

USMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETINGS

San Diego, California

September 16-18, 1999

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1999

President Nancy Ridout called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Secretary Betsy Durrant called the roll of certified delegates.

The President asked for a moment of silence to remember those Masters swimmers who had passed away over the past year.

Members of the Executive Committee gave brief reports of their activities over the past year. The Secretary also presented a "gift" from the Executive Committee to President Ridout and explained that the gift is a symbol of the high regard the Executive Committee has for the President.

As part of his Zone/Nominating Committee report, Hugh Moore stated that the only nominations for officers were the current officers. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the slate by acclamation. Nancy Ridout (President), Jack Geoghegan (Vice President), Betsy Durrant (Secretary), and Jeanne Ensign (Treasurer) will serve two more years.

Parliamentarian Jim Wheeler discussed a handout concerning how discussions and voting would be conducted.

The Chairs of the twenty standing committees gave a brief report of their committee's activities, issues, and agenda highlights.

After a short break, delegates selected one of five discussion groups to attend. Delegates reassembled to hear reports from each breakout group (Making Masters Fun, The LMSC in a Leadership Role, LMSC Communications, LMSC Events, LMSC Public Relations/Outreach)

The House of Delegates recessed until 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 17.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1999

The second session of the House of Delegates was called to order by the President. The following reports were given by the Chairs of Ad Hoc Committees and Liaisons:

FINA Liaison/ISHOF - June Krauser

Historian - Edie Gruender

USAS - Nancy Ridout

USA Swimming - Ted Haartz

YMCA - Report by Mel Goldstein for Stu Marvin who was not present. Mel announced that YMCA Masters Nationals will be May 18-29, 2000.

Controller - Suzanne Rague

ISHOF Nominating - Tom Boak

President Ridout announced several new appointments:

Special Liaison to the US Olympic Committee - Hill Carrow

Special Liaison to the Senior Games - to be announced

A new Ad Hoc Committee, History and Archives, will replace the Historian.

The minutes and action items for the following committees were presented by the Committee Chairs. The minutes for each committee were approved as printed with the exceptions and additions noted below.

Coaches - Scott Rabalais

One additional item was added to the Action Items: Munich Coach's Subsidy. This item is explained in the in the committee minutes under New Business. Scott explained that the \$2500 subsidy would be split among 3 or 4 coaches already planning to attend the World Champion-ships. The Coach of the Year item in the minutes was amended to the Speedo Coach of the Year Award in order to reflect Speedo's sponsorship. The MACA Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Clay Evans.

Computer Online - Jim Matysek

Convention - Mike Heather

Marketing - Mel Goldstein

Jim Wheeler explained why the Public Service Announcement was unavailable. There are problems within the company that produced it and we are not able to get the tape in the proper form for broadcast.

The report was accepted with the action items, but the first item (the tv production) is subject to budget approval. See the final budget.

Ad Hoc Recognition and Awards - Mary Lee Watson

USMS Service Awards were presented to the following members: Bill and Diane Black, Bob Kolonkowski, Michael Moore, Lil Hannemen, Meg Smath, James Matysek, Lynn Hazlewood, Ed Nessel, Art Mayer, Barry Fabender, Skip Thompson, Ginger Pierson, and Jane Moore.

The Newsletter of the Year Award was presented to Bill Volkening.

Ad Hoc Legal Counselors - Jeanne Crouse

Planning - Nancy Miller

Rule Book - Meg Smath

An additional Action Item was approved - free Rule Books will not be sent in duplicate to people who serve in two capacities.

Presentation of the David Yorsyk Award by Rich Burns. Danielle Ogier is this year's recipient.

Executive Committee Report on Professional Management Proposal - Hugh Moore

Moving the duties of the Registrar to the National Office was ratified on Wednesday by the Board of Directors. The drafts of the two new positions, Controller and National Sponsor Liaison, are in the Pre-Convention Packet. The report was approved by the House of Delegates.

Jack Geoghegan opened the floor for discussion of whether a member of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee may apply for either or both of these positions.

The following statement was passed unanimously.

A member of the Board of Directors or Executive Committee may apply for either or both of these positions. Upon selection, elected officers or chairman of standing committees must resign their position.

Because we had additional time during Friday's session and because Saturday is historically a long session of the House of Delegates, the following two committees agreed to present their reports even though they are on the agenda for Saturday. The minutes and action items were accepted by the House as printed.

Safety Education - Julie Paque
Fitness - David Grilli

President Ridout ended this session of the House of Delegates with Special Recognitions for Diane and Bill Black and for the Board of Directors.

The House of Delegates was recessed until 6:30 pm when Championship bids will be presented.

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17, 1999

President Nancy Ridout called the meeting to order. Barbara Protzman, meet director for the 2000 LC Championship, gave a short update and asked for input on local outings. President Ridout introduced Mel Goldstein as the meet director for the 2000 SC Championship in Indian-apolis and explained the circumstances leading to the change of venue.

The National Championship Meets Award was presented by George Simon for the NC LMSC. The Award was given to Jim Matysek for his outstanding work in getting the entries, heat sheets, and results posted on the website.

Sandi Rousseau, Chair of the Championship Committee, explained the bidding process. The 2001 SC Championship is supposed to be in the East. There were no bids. Sandi asked some former meet directors if they were interested in hosting another championship. Santa Clara Swim Club agreed to be the host again in 2001. The bid was approved by the HOD. The dates will be May 17 - 20, 2001.

One bid for the 2001 LC Championship was received by the committee from Federal Way, WA, with Hugh and Jane Moore as meet directors. This bid was "in zone" and was approved by the HOD. The dates will be August 16 - 19, 2001.

The House of Delegates was recessed until 1:30 pm on Saturday, September 18.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1999

The House of Delegates was called to order by President Nancy Ridout.

The minutes and action items for the following committees were presented by the Committee Chairs. The minutes for each committee were approved as printed with the exceptions and additions noted below.

Championship - Sandi Rousseau

In addition to presenting the minutes of the Championship Committee, Sandi recognized Jim Matysek and Anna Lee Roof who made a special presentation to LC Championship Meet Director Paul Windrath.

Ad Hoc Endowed Fund Board of Governors - Doug Church

Insurance - Colleen Driscoll

International - June Krauser

Records and Tabulation - Pieter Cath

Sports Medicine - Jim Miller

Registration - Sarah Hromada

Zone - Hugh Moore

The following Zone Representatives were elected by their zones:

Breadbasket - Rob Whitters

South Central - Larry Wood

Great Lakes - Melissa Rinker

Southwest - Judy Gillies and Clay Evans

Dixie - June Krauser

Colonies - Lynn Hazlewood

Northwest - Dave Radcliff

Oceana - Richard Smith

Executive Committee - Secretary Betsy Durrant gave a brief report of the numerous Executive Committee meeting held during the convention.

-Vice President Jack Geoghegan reported on a possible problem at the ISHOF Board Meeting on Sunday morning. A proposal will reportedly be presented to the Board to move the Masters' Induction Ceremony to another time, rather than at the regular Induction Ceremony. At this time, USMS donates five cents per swimmer and has a check-off on our registration form for additional contributions. Jack asked for authorization to state that USMS will cease contributions and will not allow use of our mailing list by ISHOF if the ceremonies are separated. There was a unanimous vote to authorized Jack to state the above if necessary. (Note: At the Sunday meeting the ISHOF Board voted not to separate the ceremonies and that no such motion may be made for three years.)

-President Nancy Ridout discussed the Strategic Plan that was in the Pre-Convention Packet and announced that this plan would be turned over to the Planning Committee to finalize. The House of Delegates agreed to proceed with developing this plan.

-President Ridout also introduced Bill Volckening as the new USMS Editor for *SWIM* Magazine. Bill's first issue will be the January/February 2000 issue.

Long Distance - Sally Dillon

The Committee minutes including the LD-1 was approved by the House.

Rules - Leo Letendre

R1A as written in the minutes passed.

R2 passed

R3 as written in the minutes passed.

R4, R5, R6, R7 passed.

Rules modified by USA Swimming were discussed (U1 - U6). U1 - U5 were accepted by the House of Delegates. U6 was not accepted.

Legislation - Elin Zander

The following legislative changes were approved by the House of Delegates as written in the committee minutes: L-1, L-4, L-5, L-6, L-7, L-8, L-11, L-13, L-14, L-15, L-17, L-19, L-20, L-21, L-22, L-23, L-24, and L-26.

L-10A was approved as amended:

505.1 MEMBERSHIP - The Board of Directors of this corporation shall consist of:

- .1 Each member of the Executive Committee.
- .2 Each zone representative.
- .3 Past presidents.
- .4 The chairmen of all standing committees.
- .5 The controller.
- .6 The liaison from USA Swimming.

505.8 VOTING PRIVILEGES - Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one vote.

L-12 was approved as amended:

.9 International Committee - The International Committee shall encourage, promote, and assist with the dissemination of information on international meets, and notify USMS about opportunities on international championship meets.

(The rest of L-12 remains the same as in the committee minutes.)

L-16 was approved as amended:

504.2.3 The Zone Committee shall act as the Nominating Committee. The Committee shall canvass qualified and interested persons and present one or more candidates for each office to the National office by August 1 *in the year* of the annual meeting in which elections are held. Additional candidates may be nominated at the annual meeting by two members of the House of Delegates, provided the nominee(s) gives written consent.

506.2.4 If a permanent or temporary vacancy in the position of zone representative occurs, the Zone Committee Chairman shall consult with the chair of each LMSC in that zone and appoint a new or replacement zone representative, with the concurrence of the USMS president.

L-27 was approved as amended:

CONTROLLER - The controller shall be selected by, serve at the pleasure of and report to the Executive Committee.

The following legislative changes were not approved: L-2, L-3, L-9, L-10, and L-11A..

The following legislative changes were withdrawn: L-18 and L-25.

Internal Audit - June Mather

Financial procedures are being followed.

Finance - Doug Church

It was explained that the Finance Committee is presenting a deficit budget because low estimates have been used for revenues and high estimates were used for expenditures.

The Finance Committee does not expect the budget to finish the year with a deficit.

A copy of the final budget is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.