

1999 USMS HISTORIAN MEETING: Committee Minutes

September 16, 1999.

Action Items

Discussion of the following questions:

***Should USMS have an official History/Archives Committee, or an unofficial, informal group collecting Masters history?

***What should be the goals and tasks of an official History/Archives Committee?

***What other groups/Ad Hoc committees/resources should be contacted/involved, to accomplish the goals of an official USMS History/Archives Committee?

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 2 : the Masters Historian, Edie Gruender and her Assistant Historian, Joan Smith. Number of committee members absent :None.

Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 16.

Minutes

- I. Edie Gruender opened the Historian Meeting, USMS, at 1.05 pm.. An extensive discussion ensued regarding the goals, tasks, structure, status and interrelationship between the historian functions and those of other committees such as the Computer Committee.**

A consensus was reached that:

- 1. The work of the historian could best be accomplished and developed as an official ad hoc committee, as opposed to simply an appointed position.**
- 2. A chairman and initial group of members be appointed to the committee as soon as possible.**
- 3. The committee identify and develop a plan to gather and document information concerning USMS, and its participants, past activities etc., for inclusion in a library and an archive of USMS history.**
4. The Committee needs to create a scheme for organizing, cataloguing, documenting and retrieving

information that will of necessity be in many different formats (paper, digital and other media). This scheme needs to be computerized, and the data- base to be used is likely to be “Access”. Long and short-range goals for a History Committee should be identified, along with funds and a budget needed to achieve such goals. An Ad Hoc committee should gather significant data of all Masters, and develop an inventory for research on/interviewing USMS members..

5. The Ad Hoc Committee will create articles for publication (in LMSC Newsletters and in “Swim” Magazine, for example), that will help and encourage local Masters members find and interview Masters “pioneers”. We envision USMS members interviewing those who helped found and advance our organization, on both local, state and national levels. A History/Archives committee will provide the guidance, information and support to all who will help develop a comprehensive history of USMS and its membership.

Future, as yet unguessed-at, methods of recording history, hold promise of making tomorrow’s archival tasks easier and comprehensive. USMS history and documentation are of vital significance to our organization and our members. Consequently, we hope to convince the House of Delegates in 2001, that USMS needs an official ad hoc History/Archives Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.