

United States Masters Swimming House of Delegates - all sessions

USAS Convention-Jacksonville, Florida September 18-20, 2014

Thursday, September 18, 2013, 8:08am EDT

President Nadine Day called the 2014 House of Delegates to order at 8:08am EDT. Secretary Chris Colburn deferred roll call for delegates until noon EDT.

Parliamentarian's report. Bill Tingley explained that all our meetings are run according to *Robert's Rules of Order*, our Rule Book and our standing rules, copies of which had been distributed to all delegates. Bill then clarified some of the procedures in the standing rules. Bill Tingley, Parliamentarian made a motion to suspend the rules for purposes of hearing from the Executive Director. Megan Lassen (Florida Gold Coast) seconded. Bill Tingley (Kentucky) made a motion that the President or Officer of the HOD may recognize any member of USMS for purpose of furthering the business of the HOD. Megan Lassen seconded.
Moved, Seconded, and Approved (MSA)- Amend the standing Rule that the President or Officer of the HOD may recognize any member of USMS for purpose of furthering the business of the HOD. MSA the standing rules for 2014.

President's Introduction – President Nadine Day welcomed delegates to the Annual Meeting. The verbatim address has been published to the USMS website at

<http://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/hod-2014-9-18-1.pdf>

Jeff Moxie, Immediate Past President, 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 2015 Rule Book.

Executive Director's address – Nadine Day introduced Rob Butcher and thanked him for what he has done over the last year. The presentation verbatim address has been published to the USMS website at

<http://forums.usms.org/entry.php?34146-State-of-Masters-Swimming-Address>

Nadine made some announcements. The first concerned room security. The second was that the Feedback Session will take place at the end of the House of Delegates (HOD). The New Delegate Orientation takes place after HOD 1. Nadine went on to explain what is scheduled for each of the HOD sessions.

Paige Buehler addressed the HOD regarding the LMSC Development workshops to be held during Convention.

Jeanne Ensign informed the HOD about the times of the Finance Committee meetings so delegates can ask questions about the budget. She also indicated that budget questions can be directed via email to budget@usms.org, which is answered by Jeanne, Phil Dodson (Treasurer), and Susan Kuhlman (CFO).

Cheryl Gettelfinger made an announcement about the Election Operating Guidelines for the Zone chairs.

Nadine indicated that flip charts will be available in the HOD room for suggestions, questions, and recommendations.

Tracy Grilli addressed the House of Delegates to provide information regarding the hospitality, swim and dry land workouts and updates on the LMSC workshops; the LMSC social taking place on Thursday evening; and the IMSHOF Induction and Memorial. Tracy also indicated where power strips are available for delegates to charge their electronic devices.

Nadine recognized the new delegates, and put the House in recess at 9:04am EDT.

President Nadine Day brought the House back into session at noon EDT. Secretary Chris Colburn called the roll for delegates who had not yet been certified.

Nadine Day recognized Cheryl Gettelfinger, chair of the Ad Hoc Election Committee. Cheryl read the names of the nominees for the at-large director positions. Rob Copeland opened the floor to nominations for each of the eight zones. Rob Copeland moved to close nominations for each zone. Bill Tingley seconded. **MSA for each zone to close nominations.** Bill Tingley moved to elect by acclamation the unopposed candidates. Second came from the floor of the House. Approved unanimously to elect the following directors by acclamation: Bruce Hopson (Breadbasket Zone); Sean Fitzgerald (Dixie Zone); Sarah Welch (Northwest Zone); Leianne Crittenden (Oceana Zone); and Jill Gellatly (Southwest Zone).

All candidates spoke to their skills, experience, readiness and willingness to serve. Rob Copeland then moderated a Q&A session for the candidates with a set of pre-selected questions. Other questions were solicited from the floor and addressed by the Candidates.

Nadine announced the time and process for the election. Nadine placed the House into recess at 1:51pm EDT.

Friday, September 19, 2014, 10:45am EDT

President Nadine Day reconvened the 2014 House of Delegates at 10:45am EDT.

Nadine Day recognized Secretary Chris Colburn, who called the roll for the vote for the contested At-Large Director positions. Cheryl Gettelfinger, Chair of the Ad-Hoc Elections Committee, announced who would be counting the votes.

Nadine recognized Leo Letendre and Tom Boak, who recounted some USMS lore about the last time Convention was held in Kansas City (Kansas City is the site of the 2015 USMS Annual Meeting).

President Nadine Day gave special recognition to **Kathy Casey**, who was the winner of the **Women In Aquatics Award**, presented at the Women in Aquatics Breakfast on Thursday, September 18.

Awards Presentation

Sally Dillon recognized **Hill Carrow** as the **Ransom Arthur Award** winner and the others who were nominees: Michael Heather (Southern Pacific) and Michael Moore (Pacific). Sally asked for all Ransom Arthur award winners to stand and be acknowledged.

2014 USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards – Presented by Hill Carrow:

Margaret Bayless (Lake Erie)
Peter Guadagni (Pacific)
Emmett Hines (Gulf)
Bruce Hopson (Ozark)
Cokie Lepinski (Pacific)
Donn Livoni (Montana)
Chris McGiffin (New Jersey)
Bill Meier (New England)
CJ Rushman (Kentucky)
Virginia “Ginny” Trimble (Georgia | Colorado)
Ed Tsuzuki (New Jersey)
Rand Vaillancourt (Maryland)
Greta van Meeteren (North Carolina)
Cheryl Wagner (Potomac Valley)
Alica Zabudsky (Oregon)

2014 Kerry O'Brien Coaching Awards: Coaches Committee Chair Scott Bay recounted the history of the award, and introduced Kerry O'Brien, who presented the awards to this year's winners:

Jenny & Noah Birmelin (Michigan Masters / Michigan)
April Cheadle (Bainbridge Aquatic Masters / Pacific Northwest)
David Clark (Whitefish Bay Masters / Wisconsin)
Richard Garza (Wellington Wahoos Masters / Florida Gold Coast)
Mary Kahn (Davis Aquatic Masters / Pacific)
Steve Lintz (Sierra Nevada Masters / Pacific)
Dirk Marshall (South Texas Flying Fish / Gulf)
Mary Nygren (Tri Valley Masters / Pacific)
Peggy Stringer (Capital City Health Club / Montana)
Patty Waldron (Mecklenburg Swim Association Masters / North Carolina)
Lisa Ward (Walnut Creek Masters / Pacific)

The **USMS June Krauser Communications Award** was presented by Nancy Ridout to **Frank "Skip" Thompson (Michigan)**.

The **USMS Club of the Year Awards** were presented by Heather Howland. The **2014 Regional Club of the Year** was awarded to **Puget Sound Masters (Pacific Northwest)**. The **2014 Local Club of the Year** was awarded to **Indy Aquatic Masters (Indiana)**.

Cheryl Gettelfinger, chair of the Ad Hoc Election Committee, announced that there would be a runoff for the Great Lakes Zone and Southwest Zone directors.

National Championship Meets Award - Hill Carrow and Jon Blank (NC) presented the National Championship Meets Award to **Jacki Allender (Oregon)**.

Secretary Chris Colburn called the roll to collect the votes for the runoff election.

Nadine called the house into recess at 12:04pm EDT.

Friday, September 19, 2014, 2:30pm EDT

President Nadine Day reconvened the 2014 House of Delegates at 2:30pm EDT. Secretary Chris Colburn called the roll for the delegates not yet certified.

President Nadine Day recognized the Recognition and Awards Committee.

Lynn Hazlewood announced the **Open Water Award** was won by **Glenda Carroll (Pacific)**.

Marcia Anziano announced that the winners of the **Fitness Award** are **Jim Wu (Metropolitan)** and **Susie Powell (Pacific)**.

Michael Heather moved and Barry Fasbender seconded to hear the election results before the last award was presented. Motion failed.

Tracy Grilli and Susan Kuhlman presented the **Ted Haartz Staff Appreciation Award** to **Jeanne Ensign (Pacific Northwest)**.

Following the final presentation, Ray Novitske requested a motion to approve the report of the Recognition and Awards Committee. **MSA to approve the report of the Recognition and Awards Committee.**

Nadine gave the floor to Cheryl Gettelfinger, Ad-Hoc Elections Committee Chair, who announced the

elections of **David Diehl (Colonies)**, **CJ Rushman (Great Lakes)**, and **Laura Winslow (Southwest)** as new At-Large Directors. **MSA to destroy both sets of ballots.**

Patty Miller gave a presentation on the USMS Strategic Plan. The presentation is available in its entirety on the website at

<http://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/hod-2014-9-19-1.pdf>

Jeanne Ensign presented the Finance Committee report, covering FOG and the activities of the Finance Committee. After fielding questions about the Finance Presentation, Jeanne presented the 2015 Budget and solicited line items in the budget to be pulled for discussion. Discussion ensued on the pulled Budget line items.

Nadine thanked Jeanne Ensign, and asked the members of the Finance Committee to stand and be recognized.

Nadine recognized Kathy Casey, Donn Livoni, and Bob Bruce to present the Rules and Long Distance Rules Forum. The rules proposals are listed in the Meeting Minutes section of the USMS website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairs presented minutes for HOD approval as well as highlights of their meetings for the following committees:

1. Sports Medicine and Science (Cathy Fedako, Vice Chair). **MSA to approve the report of the Sports Medicine and Science Committee.**
2. History and Archives (Meegan Wilson, Chair). **MSA to approve the report of the History and Archives Committee.**
3. Open Water (Lynn Hazlewood, Chair). **MSA to approve the report of the Open Water Committee.**
4. Fitness Education (Marcia Anziano, Chair). **MSA to approve the report of the Fitness Education Committee.**
5. LMSC Development (Paige Buehler, Chair). **MSA to approve the report of the LMSC Development Committee.**
6. Officials (Ed Saltzman, Chair). **MSA to approve the report of the Officials Committee.**
7. Coaches (Scott Bay, Chair). **MSA to approve the report of the Coaches Committee.**
8. Records and Tabulations (Jeanne Seidler). **MSA to approve the report of the Records and Tabulations Committee.**

Secretary's Note: Detailed reports and committee minutes can be found on the USMS website at

<http://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/index.php?GROUPID=&EVENTID=30>

Following the Committee Reports, Nadine recognized Tom Boak, who gave an overview of the IMSHOF Induction taking place at 6pm on September 19th.

Chris Colburn read an announcement that Legislation would be holding a meeting at 8am Saturday, September 20th.

Nadine recognized Paige Buehler, who asked those who attended LMSC Workshops to fill out an exit survey.

At 5:10pm EDT, Nadine placed the house into recess until 9:45am EDT Saturday, September 20th.

Saturday, September 20, 2014, 9:45am EDT

President Nadine Day reconvened the 2014 House of Delegates at 9:48am EDT. Nadine made a quick announcement about a lost phone. Nadine turned over the microphone to Donn Livoni, Chair of the Long Distance Committee. Donn led a discussion of the proposed Long Distance rules changes. **MSA to approve the report of the Long Distance Committee.**

Nadine called Meg Smath, Legislation Committee Chair. Meg reported on the happenings of the two Legislation Committee meetings. **MSA to approve the report of the Legislation Committee.**

Nadine recognized Sally Dillon, Vice Chair of Recognition and Awards. Sally reported on a survey of recognition of volunteers. Survey results are posted on the USMS website under "awards." Dan Cox announced a workshop hosted by LMSC Development. Dr. Jim Miller announced the changed time for the Board Orientation session. Tracy Grilli made an announcement about Hospitality.

Nadine recessed the House at 10:21am EDT.

Saturday, September 20, 2014, 1:30pm EDT

President Nadine Day reconvened the 2014 House of Delegates at 1:30pm EDT. Nadine turned over the microphone to Jeff Roddin, Chair of the Championship Committee. **MSA to approve the Championship Committee minutes.** A presentation was given to the HOD by the Greensboro organizing committee for the 2016 Spring Nationals in Greensboro, North Carolina. A presentation was made by Tim Waud on behalf of Dennis Baker for the 2016 Summer Nationals in Gresham, Oregon.

Nadine gave the floor to Leo Letendre, who explained the rationale why the emergency legislation presented to amend Section 201.3.5 of the Rule Book was deemed not an emergency.

Nadine yielded the podium to Kathy Casey. Kathy thanked everyone who helped with the Rules Committee process. She then indicated that the paragraph on p. 145 of the Rule Book regarding warm-up and warm down should be deleted. Kathy proceeded to review the proposed amendments to the Rules. The one amendment that was pulled was L15. **MSA to approve the recommendations of the Rules Committee except for L15.** Discussion ensued on L15, the rule to allow 25-yard individual and 100-yard relay events as standard events in the Rule Book. An amendment to L15 was proposed to allow its use in meets, but not with Nationals or records. The rationale centered on encouraging adults to compete, but not extending the already-long National Championships meets. **Moved, Seconded, but Failed (MSF) to approve the language of L15 with the amendment that those events not be counted for Top Ten, records, or held at Nationals. MSA the Rules recommendation NOT to accept L15.** Kathy then reviewed the USA Swimming Rules amendments that affect USMS. **MSA to adopt the USA Swimming Rules amendments that affect USMS.**

Secretary's Notes: Rules Committee Proposed Amendments can be found at <http://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/rules-2014-9-20-2.pdf>

USA Swimming Rules Amendments that affect USMS can be found at <http://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/rules-2014-9-20-3.pdf>

Nadine congratulated the Rules Committee for their work, and reiterated approving rules amendments as one of the priorities of the House of Delegates. **MSA to approve the report of the Rules Committee.**

Nadine gave an overview of the Board of Directors meeting minutes while at convention; a review of many of the items that occurred during Convention; and an overview of the highlights of the 2015 Budget. **MSA to approve the minutes and report of the Board of Directors.**

Rob Butcher and Benicia Rivera gave a presentation on a success story resulting from the SSL grant

presented to Richmond Swims. Rob Butcher noted that SSLF awarded 16 grants totaling \$60,000 for the next grant cycle. USMS supports SSL's operations 100%. **MSA to approve the report of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation Board.**

Nadine recognized Jeanne Ensign, Finance Committee Chair. **MSA to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee.** Prior to the vote to accept, the House took a 5-minute break, starting at 3:30pm EDT. Jeanne Ensign reconvened the House at 3:36pm EDT. Jeanne reported that the Board approved the Budget as presented to the House during the Thursday session. **MSA to approve the Budget.** Rob Copeland made a motion that in accordance with 508.2 Fees of the Rule Book – "Fees shall be established by the House of Delegates." **The House of Delegates establishes an insurance surcharge fee of \$1000 for each sanctioned open water event for 2015 only, excluding events that include USMS Open Water National Championship events.** Bob Bruce seconded. MSA the motion made by Rob Copeland.

Nadine recognized the four members of the Board of Directors whose terms have ended: Jim Clemmons, Phil Whitten, Hugh Moore, and Maria Elias-Williams. Nadine recognized the newly-elected At-Large Directors for each zone:

- Jill Gellatly (South Central)
- Bruce Hopson (Breadbasket)
- Sarah Welch (Northwest)
- Leianne Crittenden (Oceana)
- Laura Winslow (Southwest)
- Sean Fitzgerald (Dixie)
- David Diehl (Colonies)
- CJ Rushman (Great Lakes)

Nadine congratulated the new delegates, and declared them no longer new delegates. Nadine recognized and congratulated the members of the Convention Task Force. Nadine also recognized Convention Coordinator Tracy Grilli and the Florida LMSC for hosting Convention.

Nadine asked delegates to fill out Convention surveys and Committee Request forms. She encouraged everyone to continue their volunteer service, and to take what they learned at Convention back to their LMSCs.

Ed Tsuzuki thanked Nadine Day on behalf of the House of Delegates.

Nadine informed the House that the Convention feedback session would take place immediately after the House of Delegates.

Bill Tingley moved, Jim Wheeler seconded, and MSA unanimously to adjourn the 2014 House of Delegates.

Respectfully submitted by:

Chris Colburn, USMS Secretary