

# U.S. Masters Swimming Executive Committee Conference Call minutes

## August 7th, 2012

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Action Items: None

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President Nadine Day called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM EDT. Also present were C.J. Rushman - Secretary, Michael Heather-VP of Administration, David Diehl-VP of Programs, Ed Tsuzuki - VP of Local Operations, Jody Smith-VP of Community Service, Ralph Davis – Treasurer, and Jeff Moxie -Immediate Past President.

Absent: Patty Miller – Legal Counsel and Executive Director - Rob Butcher

EC Agenda topics:

1.) Convention – Theme for this year’s convention is centered on appreciating the volunteers. Nadine said she is planning on incorporating “fun” into different aspects of convention. A discussion was held about the suggestions that Nadine received from members of the EC. Mike suggested that since the Olympics are taking place we could incorporate a “Gold Medal” theme.

Nadine brought up that there are still missing reports for the convention packet. The reports were due to Tracy Grilli by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Nadine read the names of the missing committee reports and asked each of the respective Vice Presidents to follow up with their committee chairs.

Ed asked about the process of creating successors for committees, specifically the Chair position. The Committee Summary of Performance document is for the Chairs to evaluate members of their committee, and indicate if they want to continue. CJ will send this document to Ed.

CJ provided an update to the EC regarding the status of delegates. There were 264 delegates representing 44 of the 52 LMSCs, which is ahead of the past few years. Ed will send an email to the remaining 8 LMSC’s, copying CJ reminding them that they are past the deadline. Nadine had conversations with some committee members that they were asked to attend via Streamlines and not through their own LMSC.

Nadine asked why Legislation is an automatic committee, instead of being automatic in the year they present to the HOD. Jeff said it would create more confusion if that committee was an automatic some years and not other. Mike said you will always need that committee if issues arise.

Nadine raised a point that she has received a few complaints from members regarding pressure from the LMSC on how the member should vote. Nadine will address this at convention in the HOD, that the overall good of USMS should be the main focus.

Ed gave an update on the welcome letter. He is finalizing based on the feedback he has received thus far. Ed is updating the Survival guide to new delegates. Ed did ask during the Orientation for delegates if he could have 2-3 slides that highlight some financial and membership information. Ralph offered to help Ed with creation of the information. Jeff is finalizing the College Orientation document for the Grant recipients and is hoping to finish by the end of the week. Ed did mention that Ginger Pierson will help organize the new delegate luncheon.

Mike brought up that one of the Committee Chairs has not registered due to potential conflicts. Mike asked the EC if that would be an issue. The EC said no and issues in life arise that are beyond our control and we have to take them in stride.

2.) New Business;

- Nadine asked Dave if he has spoken to Ed Saltzman regarding the Officials website. Dave said he will address the issue prior to the Board of Directors call.
- Nadine reminded the EC to review the Open Water PowerPoint presentation prior to the next board of director’s call. Nadine also will be appointing members to the task force. A discussion regarding the Safety budget request that was in the presentation. Ralph stated that it is the Finance Committee’s responsibility to question, review and approve the budget recommendations.

Next meeting of the Executive Committee meeting will be held face to face during the Board of Directors meeting in Greensboro North Carolina September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM EDT.

C.J. Rushman,  
Secretary