

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Officials	<b>Session #:</b>	1	<b>Report #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Brian Albright	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Ed Saltzman		
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Brian Albright	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	2/1/2016		

**Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

1. Approval of Officials Committee plan to create a USMS Officials Certification

**Motions Passed:**

1. Proposal for approval by BOD to create a USMS Officials Certification

**Number of committee members present: 12      Absent: 5      Number of other delegates present: 0**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Brian Albright, Alina de Armas, Omar de Armas, Steve Goldman, Michael Moore, Al Ness, Mary Pohlmann, Herb Schwab, Teri White, Ed Saltzman, Dave Coddington, Judy Gillies called in at the end of the meeting

**Absent:** Marilyn Fink, Pat Baker, Ex Officio: Jim Holcomb, Laura Hamel, Chris McGiffin

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm EST

The proposal to create a USMS Officials certification, as drafted by the task force, was presented by Teri White. The proposal was presented as being a starting point to get it established and operating. The videos from the USA Swimming web site will be method of training. The current testing program of USA Swimming will be used as the testing mechanism. No trainee sessions will be required. Certification expires on December 31 of the second year of certification. Officials will track their sessions, and will take either the initial test or the shorter recertification test based on how many sessions they worked. The committee discussed this as a starting point, hoping that the program would grow and evolve. The objections of Marilyn Fink, who could not make the meeting but did share her concerns via email prior to the meeting, were discussed.

A vote was taken on the proposal at it passed unanimously among all who were present on the call.

A review of other priorities were discussed, some of which will come into play if the BOD approves the proposal. Among these are communication and the web presence.

Brian also mentioned a desire for a rule change to take control of appointing officials for USMS nationals. Currently the meet host (director) appoints the referee. Admin, head starter, and chief judge.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm EST.