

Committee Name:	Board of Directors	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Patty Miller	Date/time of meeting:	5/16/2016 8:30pm EDT
Minutes recorded by:	Chris Colburn		

Actions Taken:

1. Approved: going forward to change “Motions Passed” to “Actions Taken,” and to include both motions approved and failed in the summary section of the minutes
2. Tabled: To approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 Board Conference Call as amended
3. Approved: To move the vote approving the April 18, 2016 Board Conference Call minutes to an email vote

Number of committee members present: 23

Absent: 5

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Patty Miller - President; Ed Tsuzuki - VP of Administration; Chris McGiffin - VP of Programs; Chris Stevenson - VP of Local Operations; Frank (Skip) Thompson -VP of Community Services; Chris Colburn – Secretary; Ralph Davis – Treasurer; Maria Elias-Williams - Legal Counsel; At-Large Directors: Bruce Hopson (Breadbasket); Dave Diehl (Colonies); Sean Fitzgerald (Dixie); Dan Cox (Great Lakes); Sarah Welch (Northwest); Leianne Crittenden (Oceana); Jill Gellatly (South Central); and Laura Winslow (Southwest); Dawson Hughes – CEO; Dave Coddington (USA Swimming Liaison to USMS); Past Presidents: Nadine Day, Rob Copeland, Jim Miller, Nancy Ridout and Ted Haartz.

Not present: Past Presidents: Jeff Moxie, Tom Boak, Mike Laux and Dan Gruender. Mel Goldstein is recused from the Board due to his contractor position with USMS.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:32pm EDT.

1. Agenda review and conflict of interest declarations (Patty): Patty welcomed everyone to the call. There were no conflicts, other than that Nadine and Jim are on the UANA Masters Technical Committee.
2. Approval of meeting minutes (Chris Colburn):
 - a. Chris provided an overview of the questions raised from the latest version of the minutes of the April 18 conference call. Discussion included the placement of failed motions in the minutes summary. **MSA going forward to fix Motions Passed to Actions Taken, and to include both motions approved and failed in the summary section of the minutes.** MS to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 Board Conference Call as amended. **MSA to table the vote to approve the minutes to an email vote at a later date.**
3. CEO’s Report (Dawson): Dawson is starting to see some movement on membership momentum. Dawson and the staff, in conjunction with the Strategic Planning Task Force, are doing a lot of work on strategic planning. Staff is finalizing a draft on a proposed plan for working with the College Club initiative. Staff is starting to plan for next year as well. Nancy expressed her appreciation for Dawson having conversations with as many Board members as possible in Greensboro.
4. Action/Discussion Items
 - a. At Large Board Members Election: At large board elections are this year. 4/30 was the deadline. At that time, there were no candidates who applied for the Oceana or Dixie Zone positions. Deadline was extended to 5/31 for the two zones with no candidates. Discussion included potential candidates for those zones and the rules surrounding floor nominations. Skip asked about the timing of the election at Convention. Nadine indicated that elections are held on the Friday of Convention from 2:30-3:45pm.
 - b. National Coaches Clinic (NCC): The first NCC was last year, and was somewhat under the radar because it was initiated by the Coaches Committee. This year the clinic will be a joint effort between the Pacific LMSC and USMS. Additional funds will come from the International budget to enable UANA coaches to participate. Helen Naylor is the chair of the Coaches Subcommittee; Susan Kuhlman, Bill Brenner, and Marianne Groenings are participating for the National Office. The Pacific LMSC is responsible for getting the speakers picked, and most speakers are set. This year’s clinic will be held in San Mateo on Veterans Day weekend (11/11-13). Schedule for speakers and itinerary is still being finalized. Dawson put out a Save the Date reminder a couple weeks ago. Pricing was finalized at the subcommittee meeting. Nancy said she’s the head of the annual Pacific LMSC Celebration committee. That committee and the NCC are working together on some good ideas for a joint keynote speaker.
 - c. UANA Pan American Masters Championships: Patty recounted the process for UANA selections. The 2018 Championships will be held in Orlando. The 2020 event will be in Medellin, Colombia. Patty gave a heads up that issues may arise since the days proposed by Orlando are three dates in August, the same month in which USMS

Summer Nationals are usually held. Discussions ensued about the choices that the Championship Committee may have. The Championship Committee wants a sense of the Board. Ed provided a summary of the relevant issues and detailed the request by the Championship Committee so they have information with which to make a decision. The Board discussed the pros and cons of several options. Ed indicated that the Board would like the Championship Committee to provide the board with the details on the contractual and sponsorship implications, as well as the possibility of a National Short Course Meters championship later in the year.

5. Task Force and Committee Updates

- a. Strategic Plan: Jill is chair with Dawson helping on the National Office side of things. Ed, Ralph, and Meg Carlson are also on the task force. A kickoff call happened a week and a half ago, and will meet weekly going forward. The end goal is to have a draft to the Board by the Summer Board Meeting, with a potential wrap-up ready to go by Convention. Dawson outlined the process we will use to flowchart the planning, including the stakeholder groups and how input would be gathered. Groups will try to cover how to collect data/input in the next call. The National Office has ongoing research that will filter into this as well, related to how to attract new members and retain folks already swimming. Key dates include 6/13, a day retreat in Sarasota with task force members and National Office staff to determine key themes and the plan going forward. We will have the Board's input before the 6/13 retreat. The group participated in a SWOT analysis without looking at the 2011 strategic plan. Jill will be sending the SWOT template to the Board, and is soliciting feedback by May 27. Discussion surrounded initial reactions to the process.
- b. Summer Board Meeting Schedule: Patty discussed an overview of the proposed schedule for the Summer Board Meeting. Please email Patty with items that should be addressed at the Summer Meeting. Chris Stevenson asked about LMSC Standards. Patty indicated that LMSC Development should bring it before the Board for the June Conference Call. Leianne asked about an education component. Patty asked that she and Leianne talk offline about options. Bruce mentioned that there will be upcoming changes related to election procedures.
- c. USA Swimming Board Meeting Update (Ed): Ed attended the USA Swimming Board of Directors meeting during Spring Nationals. One interesting piece of proposed legislation was a change of title of Board members from President/VP (typically staff titles) to Chair/Vice Chair for volunteer positions. Discussion included their role as a board vs. what staff is responsible for. Another discussion that was interesting was the legislation about the freestyle rule in the IM. They have a lot of data showing declining membership in USA Swimming, particularly in the younger age groups, so there's a push for other membership categories to stimulate membership growth, similar to the discussions taking place in USMS. Dave echoed Ed's sentiments about the meeting, and also indicated that officers will be elected this year as well. Rob asked if USA Swimming is going to implement FINA's Cold Water rules this year. Dave said they'd accept it by acclamation if FINA passes it. Rob indicated that we should remain aligned appropriately. Jim Miller provided more background as well as what he understands about the sense of USA Swimming on the matter.
- d. Governance Update (Leianne): Leianne is looking for some input from the Board on what the Governance Committee should tackle next, and outlined the choices available. Patty provided some insights on those priorities, and asked if the Long Distance/Open Water committee structure should be a topic for Governance, or for the Long Distance and Open Water committees to hammer out. Discussion involved dispute resolution and review of the zones as priorities. LMSC Standards will be left to LMSC Development for now since they're taking it up tonight. Leianne reiterated that Governance will tackle model dispute resolution and the roles of the zones. The proposed legislation for the Election Committee was a summary of the Winter Board Meeting discussion.

6. President's Report:

- a. Patty just returned from the USAS Meeting in Chicago:
 - i. There was a discussion about Convention, and the USAS Budget expenditure there. For reference, Tom Boak is USAS Treasurer, and Nadine and Dawson were also at the meeting. For 2016, USAS isn't going to charge for internet access (USMS paid \$4500 for it in 2015). The Masters proposals for FINA were accepted without argument. Dale Neuberger reported on the UANA Executive Committee Meeting, and mentioned that UANA is committed to all 6 disciplines, including Masters.
 - ii. FINA World Aquatics Conference is taking place in Windsor, Ontario, Canada in December. The goal is to talk about best practices in aquatics. It's being held in conjunction with the Short Course Meters World Championships. Jim said that the FINA Aquatics Conference, World Aquatics Symposium, and the Sports Medicine Conference will all be taking place at the same place and time for the first time.

- iii. Betty Hazle gave a *Chef de Mission* Report on visits to Budapest. FINA Masters Congress will be held there 7/31/17. There will be a sense of the Masters competition dates in June. Facilities will be along the Danube. Budapest is well ahead of schedule and is highlighting the city's history in choosing their venues.
- b. Congratulations to Nadine for winning the 2016 Ransom Arthur Award. Nadine flew into Greensboro just to receive the award at Nationals.

7. Next meeting will be June 20, 2016 at 8:30pm EDT.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07pm EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Colburn, Secretary