

United States Masters Swimming House of Delegates - all sessions

USAS Convention-Kansas City, Missouri October 1-3, 2015

Thursday, October 1, 2015, 8:03 a.m. CDT

President Nadine Day called the 2015 House of Delegates to order at 8:03 a.m. CDT. Secretary Chris Colburn deferred roll call for delegates until noon CDT.

Parliamentarian's report. Jim Wheeler, Parliamentarian makes a motion to accept the Standing Rules of Convention. **MSA to accept the Standing Rules.**

Tracy Grilli provided an introduction and logistical information for meetings, workouts, hospitality, and schedule changes.

President's Introduction – President Nadine Day welcomed delegates to the Annual Meeting. The address has been published to the Convention Minutes section of the USMS website.

Executive Director's address – Nadine Day introduced Rob Butcher and thanked him for what he has done over the last four years of her presidency, and his last eight years as Executive Director. A transcript of Rob's address has been published to the Convention Minutes section of the USMS website.

Ted Haartz Staff Appreciation Award – Tracy Grilli and Anna Lea Matysek presented the Ted Haartz Staff Appreciation Award to outgoing President Nadine Day.

Elections: Secretary Chris Colburn recognized Cheryl Gettelfinger, Chair of the Ad-Hoc 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. Meg Smath moved and Rob Copeland seconded to nominate Michael Heather for President. Michael Heather accepted the nomination. 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: Ed Tsuzuki is elected Vice President of Administration. Chris Stevenson is elected Vice President of Local Operations. Chris McGiffin is elected Vice President of Programs. Chris Colburn is elected Secretary. Ralph Davis is elected Treasurer.** The Meet the Candidates forum will be held during HOD2 at 12:30pm CDT.

Jeanne Ensign (MT) made an announcement inviting people to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Delegate Orientation: Nadine recognized Chris Stevenson, who conducted a Delegate Orientation as a question and answer session. Nadine went on to explain what is scheduled for each of the HOD sessions.

The House recessed at 9:24am CDT.

October 1, 2015 12:32pm CDT

Nadine reconvened House of Delegates, and recognized Rob Copeland, who led the Meet the Candidates Forum for both the newly elected officers and the candidates for the contested offices.

Secretary Chris Colburn took the roll of as yet unregistered delegates, and recessed the House at 1:35pm CDT.

October 1, 2015 4:46pm

Nadine reconvened the House, and Chris Colburn called the roll of unregistered delegates. Rob clarified the purpose of the SSL Buttons. Jim Miller made a presentation on the Event Fee Proposal to the House. A discussion of the content of the proposal followed.

Nadine recessed the House at 5:36pm.

October 2, 2015 10:46am CDT

Nadine recalled the House to order. Ed made an announcement about the New Delegate Luncheon. Leo Letendre made an announcement about Hospitality.

Elections: Secretary Chris Colburn read the roll, and the Ad-Hoc Elections Committee collected the ballots for the elections of the offices of President and Vice President of Community Services.

Chris then yielded the floor to Ray Novitske and Sally Dillon. Sally recognized **Meg Smath**, the 50th **Ransom Arthur Award** winner, as the 2015 winner. Nadine gave the floor to Hill Carrow, who presented the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award recipients. The list of recipients can be found on the USMS website.

Next, Kerry O'Brien presented the **Kerry O'Brien Coaching Awards**. The list of recipients can be found on the USMS website.

Nancy Ridout presented the **June Krauser Communications Award** to **Richard Burns (Pacific)**.

Ray Novitske presented the **2015 Club of the Year Award** to **Swim Fort Lauderdale (Florida Gold Coast)**.

Mary Jurey presented the **2015 Fitness Award** to **Lisa Ward (Pacific)**.

Lynn Hazelwood presented the **2015 USMS Open Water Service Award** to **Jim Wheeler (Pacific)**.

Hill Carrow presented the **2015 Championship Meet Award** to **Kim Crouch (Colorado)**.

Nadine recognized **Jack Groselle, David Radcliffe, and Nancy Ridout, the 2015 USMS inductees into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame**, as well as all previous ISHOF and IMSHOF honorees in the House.

Nadine made an announcement about Hospitality, and thanked Tracy Grilli for the work she has done related to putting together the Convention.

Open Water – Lynn Hazelwood. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Open Water Committee.**

Coaches – Scott Bay. Scott recognized the new Level 4 coaches. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Coaches Committee.**

Fitness – Mary Jurey. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Fitness Committee.**

Officials – Ed Saltzman. Ed pointed out two items in the minutes related to the work officials have done related to the two pool National Championships events this year. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Officials Committee.**

Sean Fitzgerald mentioned that the topics for discussion in the HOD Legislation Forum will be L1, L11, L16, L35, and L41. Nadine indicated that we may also need that time for other business as well.

Ed Tsuzuki made an announcement related to both the New Delegate Luncheon and the Ice Cream Truck that provided the House with some of Nadine's favorite food in honor of her four years as President.

Cheryl Gettelfinger addressed the house, and announced the results of the election. Patty Miller was elected President, and a run-off election was required between Lori Payne and Skip Thompson for the office of Vice President of Community Services. Votes for the run-off were collected by the Ad-Hoc Elections Committee while Secretary Chris Colburn called the roll.

Nadine recessed the House at 11:54am CDT.

October 2, 2015 3:30 pm CDT

Nadine reconvened the House, and called Cheryl Gettelfinger to the podium. Cheryl announced that **Frank "Skip" Thompson** was elected as the new **Vice President of Community Services. MSA to destroy the ballots.**

Meg Smath was given the floor for the **Legislation Proposals**. Meg asked the House if there were any other topics to be pulled for discussion. Hearing none, Meg proceeded with the topics proposed by the Legislation Committee. There was no discussion on L1. Discussion proceeded on L11 and how it related to the Sanction Fee Proposal presented the day before. Discussion continued on L16. Following discussion of L16, there was a brief discussion on L1.

Nadine yielded the floor to **Jeanne Ensign and Susan Kuhlman**, who presented the 2016 Proposed Budget and the current state of USMS's finances over the course of 2015. Jeanne opened discussion on the 2016 Budget. Primary discussion centered around the Event Fee proposal.

Nadine noted a room change for Saturday's House of Delegates meetings, and recessed the House at 5:17pm CDT.

October 3, 2015 9:17am CDT

Nadine recognized Jeff Moxie and Maria Elias-Williams, who read the Remembrance List to the House of Delegates. A moment of silence was held for those who passed. The list will also be published in the 2016 Rule Book.

Nadine recognized Jeff Roddin, who introduced Tom Moore, who gave a presentation about the University of Minnesota, site of 2017 Long Course Nationals. Jeff then introduced Jim Tibco and Debbie Guthrie from the Riverside Sports Commission, who presented the Riverside Aquatics Complex as the site of 2017 Short Course Nationals.

Nadine recognized Ted Haartz, who gave a presentation on Ken Kimble, who passed away this past year. Dr. Kimble was one of the original 7 San Diego-stationed doctors who contributed the research that developed into the origins of Masters Swimming.

LMSC Development – Paige Buehler. Paige spoke about the upcoming revised LMSC Standards. **MSA to approve the minutes of the LMSC Development Committee.**

Records and Tabulations – Jeanne Seidler. Jeanne thanked a number of members of Records and Tabulations for their work on the committee, including Walt Reid, Mary Beth Windrath. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Records and Tabulations Committee.**

History and Archives – Meegan Wilson. Meegan thanked her committee members for the work they did this year. They're working on publishing a number of historical Top Ten lists on the USMS website. Meegan thanked Jim and Anna Lea Matysek for their help on the committee's work. **MSA to approve the minutes of the History and Archives Committee.**

Sports Medicine and Science – Cathy Fedako. Subcommittees were productive. The committee hosted a booth at both pool National Championships, and brought Dr. Mary Fry from the University of Kansas as a guest speaker for the Sports Medicine presentation. Cathy further promoted Coach Certification classes. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Sports Medicine and Science Committee.**

Registration – Leo Letendre: Year-plus registration is working well. The committee passed a motion to put in place a process to ensure that those who request a printed membership card receive it. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Registration Committee.**

Recognition and Awards – Ray Novitske. The committee worked with the National Office on templates for awards that can be used at the LMSC level. Sally Dillon described the templates and how they can be used. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Recognition and Awards Committee.**

Dan Cox gave an overview of the Staff Speed Dating activity that was to take place after this meeting of the House.

Scott Bay thanked the Missouri Valley LMSC and the Coaches who helped put on the morning workouts.

Susan Ingraham announced that she has the cowbells for the swimmers who swam the 1000 and the 1650 at 2015 Short Course Nationals.

Nadine recessed the House at 10:23am CDT.

October 3, 2015 1:29 pm CDT

Nadine called the House to order, and provided the schedule for the afternoon. Nadine also provided information about Convention feedback and committee requests.

Championship – Jeff Roddin. Jeff gave an overview of the 2015 National meets. The order of events for 2016 Spring Nationals have been approved. They will be posted on the USMS website by 10/15. Swimmers will be allowed to swim the 1000 and the 1650. Backstroke ledges will be used if they are available. Jeff presented a humorous solution to a potential budget deficit. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Championship Committee.**

Long Distance – Donn Livoni. Donn recognized the members of the Long Distance Committee. He thanked the members of the committee for keeping the postal events fun, fair, and safe. Donn provided the hosting details for upcoming events in 2016. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Long Distance Committee.**

Before the Legislation report began, Parliamentarian Jim Wheeler reminded the House of the rules of debate according to the Standing Rules of the House.

Legislation – Meg Smath. **MSA to accept the meeting reports of the Legislation Committee.** Pulled for discussion: L11. **MSA to approve the recommendations of the Committee except for L11.** Discussion on L11 included an amendment to language regarding the LMSC's requirement to set a fee. An amendment was made to the amendment. **MSA to accept the amendment to the amendment.** Another amendment to the amendment failed for lack of a second. Discussion on the primary issue (giving the HOD the power to

establish sanction fees for Open Water and Pool events) continued. The question was called, and L11 passed. **MSA to accept L11 as amended (see approved legislation document for language)**. Meg moved on to the “Recommended as Amended” section of the Legislative Proposals. **MSA to accept the proposals as amended**. On the section to accept with Action of Rules and Long Distance, L16 was pulled. **MSA to accept L3 and L17**. Discussion continued on L16. MSF to amend L16 to read to enable USMS members representing the USA on a national team trip. Another amendment failed for lack of a second. **MSA to call the question on L16**. MSF on L16. The last section were those not recommended by Legislation. L41 was pulled. **MSA to defeat all but L41 in this section**. Discussion continued on L41. **MSA to accept L41 and not accept the recommendation of the Legislation Committee (requires 2/3 majority)**. The vote was challenged. The vote passed 174-39.

Nadine recessed the House for 5 minutes before recalling the House to engage in Step 2 of the process of L11: setting sanction fees for pool and Open Water events. Jim Miller proposed sanction fees as presented in his Sanction Fee Proposal. MS to accept the sanction fees. Discussion continued on the fee proposal. Amendments to the fees themselves were presented by Sandi Rousseau. An amendment to the first amendment was made and **MSA to cap the Open Water sanction fee at \$1,000**. Another amendment to the amendment was proposed that funds raised by these fees be allocated only to pay the insurance premiums. MSF. Discussion continued on the amendment to the proposal. **MSA to amend the proposal**. Discussion continued on the legislation. The question was called. **MSA to call the question**. Point of clarification was offered by Rand Vaillancourt (MD) on the effective date of the legislation. Jim Miller clarified that anything already sanctioned for 2016 stands. **MSA on the legislation as amended (see approved legislation document for language)**. An amendment was made to make the fees applicable to meets in 2016 and beyond, excluding events with sanctions approved before 10/3/2015. An amendment to make the fees effective in 2016 only failed without a second. Jeff Roddin asked for an amendment to further except the 2016 National Championships from the new Sanction Fees to preserve existing contracts with National pool Championship hosts. MS. Discussion continued on the proposed amendment. MSA. MSF to the amended motion on the effective dates for the sanction fees. MSF. **MSA to the amendment to make the fees applicable to meets in 2016 and beyond, excluding events with sanctions approved before 10/3/2015 (without the exception of National pool Championships)**. **MSA National Sanction Fee for recognized events to have a \$0 fee**.

A summary of the Sanction Fees as originally proposed, and as amended and approved by the House, follows:

Original motion:

- 1) \$70 for each non-National Championship sanctioned pool event,
- 2) \$300 for each non-National Championship open water sanctioned event,
- 3) a \$5 per participant fee for all sanctioned open water events,
- 4) with a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$3,000 for all open water sanctioned events with the exclusion of the \$500 minimum for National Championships,
- 5) to be paid by the LMSC to USMS.

Amended to:

- 1) **\$50 for each non-National Championship sanctioned pool event,**
- 2) **\$100 for each non-National Championship open water sanctioned event,**
- 3) **a \$5 per participant fee for all sanctioned open water events, and sanctioned pool National Championships**
- 4) **with a maximum of \$1000 for OW events**
- 5) **to be paid by the LMSC to USMS.**

Applicable to meets conducted beginning in 2016 and beyond, excluding events with sanctions approved before 10/3/2015.

National Sanction Fee for Recognized Events to have a \$0 fee.

Secretary's Note: The final reports of the Legislation Committee, as well as the proposals as prepared for the 2016 Rule Book, are posted in the Convention Minutes section of the USMS website.

Rules – Kathy Casey. **MSA to accept all recommended USA-S rules changes as proposed with the exception of U3.** Discussion continued on U3. **MSA to approve adoption of U3.** Kathy recognized the hard work of the Rules Committee. **MSA to approve the minutes of the Rules Committee.**

Note: the final reports of the Rules Committee are posted in the Convention Minutes section of the USMS website.

Budget – Jeanne Ensign, assisted by Susan Kuhlman. Jeanne and Susan presented the 2016 budget as amended by the Legislation passed today. **MSA to accept all items in the Budget not pulled for discussion.** There was discussion on the 4300 series line items. **MSA to accept the 4300 series line items. MSA to approve an amendment to 5550 to reduce from \$2500 to \$960. MSA to approve the 2016 Budget as amended.**

Closing Remarks – Nadine thanked Phil Dodson for his service as Treasurer for the last two years. She thanked Jeff Moxie for having the confidence in her to run for President. She thanked the current Board for their service, including Jody Smith, who was Vice President of Community Services for the last 4 years. Nadine called Patty Miller, Skip Thompson, and Ralph Davis to the podium, and introduced the officers of the Board for the next year.

MSA to conclude the 2015 Annual Meeting at 4:43pm. Patty thanked Nadine for her recognition and support of volunteers.