

United States Masters Swimming House of Delegates - all sessions USAS Convention-Anaheim California September 12–14, 2013

Thursday, September 12, 2013, 9:15 a.m. PDT

President Nadine Day called the 2013 House of Delegates to order at 9:15 a.m. PDT.

Secretary C.J. Rushman deferred roll call for delegates until after the Executive Directors address.

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 makes a motion to suspend the rules for purposes of hearing from the Executive Director. Leo Letendre-CT makes 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. Matt Edde-IW seconded. **MSA- Amendment standing Rule #13 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 2013.**

Tracy Grilli addressed the House of Delegates to provide information regarding the hospitality, swim and dry land workouts and updates on the LMSC workshops and the LMSC social taking place on Thursday evening and the IMSHOF Induction of Ted Haartz.

President's Introduction – President Nadine Day welcomed delegates to the convention and reminded them that the theme of the convention is Moving Forward. She introduced the members of the Executive Committee who were sitting at the head table. The verbatim address has been published to the USMS website.

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

Nadine Day put the house to ease at 8:50 a.m. PDT. The house is back in session at 9:03 am PDT. Secretary C.J. Rushman called the roll for delegates who had not yet been certified.

Nadine Day recognizes Cheryl Gettlefinger chair of the Ad Hoc Election Committee. Cheryl read the names of the nominations for the elected officer's positions. Cheryl opened the floor to nominations for President. Rob C makes motion to close nominations. Jerry Clark second. Nominations for President are closed. Deb Morrin Norlund makes motion close to nominations for VP of Administration. Cheryl opened the floor to nominations for VP of Community Service. Rob C motion to close nominations. Deb Morrin Norlund motion to close nominations. Rob C seconded. Cheryl opened the floor to nominations for VP of Local Operations. Deb Morrin Norlund motion to close nominations. Rob C seconded. Cheryl opened the floor to nominations for VP of Program. Cheryl opened the floor to nominations for Secretary. Deb Morrin Norlund motion to close nominations. Rob C seconded. Cheryl opened the floor to nominations for Treasurer. Deb Morrin Norlund motion to close nominations. Rob C seconded. Bill Tingley Parliamentarian gave an overview of the voting process to the House of Delegates. Rob C moves by acclamation to elect Nadine Day as President. Rob C moves by acclamation to elect Chris

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Stevenson as VP of Local Operations. Rob C moves by acclimation to elect Jody Smith as VP of Community Services. Paige B -INW moves by acclimation to elect Chris McGiffin VP of Programs. Rob C moves to elect Chris Colburn by acclimation to Secretary. Deb M Norlund moves by acclimation to elect Phil Dotson as Treasurer.

Nadine Day asked the candidates to come to the front. The candidates spoke to their readiness and willingness to serve.

Friday, September 13, 2013, 10:45 a.m. PDT

Mike Heather VP of Administrations reconvened the 2013 House of Delegates to order at 10:45 a.m. PDT. Secretary C.J. Rushman called the roll for delegates who had not yet been certified.

Rob Butcher Executive Director gave an update on the search for an Insurance vendor with the help of ESIX.

Nadine Day recognizes Cheryl Gettlefinger chair of the Ad Hoc Election Committee. CJ called the roll for the vote for the contested election for VP of Administration. Tracy Grilli made announcements to the House of Delegates about the Hospitality Room, morning workouts and Saturday's

Tom Boak gave an update on the IMSHOF ceremony that is taking place this evening and encouraged the members of the House of Delegates to attend.

President Nadine Day gave special recognition of five individuals with Presidential Citations for all their past 4 years of service to USMS by serving on the Board of Directors;

1. CJ Rushman
2. Ralph Davis
3. Dave Diehl
4. Ed Tsuzuki
5. Mike Heather.

Mike Heather was recognized by the House of Delegates for his 23 consecutive years of service to the Board of Directors.

Ted Haartz USMS Staff Appreciation Award – presented by Laura Hamel from the National Office – Laura recognized last year's winner, Ed Tsuzuki of New Jersey. The 2013 award winner is Jeff Roddin of Potomac Valley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(1) Recognition and Awards – Presented by Hill Carrow – Recognized Patty Miller as the Ransom Arthur award winners and the others that were nominees; John Bauman - Wisconsin, Frank Thompson – Michigan, Mike Heather – Southern Pacific and Kerry O'Brien - Pacific. Sally asked for all Ransom Arthur award winners to stand and be acknowledged. Ted Haartz the inductees for IMSHOF. Sally asked for motion to approve the minutes. **MSA the Recognition and Awards minutes.**

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2013 USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Awards – Presented by Hill Carrow.

- Bill Reardon – New Mexico
- Stephen Darnell – Oregon
- Wes Edwards – Pacific Northwest
- Kildine Harms – Pacific
- Tom Moore – Minnesota
- John Morales - Pacific
- Jennifer Parks - Michigan
- Dick Pitman – Wisconsin
- Phyllis Quinn – Pacific
- Garrick Snider – Mexico
- Anthony Thompson – Missouri Valley
- Stephanie Walsh Beilman - Delaware Valley
- Tim Waud – Oregon
- Dan Wegner – Southern Pacific

USMS June Krauser Communications Award – Presented by Nancy Ridout from Pacific. The winner is Sally Guthrie of Michigan Masters.

USMS Club of the Year Award presented by Ray Novitske

- 2013 recipients are the Blue Wave Aquatics – Pacific Northwest LMSC.

USMS Open Water Service Award present by Lynn Hazelwood. The 2013 recipient is Bob Bruce from Oregon.

Cheryl Gettlefinger chair of the Ad Hoc Election Committee announced that Ed Tsuzuki as the winner of the Vice President of Administration.

Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award - presented by Stu Kahn. Stu gave an overview and history of the Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award. There are eleven award winners for 2013;

- Marcia Benjamin – Enthusiastic Masters of Oakland
- Sue Verger-Mann – Stray Cats of Southeast YMCA Michigan
- Mary Gibson – Talbot Manta Rays (Maryland)
- Doug Green – South Coast Masters (Southern Pacific)
- Donald Jackson – Schroeder Aquatic Center (Wisconsin)
- Mike Kazek – Cal Maritime Academy Masters (Pacific)
- Greg Orphanides – Houston Cougar Masters (Gulf)
- Jay Peluso – Peluso Open Water Masters (Virginia)
- Tom Reudy – San Mateo Marlins (Pacific)
- Don Swalwell – Ann Arbor Masters (Michigan)
- Kendra Wheeler – KROC Masters (Oregon)

National Championship Meet Awards - Hill Carrow and Jon Blank (NC) presented the National Championship Meet Award winner to Ed Saltzman of Georgia.

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Nadine called the house to recess at 12:05 p.m. PDT.

Friday, September 16, 2013, 2:30 p.m. PDT.

President Nadine Day reconvened the 2013 House of Delegates to order at 2:32 p.m. PDT. Nadine Day recognized the House of Delegates and the tenure of all the members in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(9) Championship Committee – Jeff Roddin – Presented his report to the house and gave overview of the motions that were passed. **MSA the minutes of the Championship committee.**

2015 Championship Presentations – Jeff Roddin, chair of the Championship presented Diana Munz from SPIRE Institute (Cleveland OH) gave an overview regarding 2015 Summer National Championships.

(2) Officials – Ed Saltzman– **MSA the minutes of the Officials Committee.**

(2a) Fitness Education – Linda Schoenberg - Linda gave an overview over the past years highlights of the Fitness Education committee. Don Cox makes motion to approve the minutes. - **MSA to approve the Fitness Education committee minutes.**

(3) Open Water – Lynn Hazelwood – **MSA to approve the Open Water committee minutes.**

(4) Coaches – Scott Bay – Gave an update on the Committee. **MSA the minutes of Coaches Committee.**

(5) History and Archives – Meegan Wilson – Gave an update on the Committee. The committee is looking for help with identifying old results from meets and open water events. – Ed T makes motion to approve the minutes. Dan Cox seconded. **MSA the minutes of History and Archives.**

(6) Registration – Leo Letendre gave an overview of the Registration. **MSA the minutes of Registration Committee.**

(7) Sports Medicine and Science – Jane Moore - Jane gave an overview over the past years highlights of the Sports Medicine and Science committee. Ray Novitske makes motion to approve the minutes. Chris Colburn seconded. **MSA the minutes of the Sports Medicine and Science.**

(8) LMSC Development – Paige Buehler gave an overview over the past years highlights of the LMSC Development committee. makes motion to approve the minutes. Seconded. **MSA the minutes of the LMSC Development Committee.**

(10) Records and Tabulation – Chris Stevenson gave an overview over the past years highlights of the Records and Tabulation committee. Ed T motion to approve minutes as posted. Heather Stevenson seconded. **MSA to approve the Records and Tabulation minutes.**

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(11) Legislation Committee (Unanimous legislation) – Sean Fitzgerald gave an overview over the past years highlights of the Legislation committee. Hugh Moore makes motion to approve minutes. Dan Cox seconded. **MSA to approve the Legislation committee minutes (Unanimous legislation).**

(12) Long Distance Committee – Donn Livoni - presented to the House of Delegates and gave an overview over the past years highlights of the committee. The 2014 winners will be published in the Long Distance minutes as well as the USMS website. Chris McGiffin makes motion to approve minutes. Ed Tuszuki seconded. Nancy Ridout inquired about the Festival Concept. Donn gave an overview of what was discussed at a conceptual level. **MSA to approve the Long Distance Committee minutes.**

Mike Heather VP of Administration read the Remembrance List to the House of Delegates. A moment of silence was held for those that passed. The list will also be published in the 2014 Rule Book.

John Alleva - Potomac Valley
Justus Baird - Georgia
Fred Battistini Sr. - New England
Buddy Belshe - Southern Pacific
Lisa Bogatko - Arizona
Dick Bower - Gulf
David Bressler - Pacific
Kevin Broad - New England
Florence Carr - Florida
Arthur Cross - Indiana
Jean-Paul de Chezet - New England
Nancy Durstein - Florida
Christopher Eaton - Potomac Valley
Harold Ferris - Florida
Kenneth Flynn - Potomac Valley
Milton Gee - North Carolina
Jerry Griffith - Missouri Valley
Albert Halff - South Texas
Trey Hancock - Border
Tom Haver - San Diego-Imperial
Randy Herndon - Colorado
Vince Herring - Minnesota
Frances Holmes - Colorado
Cornelia Johnson - New England
LeeAnn King - Missouri Valley
Barbara Kin-Pinney - Indiana
Yoshie Kyhos - Pacific
Owen Maher - Virginia
Alan Maloney - Florida
Janet Moldenhauer - Wisconsin
Richard Nesbit - North Texas
Frank Newquist - Pacific Northwest
John Patten - Indiana

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Kevin Payette – Wisconsin
Stan Prazer - Allegheny
Heidi Renner - Pacific
Carol Rhudy - Michigan
Charlotte Schneider - Pacific
Louis Slater - Pacific
Richard Smith - Pacific
Doris Steadman - New Jersey
Benjamin Swan - Pacific
Ridge Williams - South Texas

Nadine reminded the House of Delegates that the IMSHOF celebration is tonight starting at 6 pm. Sean Fitzgerald moves the 3rd Legislation meeting to begin at 4 pm PDT.

President Nadine Day called the house to recess at 3:35 p.m. PDT

Saturday, September 15, 2013, 9:45 a.m. PDT

President Nadine Day reconvened the 2013 House of Delegates to order at 9:45 a.m. PDT. Nadine gave a quick announcement about the HOD Agenda. MSA suspend the standing Rules of the HOD. Nadine turned over the microphone to Paige Buehler, Chair of the LMSC Development Committee. Presentation by to the HOD.

Saturday, September 15, 2013, 2:30 p.m. PDT

President Nadine Day reconvened the 2013 House of Delegates to order at 2:30 p.m. PDT. Nadine gave a quick announcement about the HOD Agenda. Nadine turned over the microphone to Jeff Roddin, Chair of the Championship Committee. Presentation was given to the HOD by Susan Ingrahm for the 2014 Spring Nationals in San Antonio Texas.

Nadine gave an overview of the Board of Directors meeting minutes while at convention. Skip Thompson makes a motion to table the two dollar increase until HOD in Jacksonville in 2014. Tom Moore seconded. Jeanne Ensign - PNA gave clarity from the Finance Committee regarding the dues increase. Nadine Day declares to table the motion was out of order. Leo Letrende-CT makes motion to reconsider the approval of the minutes of the BOD. Gail Drummer - MI seconded. Motion to rec. Leo Letendre tables the approval of the BOD minutes to be reconsidered. Lucy Johnson -SPMA seconded.

House of Delegates stands at ease. Nadine brings the house back to order.

Rob C motions to the House of Delegates to accept the recommendation of the BOD to accept the approval of the \$2 increase for the next five years. Jeanne Ensign seconded. Discussion about the dues increase and what this means to the membership. **MSA - House of Delegates to accept the recommendation of the BOD to accept the approval of the \$2 increase for the next five years.** Motion to un-table the BOD minutes. **MSA to un-table the BOD minutes. MSA to approve the BOD minutes as amended.**

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(15) Rules Committee – Kathy Casey presented to the House of Delegates and asked the members of the Rules Committee to stand and be recognized. Kathy gave an overview of the minutes that posted on the USMS website as presented to the House of Delegates. Kathy Casey read the USA Swimming Amendment that affect USMS rules report and asked the House of Delegates if there are any items to pull from the report.

Sarah Welch pulls U2. Phil W pulls U3. **MSA move to accept the Rule Committee recommendations of the USA Swimming Amendment that affect USMS rules, excluding U2 & U3.** Sarah asked will having an Administration Official at every meet. Kathy answered no. Phil W asked about the recirculation systems and how that will affect USMS meets. **MSA to approve U2. MSA to approve U3. MSA- to approve the report of the Rules Committee.**

(11) Legislation Committee – Sean Fitzgerald gave an overview the report and is divided into four sections: those reported favorably (recommended) by the Legislation Committee, those reported favorably as amended (recommended) by the Legislation Committee, those not reported favorably (not recommended) by the Legislation Committee, and those that required the action of both the Legislation and Rules Committees. Sean Fitzgerald asked if items to be pulled. John Traynor pulls L24. Gail Drummer pulls 31. Anthony Thompson pulls L36. **MSA to accept the report all items not pulled from the report.** John Traynor (MI) asks verbatim “Do I understand the effect of L24 to allow the Board to adopt any insurance surcharge or fee amount in collection method or procedure it desires without the input or consent of the House of Delegates when the House of Delegates is not in session. An example because is a scheduling or timing of insurance premiums renewals it is most likely that the House of Delegates would not ever be in session and to consider any insurance surcharge or fee amount increase or any other amount.?” Sean Fitzgerald chair responded yes”.

Bob Bruce (Oregon) “I oppose this proposal. I think if we look at the rationale, we can come to a pretty quick reason why. This proposal was adopted by the Board of Directors on an emergency basis in order to deal with the insurance and sanction crisis this last year. However the last sentence of the rationale, reads ‘The action taken under this emergency provision shall be effective until the next meeting of the House of Delegates; therefore it must be voted on by the HOD to be in effect beyond this year’, in essence it takes an emergency provision and puts it into permanent code. Now the consequences here are that if this is put into permanent code, I fear that it allows the possibly of a fee of undesignated size put in, assessed to us that could be levied without any oversight from the House of Delegates. We already have an emergency procedure. I don’t think this needs to be into permanent code. Sean asked for a motion to approve L24. Motion to approve L24 by Arni Litt (PNA). Seconded by Heather Stevenson (VA). **MSF – L24.** Gail Drummer asked for clarity on L31. Patty Miller, USMS Legal gave example for unsporting conduct. **MSA to approve L31.** Anthony moves to amend 403.7 to leave in the last sentence. Seconded **MSA to approve L36 as amended. MSA to approve proposals were reported out favorably by the Legislation Committee as AMENDED. MSA to L62 as amended.** Mike pulls L50. **MSA to accept the recommendation of the Legislation Committee.** Skip Thompson discussed L50 and potential ramifications to the positions of Past Presidents. Matt Hooper gave point of clarification regarding the document. Ed T gave clarity on the number of voting members of the Board of Directors. **MSF to approve L50. MSA Legislation Committee report.**

Leo Letendre motions to affiliate the unattached members in each LMSC with Club Unattached in the same LMSC effective immediately.

Jim Wheeler gave an update on the Ransom Arthur award presentation during the banquet.

(13) Budget report – Jeanne Ensign gave her report on the budget along with a presentation, which is located on the website for review. The Finance Committee has reviewed the details of the budget and the high level updates from the Financial Operating Guidelines presenting them to the House of Delegates for approval. **MSA to approve the 2013 Budget.** Jeanne Ensign reads the 2013 Budget report and asked the House of Delegates if there are any items to pull from the report. Brian Hoyt pulls 4025 & 4035. Cathy Kohn pulls 4037. Laura Winslow pulls 5840. Susan Ehringer pulls 5103. Tom Boak pulls 5110. Sally Guthrie pulls 5720. Nancy Ridout pulls 5630. **MSA to approve all Budget items, excluding the pulled items.** Discussion about fees for workout groups on line item 4025. **MSA to approve 4025.** Discussion about the Coaches Fees and how the structure will work was provided by Scott Bay, Chair of Coaches Committee. **MSA to approve 4035. MSA to approve 4037.** Leo Letendre wants to raise the revenue to 50K since more clubs will be using this. Lucy Johnson recommends to keep it as is. Tom B reconsiders line 5010. Susan E asked about the new in-house registration system. **MSA to approve 5013. MSA to approve 5840.** Sally asked what the \$25K is going to be used for. Jeanne gave an overview of what the program is and how it will benefit USMS.
MSA – To approve the Budget in its entirety.

President Nadine Day conducted her closing remarks to the House of Delegates. Nadine thanked the members of the Executive Committee that have served the past four years, Dave Diehl, Ralph Davis, CJ Rushman and Mike Heather, Ed Tsuzuki.

Bill Tingley makes motion to adjourn the 2013 House of Delegates. Jim Wheeler Pacific seconded. The House of Delegates adjourned at 5:31 pm PDT.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christopher John Rushman
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