

# USMS Officials Committee 2018/19

<b>Committee Name:</b> Officials Committee	<b>Session #:</b> 5	<b>Report#:</b> 5
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Teri White	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Herb Schwab	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Teri White	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 6/5/18 5:30 PM PST	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. None

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 8	<b>Absent:</b> 3	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 3
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Teri White (Chair), Pat Baker, Virgil Chancy, Dave Coddington, Omar de Armas, Steven Goldman, Ex-Officio: Onshalee Promchitmart, Donn Livoni (Vice President)		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Herb Schwab (Vice Chair), Michael Abegg, Chris Lysinger, Judy Gillies, Ailna Perez de Armas, Jim Holcomb (Ex-officio), Casey Keiber, (USMS)		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM PST. Minutes of 4/3/18 meeting approved.

1. **Referee Certification Program.** Continued discussion on Referee certification program. Self-Training Guide focus of discussion, Mike not present to discuss. Agreed to get 'current copy' to committee members within 2 weeks for final comments before July meeting. Implementation date discussed, beginning of season? (Oct/November 2018?). Donn suggested 1/1/2019 to allow for preparation by LMSCs. General consensus agreed.
2. **Indianapolis Spring Championships.** Meet wrap-up and discussion. Steven and Teri shared observations, Judy and Herb also attended but not on call. Total 30 officials worked, very short staffed for two SC pools and 9-11 hr days. Poor support from local officials, 12 officials from out of state qualified for Travel Funds, encouraged some to work more sessions by promising USMS name tags. Meet Referee / Committee Liaison relationship not positive, access to addressing officials for USMS concerns, rules, processes denied. Comments that Indianapolis has always been difficult for USMS meets, concerns over lack of communication on assignments prior to sessions. Long days with short breaks very stressful to all (lack of officials, 8-lane pools). Recruiting for Orlando generated 4 interested in applying. Teri suggested we prepare document from Committee to future Meet Referees outlining partnership, responsibility and roles for USMS Committee Liaisons at Championship meet meets. Pat, Omar and Teri to create a draft.
3. **Officials Award.** Herb not on call. Confirmed deadline is 7/1/18, applications have been received but not sure how many. Teri to follow up with Herb for status for next meeting.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year / New Business

1. **Referee Certification:** Work on final clean wording, evaluate/develop educational materials for interested candidates, evaluate online testing site for hosting the USMS Supplemental Referee test. How to handle LMSCs with unfilled Officials Chair position? – this work is ongoing.
2. **Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs:** Work Group recommends we share the S&T and Starter PP presentations with LMSC Officials Chairs. Best avenue will be through our website, Onshalee directed us to send new/updated files for the website to [volunteer@usmsswimming.org](mailto:volunteer@usmsswimming.org) for uploading.
3. **National Championship meet support:** Florida (2018 UANA Pan American Masters Championship in Orlando) July 28-Aug 4 needs support, Teri reported 24 officials have applied to date, application on Meet site. Meet host has secured 'shared' hotel rooms for officials working 4+ full days of the meet so funds will be used to help with travel costs.
4. **USMS Officials website review:** Work group to continue analyzing for content, Virgil reported some difficulty in coordinating efforts, Judy traveling with very limited access to internet. Work is continuing.

5. **Convention** – who is attending? Steven, Omar, Alina, Virgil, Teri identified from the call. Do we want to get together socially? Timing might be difficult but to be discussed further. Steven and Omar have volunteered to help with Convention workshop if we are awarded one.
6. **Meet referees for 2019 announced** – SC Meet in Mesa, AZ will be Teri White, LC Meet in Mission Viejo, CA will be Omar de Armas. Commented that Committee should not have difficulty working with these two Meet Referees.
7. **Next Call** – July 3 date discussed – is this feasible with holiday? No problems reported so date stands

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM PST. Next call Tuesday 7/3/18 5:30 PM PST.

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