

2026 U.S. Masters Swimming – History & Archives Committee

Committee Name:	History & Archives	Session #:	
Committee Chair:	C.J. Rushman	Vice Chair:	n/a
Minutes recorded by:	C.J. Rushman	Date/time of meeting:	July 14 th , 2026 @ 8 pm EDT

Motions Passed:

1. MSA – minutes from conference call on June 9th, 2026.

Number of committee members present - 5	Absent - 4	Number of other delegates present: 0
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Maryanne Barkley (Ozark), Sharon Snyder (Metropolitan), Crystie McGrail (VPLO - Colorado) Stacey Eicks (Gulf), & C.J. Rushman (Ohio)		
Committee Members Absent: Daniel Pauling (Florida), Hugh Moore (Potomac Valley), Kysa Crusco (New England), and Tim Sinnenberg (Adirondack)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm EDT. CJ Rushman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The History and Archives Committee met to discuss progress on their USMS history project, with members reviewing feedback from Hugh Moore about the scope and approach. Hugh suggested abandoning the idea of individual 5-year histories and considering professional writers or consultants due to the large number of potential interviewees (25 people identified, potentially expanding to 100) and concerns about varying writing styles.

The committee discussed using AI tools like Grammarly to standardize the writing, organizing interviews by decades rather than individual time periods, and potentially seeking pro bono consulting from university public history programs. Maryanne agreed to start interviews from the 1970s-1980s. Mary will interview Mary Pohlmann for the 1970s/early 1980s perspective on the evolution of the organization. Sharon volunteered to cover the 1980s-1990s. Take responsibility for the 1980s-1990s decade, reach out to potential interviewees from the list, and coordinate with Tim to avoid overlap. Sharon will investigate potential pro bono history consultants from public history departments (e.g., Columbia, NYU) or other contacts she has in the NYC area. Stacey will reach out to contacts on the interview list to gather information. Stacey will also investigate potential pro bono history consultants through public history programs (e.g., Texas State University, University of Houston, University of Texas at Austin) and the National Council on Public History.

For all committee members: Start with interviews and gather information to produce a tangible output before the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm EST. The next call will be in conjunction with the Annual meeting on Thursday August 13th @ 8 pm EDT.
