
Action Item:

1. MSA that the president contact Nancy Ridout, Tom Boak and Jim Miller and inquire if any would be willing to serve as vice president of member services until convention, assuming that none of them are planning to run for any office.
 2. MSA to move the USMS operating account to a financial institution in Sarasota, Fla.
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President Rob Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. EDT. Also present were Vice Presidents Leo Letendre, Julie Heather and Mike Heather; Secretary Meg Smath; Executive Director Rob Butcher; At-Large Directors Anthony Thompson (Breadbasket), Betsy Durrant (Colonies), Jerry Clark (Dixie), Nadine Day (Great Lakes), Jeanne Ensign (Northwest), Michael Moore (Oceana), Don Mehl (South Central) and Laura Winslow; Immediate Past-President Jim Miller; Legal Counsel Patty Miller; Past-Presidents Ted Haartz, Nancy Ridout and Dan Gruender.

Executive director's report

Rob B reported that a vendor has been selected for renovation of the national headquarters building.

New controller Nick Florio has been working with previous controller Margaret Bayless to get up to speed. Margaret is finishing up work on our audit, and will be fulfilling her contractor agreement when that is done. USMS will be forever grateful to Margaret for her service.

New editor-in-chief Laura Hamel has been working on transition with previous editor Bill Volckening, whose last day will be June 10. USMS thanks Bill for his service in this capacity to the organization. Laura has also been working with Ashley Gangloff on a survey and on the e-newsletter, and with the magazine publisher, Douglas Murphy Communications. The planning meeting for the magazine will be June 22–24 in Richmond, Va. In addition to Laura, Rob B, Mark Gill and Lynn Hazlewood will attend the meeting.

The Charlotte office has closed, and those employees based there are working from their homes until the Sarasota office opens. Ashley has relocated to Auburn, Ala., and will be working from there until her employment ends after LC Nationals. We wish Ashley the best in her endeavors in graduate school.

Mark Gill's first official day on the job as our director of business operations was June 1. He will be working with member services, club and coaching services and special events.

SwimFest was a big success, attended by close to 35 coaches. There were seven mentor coaches and also more than 100 swimmers. The staff has also been working with the Coaches Committee on the redevelopment of the coaches certification program, which will be in partnership with ASCA.

Election update

Julie reported that we now have candidates for all offices, and at least two of the races will be contested. Qualification of candidates will be complete on June 7, at which time the slate will be announced.

Policies

Several policies under consideration had previously been distributed via email, and will be discussed and voted on at the BOD's next meeting. Some of these policies are in response to new IRS requirements.

Vacancy in the office of vice president of member services

The BOD considered its options for appointing a replacement for Mark Gill. **MSA that the president contact Nancy Ridout, Tom Boak and Jim Miller and inquire if any would be willing to serve as vice president of member services until convention, assuming that none of them are planning to run for any office.** The vote was 11-2 in favor. Final action will be taken at the Board's next meeting.

LMSC minimum standards

Julie had previously distributed via email proposed minimum standards for LMSCs. She noted that they had already been discussed at length at the midyear meeting. Dan had some concerns about financial requirements for LMSCs. Jeanne will submit revisions to the section on tax filing. Michael suggested that the section "Bylaws and Administration" be renamed "Bylaws or Policies." Jerry asked if LMSC bonding should be addressed, but Jeanne clarified that all LMSC officers are bonded under the USMS insurance policy. Rob C suggested adding a requirement that LMSCs appoint convention delegates, and also language on how to amend the document and by whom. Julie will make the changes discussed, then send the document to all LMSC officers and members of the House of Delegates for comment.

Governance Committee report

Patty had previously distributed a report describing the committee's activities since the last convention. She will distribute the committee's recommendations for proposed legislation soon, and the proposals will be discussed at the next meeting.

FINA business

Rob C reported that Jim will represent USMS at the upcoming FINA Masters Congress.

Operating account

Rob B is in the process of moving the organization's operating account to a Sarasota financial institution and needs a resolution from the BOD to effect this change. **MSA to move the USMS operating account to a financial institution in Sarasota, Fla.** Rob also noted that both he and Rob C had signed conflict of interest statements, as required by policy.

Next EC meeting and adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m. EDT. Our next meeting will be June 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. EDT.

Meg Smath
Secretary