

United States Masters Swimming House of Delegates - all sessions

USAS Convention-Dallas, Texas September 14-16, 2017

Thursday, September 14, 8:32 a.m. CDT

President **Patty Miller** called the 2017 House of Delegates to order at 8:33 a.m. CDT.

Secretary Chris Colburn declared a quorum, and deferred roll call for delegates to a later time.

Parliamentarian's report. Rob Copeland, Parliamentarian explained the 2017 Standing Rules of the House, and introduced Onshalee Promchitmart, our Clerk of the House, solicits a motion to accept the Standing Rules of the 2017 House of Delegates. **Moved, seconded, and accepted (MSA) to accept the Standing Rules.**

Ratification of suspension of rules to not hold 2018 Summer Nationals in deference to 2018 PanAms. Rob Copeland moved, Charles Smith seconded. **MSA.**

Patty Miller provided a roadmap of Convention activities and an overview of the House of Delegates.

Chris Colburn, Secretary, accepted the list of certified delegates, and informed the House that the delegate count to date is 249.

Elections: President Patty Miller recognized Cheryl **Gettelfinger**, Chair of the Elections Committee. Cheryl explained the Elections procedure for the election of officers. Cheryl then presented the existing slate of officers. Cheryl opened the floor for nominations for President. Cheryl closed the floor to nominations for President, and opened the floor for nominations for the Vice President of Administration. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the Vice President of Administration, and opened the floor for nominations for the Vice President of Community Services. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the Vice President of Community Services, and opened the floor for nominations for the Vice President of Local Operations. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the Vice President of Local Operations, and opened the floor for nominations for the Vice President of Programs. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the position of Vice President of Programs, and opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the position of Secretary, and opened the floor for nominations for the Treasurer. Given no nominations from the floor, Cheryl closed nominations for the position of Treasurer. **MSA to elect unopposed officers by acclamation: Patty Miller is elected President. Frank "Skip" Thompson is elected Vice President of Community Services. Chris Colburn is elected Vice President of Local Operations. Donn Livoni is elected Vice President of Programs. Ralph Davis is elected Treasurer.** The Meet the Candidates forum will be held during HOD2 at 2:45pm CDT. Voting will be at 2:30pm CDT on Friday after the Remembrances.

Patty introduced **Dawson Hughes**, CEO, who gave an update from the National Office. The **2017 CEO's Address (with Slides)** is posted in the Convention Minutes section of the USMS website.

Patty Miller made some announcements related to the Roll Call, the Goggle Drive, and fundraising for hurricane recovery. **Ed Tsuzuki** made an announcement related to the New Delegate Luncheon. Hospitality in 396, provided by the North Texas LMSC.

The House recessed at 9:23am CDT.

September 14, 2017 2:45pm CDT

President **Patty Miller** reconvened House of Delegates at 2:45pm CDT.

Patty recognized **Jeanne Ensign**, Finance Committee Chair, and **Susan Kuhlman**, Chief Financial Officer, for the Financial Presentation. Jeanne presented the highlights of the proposed 2018 Budget and the assumptions that informed the Budget preparation. Members of the House asked questions about certain programs, line items, membership numbers, investments, and rationales. Jeanne mentioned that there will be another opportunity on Friday morning to ask questions about the Budget.

Patty recognized **Chris Colburn**, Secretary, who presented the roll of unregistered delegates. The number of certified delegates to date includes 256 members.

Patty recognized **Cheryl Gettelfinger**, who introduced the Meet the Candidates Forum, moderated by **Susan Ehringer**. The unopposed incumbent candidates (Patty Miller, President; Skip Thompson, VP of Community Services; and Ralph Davis, Treasurer) introduced themselves and thanked the group for their re-election. Donn Livoni, Vice President-Elect of Programs, and Chris Colburn, Vice President-Elect of Local Operations, introduced themselves and thanked the House for the opportunity to serve. The session followed with a question-and-answer session for the remaining candidates running for office.

Elections for contested positions will take place Friday at 2:30pm CDT following the Remembrance.

The House was recessed at 5:00pm CDT.

September 15, 2016 2:30pm CDT

Patty Miller reconvened the House at 2:32pm CDT.

Patty and **Chris Colburn** made some announcements related to Lost and Found and where to find Committee Minutes.

Patty recognized **Leo Letendre**, who made an announcement about the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation Goggle Drive.

Chris Colburn, Secretary, announced the final roll of unregistered delegates before the election. Delegates total 258 for the Election.

Patty recognized **Cheryl Gettelfinger**, who ran the election. President **Patty Miller** closed the polling station.

Patty introduced the **Remembrance** of those USMS members who passed away in the previous year. Thanks to **Brian Albright** for creating this year's remembrance video.

Patty recognized **Nancy Ridout**, who celebrated the long-term contributions of three employees who moved on from their work with USMS this year: **Jim Matysek**, **Anna Lea Matysek**, and **Tracy Grilli**.

Patty recognized **Sally Dillon** who introduced the service award presentations.

Sally Dillon presented **Michael Moore** (PC) with his Ransom Arthur Award pin.

Patty Miller recognized **Hill Carrow**, who read his annual poem celebrating the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award winners. The award winners are posted on the USMS website.

Patty recognized **Kerry O'Brien**, who announced the Kerry O'Brien Coaching Award winners. The award winners are posted on the USMS website.

Patty recognized **Nancy Ridout**, who presented the **2017 June Krauser Communications Award to Cheryl Wagner (PV)**.

Patty recognized **Bob Bruce**, Open Water Committee Chair, who presented the **2017 Open Water Service Award to Lynn Hazlewood (PV)**.

Patty recognized **Hill Carrow**, who presented the **2017 Championship Meets Award to Dan and Karin Wegner(SP)**.

Patty recognized **Laura Val**, who presented the **2017 Local Club of the Year Award to Wahoo Palm Beach Masters (FG)**, and the **2017 Regional Club of the Year Award to Oregon Masters (OR)**.

Patty recognized **Kyle Deery**, who presented the **2017 Ted Haartz Staff Appreciation Award to Rob Copeland (GA)**.

Ray Novitske mentioned that next year we will have an Officials Award.

Patty thanked **Ray Novitske** and the Recognition and Awards Committee for all the hard work they do to recognize our volunteers.

Cheryl Gettelfinger announced that the next Secretary will be **Greg Danner**. The run-off election for VP of Administration is between **Dan Cox** and **Peter Guadagni**. The members of the House were called to cast their votes in the run-off election.

Patty recognized the chairs of the Rules, Legislation, and Long Distance Committees, who led the forums for their respective proposals.

Charlie Cockrell, Rules Committee Chair, led the Rules forum. Rules proposals are posted in the Minutes Section of the USMS website.

Patty recognized **Cheryl Gettelfinger**, who reported the results of the election. The new Vice President of Administration will be **Peter Guadagni**. **MSA to destroy all ballots**. Patty announced that there will be a New Officers' Orientation in Cockrell at 10:30am Saturday.

Meg Smath, Chair of the Legislation Committee, led the Legislation Forum. Legislation Proposals are posted in the Minutes Section of the USMS website.

Donn Livoni, Chair of the Long Distance Committee, and **Bob Bruce**, Chair of the Open Water Committee, led the Open Water Forum. Open Water Proposals are posted in the Minutes Section of the USMS website.

Patty Miller made an announcement about the IMSHOF induction ceremony, and indicated which committee reports would go first tomorrow morning.

The House was recessed at 5:11pm CDT.

September 16, 2016 8:00am CDT

Patty Miller recalled the House to order at 8:03am, and gave the House an overview of the morning's activities. Patty encouraged the House to attend the National Office Speed Dating session that follows this session of the House. Patty introduced the staff in attendance in the House. Patty recognized the great work that Jessica Porter and Onshalee Promchitmart have done to make Convention successful.

Patty introduced Maureen Croes from Aruba, Secretary of CCCAN and Secretary of the UANA Masters Technical Committee, who is observing in the House today.

Patty introduced the **Committee Reports**.

Open Water (Bob Bruce): Bob provided an overview of the committee's activities. **MSA to approve the report of the Open Water Committee.**

Coaches (Bob Jennings): Bob provided an overview of the committee's activities. **MSA to approve the report of the Coaches Committee.**

Recognition and Awards (Ray Novitske): Ray provided an overview of the committee's activities. **MSA to approve the report of the Recognition and Awards Committee.**

Fitness Education (Mary Jurey): Mary gave an overview of the committee and its activities. Mary also introduced a number of programs that the Committee is working on. **MSA to accept the report of the Fitness Education Committee.**

History and Archives (Barbara Dunbar): Barbara provided an overview of the committee's activities and projects this year. **MSA to accept the report of the History and Archives Committee.**

Elections (Cheryl Gettelfinger): Cheryl informed the House that the committee is working on electronic voting for 2018.

Officials (Brian Albright): Brian gave an overview of the committee activities. **MSA to approve the report of the Officials Committee.**

Sports Medicine and Science (Megan Carlson): Meg provided an overview of the committee's activities. This included a summary of the Sports Medicine presentation, and the booths at both pool National Championship events. **MSA to accept the report of the Sports Medicine and Science Committee.**

Records and Tabulation (Jeanne Seidler): Jeanne gave the House an overview of the Committee and its activities. Jeanne recognized **Mary Beth Windrath** and her work with the committee. **MSA to accept the report of the Records and Tabulation Committee.**

Registration (Leo Letendre): Leo discussed the future of the committee. **MSA to accept the report of the Registration Committee.**

Long Distance (Donn Livoni): Donn recognized the members of the committee and provided a summary of the committee's activities. **MSF to amend the minutes to replace "virtual" with "ePostal." MSA to accept the report of the Long Distance Committee as amended.**

LMSC Development (Michael Moore): Michael provided a description of the committee and an overview of the committee's activities. Michael informed the House about the upcoming LMSC Standards survey in 2018. Also, Michael provided an overview of three action items for the House. **MSA to approve the action item to amend Appendix D of the Rule Book to make the geographic description changes of the Border LMSC. MSA to change the name of the Border LMSC to West Texas. MSA to accept items D4-D20 in the report of the LMSC Development Committee. MSA to accept the minutes of the LMSC Development Committee.**

Championship (Jeff Roddin): Jeff recognized the members of the committee, and gave an overview of the Championship Committee and its activities. Jeff relayed the story of processing online relay entries for Nationals. Jeff reported that Orlando has worked with UANA to allow 18-24s to swim in the 2018 UANA Pan American Masters Championships. 2019 Spring Nationals were awarded to Mesa, AZ in late April. 2019 Summer Nationals were awarded to Mission Viejo, August 7-11. 2020 Summer Nationals will be held

in Richmond, VA, tentatively August 13-16. 2020 Spring Nationals have not yet been awarded, as we want to do something special for the 50th anniversary of USMS. **MSA to approve the current National Qualifying Time (NQT) procedure. MSA to accept the report of the Championship Committee.**

Legislation (Meg Smath): Meg gave an overview of the committee's activities.

Rules (Charlie Cockrell): Charlie gave an overview of the committee's activities, and reported on some projects the committee plans to undertake in the upcoming year. Charlie told the House about the Rules Committee Blog on the USMS website.

Swimming Saves Lives (Brandon Franklin): Brandon provided some statistics about swimming and drowning in the United States, as well as an overview of the work of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation Board.

The Board recessed at 9:18am.

Saturday, September 24, 2016 1:36pm CDT

President **Patty Miller** recalled the House at 1:36pm.

Patty recognized **Kathy Casey**, who announced that **Tracy Grilli** won the 2017 Women in Sports Award.

Patty recognized **Ray Novitske**, who made an announcement about merchandise that was available on the Recognition and Awards area of the USMS website.

Patty recognized **Dawson Hughes**, who talked about the Try Masters Swimming Initiatives and the competitions held for the LMSCs during the 2017 Try Masters Swimming Week. The Tier 1 winner of the initiative was Colorado. Tier 2's winner was San Diego – Imperial. The Tier 3 winner was Montana. The LMSC with the greatest number of clubs participating was Southern Pacific.

Patty made an announcement about Saturday night's banquet.

Patty recognized **Ed Tsuzuki** and **Chris McGiffin**, who are finishing their tenure on the Board. Ed is finishing two sets of two consecutive terms, first as VP of Local Operations and then as VP of Administration. Chris McGiffin started as a Board At-Large Director, and then served two terms as the VP of Programs. Chris chaired a task force that published many of the volunteer role descriptions we use today.

Patty introduced the committees requiring action by the House:

Rules (Charlie Cockrell): First, Charlie introduced the items recommended to be accepted by the House, and the process that we will follow. Charlie introduced all the items recommended by the Rules Committee for adoption by the House. **MSA to adopt all items recommended as presented by the Rules Committee.** Charlie indicated that F-3 is automatically adopted. Charlie then introduced all items recommended as amended. R-2 was pulled for discussion. **MSA to adopt those items recommended as amended with the exception of R-2.** MS to adopt R-2. Discussion involved the Rationale behind the changes. **MSA to adopt R-2.** R-14 was explained separately. **MSF to adopt R-14.** Charlie listed the items not recommended by the Rules Committee for adoption by the House. R-3 and R-17 were pulled. **MSF to adopt R-3. MSF to adopt R-17.** Questions involved the rationale behind the rule change and the definition of a foreign swimmer. The next batch of items involve USA Swimming rules changes that affect the USMS Rules of Competition. **MSA to adopt all of the USA Swimming amendments that affect the USMS Rules of Competition.** The last group of items involved changes to conform both to USA Swimming and FINA that occurred in between meetings of the House of Delegates. **MSA to approve the report of the Rules Committee.**

Long Distance Rules (Donn Livoni): Donn thanked Chris McGiffin for his service. Donn thanked the Committee and the staff who helped the committee with their work this year. Donn introduced the Long Distance Rules recommended for acceptance. Pulled for discussion were LD-19, LD-20. **MSA to approve the recommended proposals that were not pulled.** MS to approve LD-19. **MSF to amend LD-19.** Discussion continued on LD-19 with an emphasis on safety and enforcement. **MSA to call the question.** Remaining speakers at the microphone continued discussion. **MSA to approve LD-19 by count of the House 120-106. MSA to approve LD-20.** Donn moved on to the proposals amended by the Long Distance Committee and those not recommended. There were none of either of these types of items. Donn proceeded to the Housekeeping proposals. LD-2, LD-9, LD-10, and LD-44 were pulled for discussion. **MSA to approve the remaining housekeeping proposals recommended by the Long Distance Committee. MSA to approve LD-2 as presented.** MS to approve LD-9. Discussion involved a writing style issue. **MSA to amend LD-9 to eliminate a run-on sentence in 303.3.1. MSA to approve LD-9 as amended. MSA to approve LD-10.** MS to approve LD-44 as presented. MS to amend “virtual competition” for “postal” in LD-44. Discussion involved the wording and its implications. **MSF on the amendment to LD-44. MSF to accept LD-44 as written.**

Legislation Proposals (Meg Smath): Meg introduced the legislation proposals to be approved as written. No items were pulled. **MSA to approve the proposals as written.** Next are the proposals to be recommended as amended. No items were pulled. **MSA to approve the Committee’s recommendations as amended.** Meg announced the list of items not recommended by the committee. L-2 and L-4 were pulled for discussion. **MSA to approve (i.e., not adopt) all other items not recommended for approval by the committee. MSA to adopt L-2. MSF to adopt L-4. MSA to approve the minutes and report of the Legislation Committee.**

Budget (Jeanne Ensign): Jeanne and **Susan Kuhlman** presented the Budget (the proposed and approved budgets are available in the Minutes section of the USMS website). Susan announced a grant total of \$108,000 for Swimming Saves Lives for the last grant cycle. The Goggle Drive has raised \$1,270 thus far with a goal of \$6,000. Jeanne described the process that will be followed. Line Item 4350 was pulled for discussion. **MSA to approve the line items that were not pulled. MSA to approve Line Item 4350.** Jeanne indicated she would work with the National Office to look at that line item in the future. **MSA to approve the Budget in its entirety.**

Patty led the House in a feedback session on the Convention, including what we did well, what we can do better, and what we might want to change. Patty commended the House of Delegates on their engagement.

During the feedback session, there was a motion to reconsider LD-19. **MSA to reconsider LD-19.** MS to amend LD-19 to make changes that were not considered previously. MS to amend the amendment to add “and/or physical features.” **MSA to call the question on the amendment to the amendment. MSA to amend the amendment. MSA to call the question on the amended amendment. MSA to approve the amended amendment to LD-19. MSA to adopt LD-19 as amended.**

Patty provided closing remarks, and congratulated the House for being so engaged at the conclusion of the session.

MSA to adjourn the 2017 House of Delegates of U.S. Masters Swimming. The House concluded its business at 4:53pm CDT.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Colburn, USMS Secretary 2013-17**