

President's report: 06/24/13

NO ACTION Required by the BOD.

Since our last BOD call, **two OB request have been approved by the FC.** First one was for Mel Goldstein's attendance at the FINA Masters Congress and World Congress in Barcelona, Spain. The second OB was for a Rick Assessment of USMS performed by ESIX.

CJ will be putting together the list of MSA to be voted on at the BOD face to face meeting in Sarasota.

I attended the **USAS Meeting** and presented a report on the USMS Open Water status and our insurance stated, our membership numbers. Rob Butcher provided the Pan Am update. I also did some networking with other NGBs and had clarification on the FINA issues. I attended the **ISHOF banquet** with the USAS officers and saw past president June Krauser, who was with her son Larry.

I also attended the USMS Spring Nationals, however missed the presentation of the **Dr. Ransom J Arthur award.** VP of Local Operations, Ed Tsuzuki did a great job. I watched it on the live stream. Congratulations to Patty Miller for being the 2013 Captain Ransom J Arthur award recipient. Due to my flight delay, I missed the Gold Medal relay. The Indiana LMSC sanctioned the event separately. Swim Outlet announced the Jason Lezak Gold Medal Delivery this week.

The **Pan Am Championships** were very successful. I was able to have a meeting with Ed Evely, who is the FINA Masters Technical Chairman. I designed the UANA Masters Pan American certificates for participants, volunteers and officials for waterpolo, diving and synchro. I was also asked to help with Synchro certificates for Pan American Championships in Puerto Rico.

One comment that I would have to say after talking with many of the other leaders from other Federations and swimmers: United States Masters Swimming is so fortunate to have the leadership, volunteers, and support that help govern our organization. USMS has been around for 43 years, some of these federations have only been around a decade or less and only have a small voice in their Federation. I also found out that many said that it is cheaper to fly to the US especially Florida than to fly to another place. I welcomed them to attend any of our meets.

Bob Beach made a profound comment to me: **Dr. Ransom J Arthur would be so proud to see so many Masters swimming for all over the world coming together to swim. Who could imagine how far we have come.**

I am truly humbled and honored to be a part of USMS.

With that said, as the delegate for USAS at the **FINA Masters Technical Congress**, I will promote Masters swimming throughout the World with the other Federations.

I have lead two conference calls with other NBGs; I also have attended another call regarding the FINA General Congress

Mel, Jim and I will solicit support to amend **MSW 6.2 d** and have it to only apply to the Masters World Championships. In addition, since many Federations do not understand unattached; our rationale will be that USMS rule 201.3.5 unattached for 60 days when transferring clubs. USAS will also be hosting a luncheon prior the to Masters. I will also be an observer for the Swimming Congress and the General Congress. I will be leaving for the FINA Congress Monday, the day after our BOD meeting in Sarasota.

The rules committee on Thursday night (062013) approved and will be submitting to Legislation:

201.3.4 An unattached swimmer is an individual member who is registered with CLUB unattached through the LMSC.