

# USMS Officials Committee 2018/19

<b>Committee Name:</b> Officials Committee	<b>Session #:</b> 4	<b>Report#:</b> 4
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Teri White	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Herb Schwab	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Teri White	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 4/3/18 5:30 PM PST	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. None

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 8	<b>Absent:</b> 3	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 3
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Teri White (Chair), Michael Abegg, Virgil Chancy, Dave Coddington, Omar de Armas, Judy Gillies, Steven Goldman, Ailna Perez de Armas, Ex-Officio: Casey Keiber, Onshalee Promchitmart, Donn Livoni (Vice President)		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Herb Schawb (Vice Chair), Pat Baker, Chris Lysinger, Jim Holcomb (Ex-officio)		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM PST. Minutes of 3/6/18 meeting approved.

1. **Referee Certification Program.** Continued discussion on Referee certification program. Committee feels "Referee Guide" document is excellent and very close to being finished. Contains some references that might be considered "local best practices" and not nation-wide habits. Discussion on adding a Note or Disclaimer at the beginning that each LMSC could have their own best practices and to be open and flexible throughout the training program. Continue to fine-tune this document, comments to be sent to Mike soon to be considered. April 23 deadline agreed to.
  - Work group thanked for significant effort and excellent recommendations.
2. **Application to Officiate** – Indianapolis Spring Championships. Application is live on the USMS website and very prominent. We have 22 applications as of 4/3/18 including Dana Green. Hoping for strong Indiana support. Teri will be onsite on Wednesday to help with any last minute tasks. Herb will be the USMS Administrative Referee, and help Marianne Walling who is the local Administrative Referee. Steve, Judy, Virgil, Herb & Teri will officiate from the Committee.
3. **Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs:** Teri to create Dropbox folder and share S&T & Starter presentations before next meeting.
4. **Officials Award,** Herb confirmed that it is on the website, deadline to apply is July 1. Steve shared that he thinks the form is requesting too much 'detailed' information that the Nominator wouldn't have. Suggested that past 'greats' need to be nominated but not sure how to gather the information needed to nominate. Discussion on how Nominees will likely need to be contacted for relevant information by the Nominator, this is a common practice. Our aware is to be different from the 'Dorothy Donnelly Service' award which is 4 per year for Volunteerism to the Organization as a whole.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year / New Business

1. **Referee Certification:** Work on final clean wording, evaluate/develop educational materials for interested candidates, evaluate online testing site for hosting the USMS Supplemental Referee test. How to handle LMSCs with unfilled Officials Chair position? – this work is ongoing.
2. **Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs:** Work Group recommends we share the S&T and Starter PP presentations with LMSC Officials Chairs. Best avenue will most likely be through our website, need to work with Staff on making that happen.
3. **National Championship meet support:** continue to encourage participation for Spring Championships in Indianapolis in May. We all need to encourage fellow officials to consider attending. Florida (2018 UANA Pan American Masters Championship in Orlando) July 28-Aug 4 needs support. Teri reported "Over Budget Request" to USMS in process to request funds to support Orlando meet. Meet host has secured 'shared' hotel rooms for officials working 4+ full days of the

meet so funds will be used to help with travel costs. Committee may need to meet in May regarding this request if Board has questions. Application to Officiate has been developed, needs to be put on the USMS website by host.

4. **USMS Officials website review:** Work group to continue analyzing for content, some difficulty in coordinating efforts. Work is continuing.
5. **Appendix B “certifying bodies” language cleanup** requested to include USMS officials and remove wording specifically naming San Diego-Imperial as a certifying body as that is redundant with USMS officials. Marilyn Fink from SDI has expressed concern over this change and wants the Rule Book unchanged. Discussion by Committee showed strong desire for this wording change. Teri to ask Marilyn about their training program/materials and see if the Committee can review. Appendix B does not need HOD approval.
6. **Next Call** – tentative plans for 5/10 (during SC Nationals) ONLY if needed to support Over Budget Request for Orlando meet. Otherwise skip May because of SC Nationals.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM PST. Next call Tuesday 6/5/18 5:30 PM PST.

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