegan Wilson has led the effort to collect these stories and put them in a form for safekeeping and for display. We have stories about 223 prominent USMS people on our website. There are several dozen more people about whom we'd particularly like to have a story. And we have a backlog of dozens of stories that need to be typed so we can use them in our digital archives. Volunteers are needed for typing the most important of these stories.

The USMS Oral History began at the 1999 convention meeting chaired by Edie Gruender. Edie and Helen Bayly and others set up a booth at SC Nationals in Indianapolis in May to explain the Oral

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History and to encourage people to contribute. So far, 24 people have made contributions to our oral history.

Hard Copy Archives

The USMS Historians, Ham and Mildred Anderson, Joan Smith and Edie Gruender, have kept safe for us an extensive collection of articles, newsletters, photographs and other artifacts over three decades. These are now being cared for at the homes of Joan Smith and Edie Gruender. We are in conversation with the International Swimming Hall of Fame about how they might work with us to provide a permanent home for our archives with professional curatorial care. It is hoped that other people who have extensive personal archives will entrust them to ISHOF as well.

Historical Registrar Files

The USMS National Office provides support to the History & Archives Committee by researching past individual and group memberships in printed reports (Tracy Grilli) and electronic files (Esther Lyman) as needed. Printed reports are available from 1986. Electronic files are available from 1994. All available electronic files have been combined into multi-year files and re-sorted by date of birth to facilitate research. This setup is particularly useful for identifying swimmers who have registered with or been known or reported by different names over the years.

Database of Name Changes

Throughout our Archives, we want to keep track of the swimming performance of our competitors over the years. This makes it important that we know about name changes, most often occurring through marriage. Gail Roper has taken on the job of building a database of name changes, for whatever reason they might occur. This effort is just beginning. We have a few hundred names so far. We'll work out the means for making it easy for our database to be kept up to date.

Photographs On-Line

Our on-line archives now include 563 photographs that have been scanned and catalogued and so are fully integrated with other information in the on-line archives.

Swim Magazine Photos

Swim Magazine has agreed to make available to USMS all the photos that have appeared in their magazine since 1995. The photos from each issue are being given to us on CD's and as we receive them thumbprint photos are placed on our website. USMS volunteers are needed to identify the photos that might be useful to us and to add descriptions and credits to our catalogue. This should be done by comparing the particular issues of Swim Magazine with the thumbprint photos and then adding who is in the photo and who the photographer is from the text of the magazine. 1535 photos have been received thus far and every two months we get another 60 or so photos as each new issue is published.

On-Line Systems Development

The easiest way to access our archives is on the world wide web. They are available through www.usms.org or through www.swimgold.org. Our archives website now includes 5,254 pages with 155,910 links connecting related information. We have information on 11,340 USMS swimmers, and, we can bring up what we have on any of these 11,340 people with a single uncomplicated URL. We believe that the total number of All-Americans ever named is 3,493. But, there are still 269 All-Americans who are not claimed by any LMSC and there are 446 All-Americans whose birthday we don't know. So, there is more to do. Our objectives are these.

- To maintain accurate and up to date information on the major swimming accomplishments of our swimmers in our sanctioned events
- To keep safe and available a wide range of historical items and information
- To make some of this information easily available on the web
- To develop procedures so that as much of our work as possible will be automated
- To enlist the help of people throughout USMS to ensure accuracy and fairness of representation.

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AD HOC HISTORY & ARCHIVES COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

1:00-1:50 pm

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Our Goals & Objectives
3. Databases
 - All-American & All-Star databases
 - Championship Meet Results database
 - USMS Records Set database
 - Olympians in USMS
 - Name Changes
 - The Permanent Swimmer ID
4. Stories & Oral History
5. Photographs
6. Storing Paper Archives
7. LMSC Resource People
8. Accessing our Archives
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

AD HOC ISHOF NOMINATING – Ginger Pierson

Barbara Dunbar was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on May 2, 2000.

The national and world records are computerized, enabling us to run reports and queries. The intent is to have the national records webbed for all of USMS to use and identify any errors.

The need to identify the swimmers with the most records for ISHOF purposes prompted the undertaking of securing, proofing and computerizing the records. However, it immediately became apparent that the uses for such data are endless. Only reports and queries for ISHOF were written.

Ongoing communications have been maintained with ISHOF to aid in masters' presence in the selection process for induction.

AD HOC ISHOF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12

1:00-2:30 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll
3. 1999 Minutes
4. masters Status with ISHOF
5. Review Candidate Selection Policy/Procedure
6. Project Review
 - Computer demonstration on screen

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- View hard copy
- 7. Review Tasks for 2000
- 8. Review Tasks for 2001
 - First names
 - Married names
 - AA – AS
 - Awards
 - Full dates for record not just year
 - Computerize all 70's nationals
- 9. Distribution of National Records
 - Records and Tabulation
 - Web Master
 - Archives and History
- 10. Records Presentation to USMS
 - Tracy
 - Nancy
- 11. Selection of Nominees and Candidates for 2002
 - Significant swim ... "first man to ..."
 - Retro active swimmer no longer swimming

AD HOC LEGAL COUNSELORS – Jeanne Crouse

Our Committee has been asked to consider some most interesting issues at this Convention. If you read our mid-year report, you'll recall that we are in the process of crafting a suggested privacy policy for USMS. By *privacy policy*, we mean the organization's policy on marketing or otherwise disseminating any personal information that USMS obtains about its members. Meanwhile, those other governing bodies (Congress and the President) enacted a federal Electronic Signatures In Global and National Commerce Act, which goes into effect this October. This new law (nicknamed *E-SIGN*) was passed to promote the use of electronic signatures in private commerce. Essentially, it seeks to speed up the legal world's acceptance of e-commerce by making electronic signatures equivalent to traditional pen-and-ink signatures. On a practical level for us swimmers, this means that in the not-too-distant future we should be able to join USMS and register for meets in a truly paperless process.

After E-SIGN became law, several USMS Committees and that other famous head of state, President Ridout, asked our Committee to review the statute, determine whether it can be applied to USMS business, and, if so, devise implementing procedures. Other USMS Committees that we'll need to coordinate with in this process include our Championship, Computer On-Line, Insurance, and Registration Committees (not to mention our insurance agents).

If you're interested in electronic signatures or privacy issues or just like to watch a bunch of lawyers argue with each other, please join us when we meet at convention. Our annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, from 3:30-4:50 p.m. If any member of the House has a legal question or concern that you believe our Committee should address either in October or during the course of the next year, please e-mail me at legalcounsel@usms.org.

AD HOC LEGAL COUNSELORS MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, October 12
3:30-4:50 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thursday, October 12, 3:30-4:50 p.m.

1. Welcome; Introduction of Committee Members.
 2. On-Line Registration; Implications of Federal Electronic Signatures Act
 3. Privacy Issues/Policies for USMS
 4. Discussion/identification of Possible Projects for Legal Counselors' Committee in Upcoming Year.
 5. Other New Business.
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AD HOC PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT – Hugh Moore

At our "mid-year" meeting in January, the Executive Committee discussed the current status and future direction of compensated positions. We unanimously agreed that the Professional Management Committee should address compensation for the Webmaster and USMS SWIM magazine editor. The Executive Committee submitted an initial proposal, which was discussed by the Professional Management Committee via emails and revised.

The Professional Management Committee includes all members of the Board of Directors. Additionally, the special assignments listed in the Rule Book were included in the email exchange. They have a voice-only role and are not voting members of the committee.

The following proposal will be discussed at the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, October 11th. If the Board of Directors adopts the proposal, the House of Delegates will consider it.

"Keeping in mind that everyone may be reimbursed for expenses incurred on behalf of USMS, the Board of Directors believes the positions of USMS Webmaster and USMS SWIM magazine editor are essential to our mission, involve a time commitment and expertise well beyond what can be expected of a volunteer, and should receive an honorarium for the year 2000. We recommend that USMS Webmaster receive the sum of \$10,000 and that the USMS SWIM Magazine Editor receive the sum of \$5000. Furthermore, we believe that these two positions should receive compensation in the future. The compensation amounts, hiring methods, and management of these positions will be controlled via guidelines proposed by the USMS Executive Committee and approved by the House of Delegates."

The Executive Committee and the Professional Management Committee are working on proposed initial guidelines.