

USMS Convention—Anaheim, California 2007

Committee Name: International Committee	Session #: 1	Report #: 19
Committee Chair: Mary Pohlmann	Vice Chair: Anthony Thompson	
Minutes recorded by: Anthony Thompson	Date/time of meeting: 9/28/2007, 11:30-12:30	

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Number of committee members present: 12	Absent: 5	Number of other delegates present: 14
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Mary Pohlmann, Anthony Thompson, Peggy Buchanan, Sean Fitzgerald, June Krauser, Wayne McCauley, Michael Moore, Sandi Rousseau, Shannon Sullivan, Jim Miller, Nancy Ridout, Rob Copeland		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am.

1. Introduction of Committee Members and other delegates
A moment of silence was observed for IC member Barbara Thomas, who passed away since the last convention.
2. As requested by the EC, discussion related to the USMS Strategic Plan was placed first on the agenda, followed by item 5 of our agenda related to our progress on the IC Objectives and Goals. Michael Moore presented the directive of the BOD with regard to the five priorities of providing member services, a good return on investments (prioritizing our time and funds), keeping it simple and realistic, keeping realistic timelines for tasks, and maintaining regular communications (EC suggested monthly meetings). The committee reviewed our MOG created during 2007. The committee has submitted legislation to update our committee definition:
507.2.8—International Committee
The International Committee shall promote communication with Masters swimmers throughout the world, facilitate USMS members' participation in international events and encourage the participation of foreign Masters swimmers in USMS events. The USMS liaison to the Union Americana de Natacion (UANA) and the USMS liaison to FINA shall be ex-officio members.
The Legislation Committee has amended our submission to be consistent with other committee definitions with respect to the makeup of the committee. The IC agreed to this amendment. The IC was inadvertently omitted from the Strategic Plan diagram. The realignment of committees with VPs will have IC with the VP for Member Services. Rob Copeland indicated that he would provide a revised diagram to the IC. The chair asked that by the end of October each member of the committee choose those tasks from our MOG they wish to perform. Shannon Sullivan and Wayne McCauley volunteered to work on Objective #1 (goals 1 – 4, with support from Nancy Ridout on G4) and the first two goals of Objective #2.
3. Follow up on Action Items from 2006 Convention
 - a. FINA Website posting of 10/29/2005 regarding FINA Rule GR 4.1 – 4.4
Both Mel Goldstein and Jim Miller did follow through on the motion passed by the HOD last year by going to USAS with regard to our concerns. With the new UANA leadership, it is hoped that UANA will move forward in removing this posting from the FINA website. Jim Miller thinks the UANA Masters Technical Committee needs to discuss and move the request through channels to FINA. The IC

understands and supports this process. It was noted that the posting has been present on the FINA website for nearly two years.

b. International invitations to 2007 Convention

President Rob Copeland indicated that several representatives from Canada were invited. Chris Smith, former chair of Canadian Masters, is attending this Convention. The intent of our Action Item was to invite more representatives from our neighbors south of the USA. Nancy Ridout, FINA Representative, suggested the committee provide a recommended list. The IC Chair indicated that IC did provide such a list to the President. Rob Copeland wants it to be clear that it is an invitation only with no funding. Jim Miller suggested inviting a representative from Mexico and suggested that USAS might be consulted. Chris Smith thinks the “learning experience” for international visitors to see how USMS functions is well worth the cost. There were concerns expressed by committee members about extending invitations without at least registration fees and hotel cost included.

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This motion requires a budget request revision:

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This includes two registrations of \$130 each and \$1200 for two hotel rooms of four nights. This requires an increase of \$1160 in the IC Budget request of 2008 since we have already requested \$300 in the 2008 travel line which could be used toward this initiative.

[Note: Jim Miller suggested that USAS might be encouraged to hold a UANA Congress with Masters components at the next USAS Convention which USAS might support financially. The last such Congress was in 2004.]

4. FINA Liaison report – Nancy Ridout

a. FINA ruling regarding recognition of FINA Masters records and FINA Masters Top Ten with respect to type or name of meet.

Nancy Ridout spoke to the issue, elaborating on the discussion which took place earlier in the HOD.

Nancy noted that IGLA probably also needs to communicate with FINA. Nancy suggested a possible solution, at least for USMS members, might be for IGLA to become an affiliate member of USMS. Nancy also expressed concern about how to communicate with FINA. USMS needs to go through USAS, which in turn would go to the FINA Technical Committee. Nancy was requested by the IC to seek clarification of the FINA policy regarding what constitutes affiliate relationship to FINA, specifically if an affiliate membership with USMS by non-FINA members (like IGLA, or other “Games” organizations) is established.

A discussion of whether changing the title of the “IGLA Championship” might be a viable short term solution since it is a USMS sanctioned meet with all competitors being USMS members. Jessica Seaton felt the possibility of changing the tile to omit the IGLA name would be unlikely.

The LatyCar situation was discussed since it is another good example of a meet sanctioned by an NGB which is a member federation of FINA.

Nancy Ridout will attend the next FINA Masters Technical Committee in April in Perth, Australia.

5. UANA Liaison report – Dr. Jim Miller

a. 2nd ASUA/UANA Pan American Masters Championships, Puerto Rico (8/31 – 9/3/2007)

Jim reported that this was a very successful competition, despite the fact there were only three months of planning. USMS members who attended were impressed and look forward to returning for future events at this facility.

b. New UANA officers

Mel Goldstein has been elected chair of the UANA Masters Technical Committee and Jim Miller a member of the UANA Committee.

6. “USMS Guide to International Swimming, Where/When/Who” – Shannon Sullivan & Wayne McCauley
Updates on this project were noted. The IC is interested in determining a publication outlet for this project (USMS website, *USMS Swimmer*, or other print publication).
7. Correspondence from Committee member Myriam Pero related to Masters swimming in Colombia. Her correspondence was distributed to IC members.
8. Calendar of upcoming International Events
April 17 – 25, 2008, XII FINA World Masters Championships, Perth, Australia
October 2009 – World Masters Games – Sydney, Australia
June 2008 – IGLA Championship in Washington, D.C.
2009, IGLA Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark
9. EC Liaison Comments – Rob Copeland

No comments.

IC Chair Mary Pohlmann announced that she has resigned as Chair. Those interested in the Chair position should talk to Mary or USMS President Rob Copeland.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. IC members will volunteer and complete Tasks as assigned from the MOG.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.
