

USMS COMMITTEE REPORTS

BLOCK #5 – Teaming Together.... To preserve and honor

ISHOF Nominating, History & Archives, Recognition & Awards, Records & Tabulation

BLOCK PARTY
**ISHOF Nominating, History & Archives, Recognition &
Awards,**
Wednesday, September 10th, 7:30-9:00 pm
Meeting Room – ROYAL PALM ONE & TWO

AD HOC ISHOF NOMINATING

Committee Chair: Ginger Pierson

Vice Chair: Carolyn Boak

Committee Members: Peggy Buchanan, Rich Burns, Jack Geoghegan, Mel Goldstein, Dan Gruender, Ted Haartz, Graham Johnston, Stu Marvin, Walt Reid. Executive Committee Liaison - Jim Miller, MD.

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The USMS ISHOF committee is constantly striving to improve its protocol for selection of a candidate to propose to The ISHOF. After all statistics are compiled into the USMS ISHOF database, and distributed to the above members, this committee seeks to select the most qualified person that USMS will select as its nominee to The ISHOF.

1. The 2002 LCM, SCM, SCY, and 2003 SCY, national and world records have been integrated into the current AD HOC ISHOF database.
2. Discussion has begun regarding the 2005 nominee.
3. Discussion has begun regarding the inclusion of other NGB's within USMS for selecting a nominee to The ISHOF.

ACTION ITEMS

1. It is a consensus that the Ad Hoc ISHOF committee begins seeking protocol / criteria (for considering a nominee to propose to The ISHOF from this committee beginning 2006) from each of the following: Long Distance, Contributors, Coaches, and Pioneers. The swimming criterion is in place.

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AGENDA

Friday, September 12th, 1:30-2:30 pm
Meeting Room – ROYAL PALM SIX

1. Discuss the criteria submitted from the USMS NGB's and make necessary revisions, corrections, and suggestions.
2. Announce the 2005 USMS ISHOF nominee that will be proposed to The ISHOF.

HISTORY & ARCHIVES

Committee Chair: Carl House
Committee Vice-Chair: Barbara Dunbar

Committee Members: Helen Bayly, Marcia Cleveland, Catherine Cooper, Kelly Crandell, Edie Gruender, F H Ted Haartz, Esther Lyman, Wayne McCauley, Cris Meier-Windes, Jennifer Parks, Gail Roper, Howard Rutenberg, Dennis Wilson, Meegan Wilson, Mary Beth Windrath. Executive Committee Liaison - Sally Ann Dillon

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The historical databases created by the History and Archives (H&A) Committee have been integrated into the USMS Enterprise database almost completely and no longer will be solely maintained by the H&A Committee. The H&A Committee and its representative, Meegan Wilson, will be working with the USMS webmaster to develop the procedures permitting integration of historical documents, stories and articles about swimmers, oral histories, and photographs into the USMS Enterprise database. Timely and accurate integration of historical and archive materials will progress as new procedures are developed by the USMS webmaster. Issues requiring research or clarification will continue to be performed under the lead of committee representative Barbara Dunbar.

Since the 2002 convention, the largest ongoing H&A project involves annotating and cataloguing over 3,000 images in the archive photo gallery. The highest priority has been given to the images received from Swim Magazine which are being annotated and catalogued by Katie Cooper and Howard Rutenberg. To date, they have completed work on 1,617 of the 2,297 images from Swim Magazine with an estimated completion date of late August.

A second project involves securing permission to use the photos from as many of the various photographers as possible. The first phase is to request permission from those photographers who are USMS members and who will hopefully give permission for use of their photos. The second phase will be to seek permission from the professional photographers most often published in Swim Magazine, then photographers known to committee members, and finally any remaining photographers.

AGENDA

Thursday, September 11th, 10:15-11:45 am
Meeting Room – ROYAL PALM FIVE

1. Discuss the role of the History and Archives Committee for the upcoming year and future years.
2. Discuss maintaining the integrity of archive materials and the online archives and the responsibility for guaranteeing accuracy and continued integrity of both the on line and in situ archives.

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3. Discuss the work to be accomplished by the H&A during the upcoming year including the following:
 - Continue to annotate and archive photographs.
 - Secure permission to use the archive photographs from the photographers.
 - Develop a system to mark and catalog photos for which "permission to use" has not been granted.
 - Work with the USMS webmaster to develop the procedures permitting continual integration of historical and archive materials into the USMS Enterprise database.
 - Acquire additional historical and archive materials such as documents, stories and articles, oral histories, and photographs, and improve methods for acquiring materials.
 - Integrate the historical and archive materials into the USMS database once the new procedures are developed by the USMS webmaster.
 - Continue the work by the archive researchers.
 - Transmit archive materials to the USMS Archive location at ISHOF.
 - Perform any other efforts or tasks requiring H&A Committee involvement.
4. Discuss the H&A Committee involvement with the Database Committee.

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

Committee Chair: Kathrine J. Casey

Vice Chair: Carolyn Boak

Committee Members: Cindy Baxter, Tom Boak, Hill Carrow, Kelly Crandell, Gail Dummer, Angie Friday, Jack Geoghegan, Mel Goldstein, Dan Gruender, Edie Gruender, F.H. "Ted" Haartz, Sarah Hromada, Dr. Paul Hutinger, June Krauser, Michael Laux, Jim Miller, M.D., Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, Suzanne Rague, Walt Reid, Nancy Ridout, Joan Smith, Richard Smith, William Tingley, Mary Lee Watson. Executive Committee Liaison - Scott Rabalais.

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The Committee's purpose is to review and approve proposals for all official USMS awards except competitive awards and to maintain a history of award winners. The Committee also administers the Ransom J. Arthur Award and the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award. There are two categories of awards: National USMS Award (Ransom J. Arthur Award) and Official Recognition (Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award, Coach of the Year, and Newsletter of the Year).

DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS

1. The Committee has been researching and writing narratives about each Ransom J. Arthur Award winner for publication on the awards web site.
2. The Committee has been updating the awards web site and attempting to make it more user friendly.
3. Nominees for the 2002 Ransom J. Arthur Award were: Betsy Durrant, Leo Letendre, Sandi Rousseau, and Megan Wilson
4. The Committee is in the process of reviewing nominations for the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award. Awards will be presented at convention during the House of Delegates meeting.
5. Articles calling for nominations for USMS awards have been submitted to *SWIM* Magazine, and articles about the winners will also be published in *SWIM*.

ACTION ITEMS

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1. Sandi Rousseau is the winner of the 2003 Ransom J. Arthur Award.

AGENDA **Friday, September 12th, 2:45-3:45 pm** **Meeting Room – SUNSET**

1. Review budget, expense, and inventory.
2. Review the Ransom J. Arthur Award selection process
3. Review the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award selection process.
4. Review progress on written narratives for each Ransom J. Arthur Award winner.
5. Review the awards web site.
6. New business

RECORDS & TABULATION

Committee Chair: Pieter Cath
Vice Chair: Mary Beth Windrath

Committee members: John Bauman, Vicki Buccino, Carl House, Margie Hutinger, Ginger Pierson, John Pilger, Walt Reid, Jeff Roddin, Ed Saltzman, Joan Smith, Melinda Smith, Ed Tsuzuki. Executive Committee Liaison: Nancy Ridout.

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TOP TEN

Top-Ten Tabulations for 2002 Long-Course Meters, 2002 Short-Course Meters, and 2002/2003 Short-Course Yards, were sent to the printers and distributed. The World-Record listings in these publications were supplied by Walt Reid.

The Top-Ten information is also available on the Web. The listings are being transferred to the USMS wseb site. I would like to thank Carl House for having done these listings for many years and his efforts to ensure data integrity.

Walt Reid continues to process all record applications and supplies the record information that is included in the Top-Ten Publications.

ALL AMERICANS

Individual and Relay All American tabulations were completed. The Individual list appeared in Swim Magazine and the Relay All American list was sent to all members of this Committee and to representatives of the listed Clubs. The Relay All American 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.

SOFTWARE FOR TOP-TEN RECORDERS

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At the 2001 Convention the House of Delegates approved an expenditure of \$ 8000.00 to develop software to make it easier for Top-Ten Recorders to compile results from the meets that were held in their respective LMSC's for submission to this Committee in a standard format. This project was put on hold by the Executive Committee who started a Database Project with a wider scope. No action was taken as a result.

Mary Beth Windrath has made her program available to Top-Ten recorders. This is a program similar to Walt Reid's old program except that his has the capability to handle registration numbers. Several recorders are using this program now,

REGISTRATION NUMBERS

This year we have asked the Top-Ten recorders to provide Registration Numbers in the top-ten compilations to make it easier to positively identify swimmers. For the 2002-2003 SCY list about two thirds of the TT recorders have supplied ID numbers. This is a very encouraging result and I want to thank the TT recorders for their efforts. I have tried to supply the missing numbers with the result that fewer than one percent of the numbers are missing in the individual top-ten file.

The TT recorders participated in a survey to determine what kind of software they use in the compilation task and how difficult it would be for them to supply ID numbers. Ed Tsuzuki compiled the results and found that 18 % compile the results by hand and 34 % use a combination of electronic data gathering and manual data entry.

MEET RECOGNITION

Results from foreign meets are generally not automatically recognized by USMS, except meets held in Canada. This has created problems and has resulted in the need for the USMS Executive Committee to recognize some major meets after the fact.

Walt Reid has prepared a rule-change proposal for the Committee to be submitted at this-year's Convention. The proposal basically suggests that USMS recognize foreign meets that are also recognized by FINA for world record applications.

AGENDA

Thursday, September 11th, 2:45-4:15 pm
Meeting Room - STRATFORD

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Rules Proposal for Recognition of Foreign Meets
3. Software for Top-Ten Recorders
4. Results of the Survey
5. Review of LMSC Handbook Instructions
6. Using Swimmers Registration Numbers for Top Ten
7. Other Business
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