

FINA Representative

Mel Goldstein

The FINA Masters Technical Committee met in January in Gwangju, the site of the 2019 FINA World Masters Championships for a technical meeting and site visit. The facilities for the championships were outstanding and over 5,000 athletes representing all five disciplines, (Diving, Artistic Swimming, Water Polo, Open Water and Swimming) by the time you read this report, will have participated in the championships. The committee continues to pursue further development of Masters Swimming throughout the world. In conjunction with Union Americana de Natacion (UANA), Confederation of South America Swimming (CONSANAT) and US Masters Swimming, the first Masters Coaches clinic in the world was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Over 50 Coaches from 7 different countries attended. A special thank you to US Masters Swimming for their support by sending Bill Brenner, and Marty Hendrick as lead instructors for this event. Work continues on a FINA branded video that can be used by swimming Federations to promote Masters Swimming throughout the world. Roger Eagles, a FINA Committee member, is in the process of writing a History of Masters Swimming and this will be published by FINA within the very near future. As we look forward the FINA Masters Technical Committee Commission made a site visit to Fukuoka, Japan, the site of the 2021 FINA World Championships. The facilities are outstanding, and there planning is well ahead of schedule, this championship will be an outstanding event.

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International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Liaison

Jessica Seaton

The IGLA Championships were held June 24-29, 2019 in Flushing Meadows, New York with over 500 swimmers and nearly as many water polo, synchronized swimmers, open water swimmers and divers. Swimmers from all over the United States and the world were represented. Notably several swimmers from Uganda competed, a country known for barbaric anti-homosexual laws. More information about the IGLA Championships can be found here:

<https://swimswam.com/922-athletes-competed-in-international-gay-and-lesbian-aquatics-competition/>

<https://www.usms.org/fitness-and-training/articles-and-videos/articles/igla-2019-a-meet-to-remember>

The IGLA General Meeting was held on June 24. It was noted that IGLA became an Affiliate member of USMS in 2019, so times at the meet could be submitted and considered by FINA. IGLA filed for a retroactive reinstatement for their non-profit status in June 2019 with the IRS. The IRS will take approximately 6-8 months to process this request.

IGLA has been working to increase the participation of women and transgender athletes at the championship meet as well as in the IGLA member clubs. IGLA is excited to work with other organizations, such as USMS, to achieve this goal.

IGLA 2020 will be held in Melbourne, Australia in February 20-25. More information can be found here: <https://melbourne2020.org>.

No bid had been submitted for IGLA 2021 as of the General Meeting. There was some discussion that Queer Utah Aquatics (QUAC) was interested in bidding.

A new board was elected: Co-President Jeremy Koziol, London Orca (returning), Co-President Mike Stansberry, Edmonton Making Waves (returning), Co-Chair Ruth Rawlings, Long Beach Grunions, Co-Chair Brian Jacobson, Minnesota ICE, Treasurer Chandler Mercer, Ohio Splash, Secretary Richard Park, Atlanta Rainbow Trout, Webmaster Nick Westaway, Sydney Wett Ones, FGG Representative Sagi Krispin, TLV Nemos (returning), FGG Representative Shea Manning, West Hollywood Aquatics.

International Swimming Hall of Fame Liaison

Walt Reid

ISHOF (International Swimming Hall of Fame)

ISHOF and the city of Ft. Lauderdale have begun a \$27 million renovation project to the Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex. This is scheduled for completion Nov 2020. In addition at the 2019 ISHOF board meeting it was announced that the renovation project will now include a new state-of-the-art high dive tower that will include a 20 and 27 meter platform to accommodate the new “High Diving” discipline. This will be the first of its kind in the USA. The only other such structure is in China.

ISHOF Board Actions:

- Installed USMS’s Tom Boak as a member of the ISHOF Board to serve as treasurer.
- Agreed to change the name from the ”International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF)” to the “Masters International Swimming Hall of Fame (MISHOF). This was because the Marathon Swimming had the same acronym (IMSHOF) and they have been a part of ISHOF for a longer time.
- Revised the requirements for induction into the Masters International Swimming Hall of Fame (MISHOF) in the category “honor swimmer” to now require at least 20 FINA Masters World records and have competed in Masters sanctioned events for at least 15 years/4 age groups.
- Removed the category “Masters” from ISHOF. Starting in 1995 ISHOF inducted Masters into a Masters category. That continued until 2003 when they created the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame. At that time they moved all the Masters from ISHOF to IMSHOF but also kept them in ISHOF. So those swimmers are now in both ISHOF and IMSHOF. The category “Masters” continued to stay in ISHOF but in the last 16 years only 4 swimmers world-wide have been inducted into that ISHOF category ; Laura Val USA 2003, Yoshiko Osaki JPN 2005, Jane Asher GBR 2006 and Karlyn Pipes USA 2015. So in the future Masters can still be considered for all ISHOF categories but they will be competing as a non-Master against elite athletes and contributors world-wide.

MISHOF (Masters International Swimming Hall of Fame)

The 2018 Masters International Swimming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held during the USAS Convention in Jacksonville. From USMS Jurgen Schmidt and Maurine Kornfeld were inducted as “Honor Swimmers” and Walt Reid was inducted as “Honor Contributor”.

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Lamb and Caroline Krattli will be inducted as “Honor Swimmers” and Jim Miller as “Honor Contributor”.

National Board of Review

Report 2019

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Chair: Barbara Delanois

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1. Laura Groselle Dixie
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4. Sally Dillon Northwest
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6. Billy Cordero Great Lakes
7. Dick Pittman Great Lakes
8. Greg Weber Southwest
9. Molly Grover Colonies
10. Tracy Lord Great Lakes
11. Glenda Carroll Pacific
12. Mary Pohlmann Breadbasket

Introduction: 2018-2019 was year 6 for the Chair of the National Board of Review.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention:

NBR received two (2) grievances since the last convention.

1. Grievance Filed December 20, 2018.

On December 26, 2018, the NBR Chair concluded that the Grievance falls within the jurisdiction of the LMSC as it was a dispute arising within a single LMSC. The NBR did not have “original and exclusive jurisdiction” pursuant to Section 403.4.1. The NBR chair referred the matter to the LMSC and directed the LMSC to appoint a neutral party as Grievance Chair.

2. Grievance Filed July 15, 2019.

USMS Board of Directors filed a grievance under Section 402.4.8. Notice of the grievance was served on Respondent on July 18, 2019. USMS Board withdrew its grievance on August 6, 2019.

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National Senior Games

Bill Tingley

The National Senior Games are held in odd years, with the qualifying meets held in even years at each state's local Senior Games. In 2019, swimming was one of 18 sports contested in the National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The swimming events took place in the West Mesa Aquatic Center.

To be eligible to enter the National Senior Games, a swimmer must have placed in the top four in a state Senior Games meet during the year before the National Senior Games. Or if a swimmer did not finish in the top four in a state Senior Games competition, he or she could enter that event if the time achieved was better than the published time standard for the National Senior Games.

The National Senior Games has been recognized by the host LMSC for the last eleven games, and this year was recognized by the New Mexico LMSC, and the support from them was outstanding. USMS BOD member Teddy Decker headed up the officials as meet referee. Former New Mexico Sanctions Chair Philipp Djang made sure all requirements of the recognition application were met. New Mexico Top Ten Chair Jonathon Berry worked tirelessly with USMS National Swims Coordinator Mary Beth Windrath, making sure all of the USMS swimmers' times were properly entered into the USMS database. Finally, USMS Officials Committee member Herb Schwab acted as administrative official and USMS official observer for the meet.

In the past 20 years, both USMS records and Top 10 swims have been achieved at National and state Senior Games events that were recognized by LMSCs. Some state Senior Games have already applied for and received USMS recognition during the past year.

These National Senior Games were the largest games in the history of the organization, with a total of 13,712 athletes over 50 years old participating. In swimming, a record 875 participants entered, of which a record 500 were also USMS registered swimmers.

The highlight of the meet was the USMS record set by 97-year-old Charlotte E. Sanddal of Montana in the women's 95–99 200 yard breaststroke. Charlotte's time of 8:56.89 is the first ever 200 breaststroke time from that age group reported to USMS. Numerous swims from this year's meet will be in consideration for the 2020 USMS SCY Top 10.

The NSGA added the 200 mixed medley and 200 free relays to the event schedule this year, and both events were tremendous first-time successes under the NSGA format.

On line results can be found at: <http://swim-meets.tingleyilc.com/2019/NationalSeniorGames/>

A unique aspect of this year's games was the education of the athletes about how to deal with competing at Albuquerque's high altitude (5,312 feet above sea level). Educational materials were made available to all 13,000+ athletes (<https://nsga.com/images/pdf/19-games-high-altitude-flyer-FINAL.pdf>). Swimming had only one incident of high-altitude stress on deck, and it was resolved by the medical personnel. The competitor continued competing the next day,

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without repeating the incident. It was apparent that the majority of the swimming athletes educated themselves before the competition began.

Qualifying for the 2021 National Senior Games will start at the state Senior Games around the country in January of 2020. For more information about the 2020 state Senior Games, contact the local coordinators listed at <http://nsga.com/state-games>. The 2021 National Senior Games will be held June 14–25 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The exact dates and locations for swimming will be finalized and announced later.

UANA Representative

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UANA stands for Union Americana de Natacion. It is the regional organization under FINA that encompasses North America, South America and the Caribbean nations (43 Federations). United States Aquatic Sports represents one of the Zones under the UANA banner. UANA was established in 1948. The logos involved here, just so you're familiar with them, are:



This report will reflect the activities of the UANA Masters Technical Committee over the last UANA Quad 2015-2019. Masters swimming in the America's has made tremendous strides over the past 10 years primarily due to the dedicated work of the UANA Masters Technical Committee. As Chairman of this committee for this Quad it was a pleasure to work with USMS Members Dr. Jim Miller and Nadine Day, their leadership played an important role in the success of the Committee. During this Quad the committee has streamlined the bidding process, contracts and requirements to be a host for UANA Masters Championships or Masters Clinics, as well as updating and formalizing UANA Masters Records. Additionally, the Committee has awarded the UANA Pan American Masters Championships to Trinidad/Tobago for 2022 and Buenos Aires, Argentina for 2024. One of the highlights of this Quad was the Coaches Clinic in Buenos Aires, Argentina at the CONSANAT South American Masters Championships. While there have been other Coaches Clinics around the World, this was the first Coaches Clinic for Masters Coaches in the world. There were over 50 Coaches from 7 different federations in attendance. A special thank you to US Masters Swimming for their support, and the presentations by Bill Brenner and Marty Hendrick, USMS Coaches, made this clinic a huge success.

As we move forward into the next Quad with our new UANA president, Maureen Croes, from Aruba, who has been a great supporter of Masters Swimming and was Honorary Secretary for the UANA Masters Technical Committee the future of Masters swimming in the America's will continue to grow.

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See you all in Medellin in 2020!

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