

USMS Officials Committee 2018/19

Committee Name: Officials Committee	Session #: 6	Report#: 6
Committee Chair: Teri White	Vice Chair: Herb Schwab	
Minutes recorded by: Teri White	Date/time of meeting: 7/3/18 5:30 PM PST	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 2	Number of other delegates present: 2
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Teri White (Chair), Michael Abegg, Pat Baker, Virgil Chancy, Dave Coddington, Omar de Armas, Ailna Perez de Armas, Steven Goldman, Chris Lysinger, Ex-Officio: Onshalee Promchitmart, Laura Hamel		
Committee Members Absent: Herb Schawb (Vice Chair), Judy Gillies, Jim Holcomb (Ex-officio), Casey Keiber, (USMS), Donn Livoni (Vice President)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM PST. Minutes of 6/5/18 meeting approved.

1. **Referee Certification Program.** Continued discussion on Referee certification program. Self-Training Guide focus of discussion, all had chance to review prior to meeting. Comments very positive, agree Guide is a Committee Reference document and can be modified continually as needed. Need to focus now on Testing Site, review all questions as some are clearly not appropriate for LMSC level meets. Onshalee confirmed we can use a website not hosted by USMS for testing. Referee program to be introduced at Convention, effective 1/1/19 but agreed that candidates could start training in the LMSC prior to that date.
2. **Indianapolis Spring Championships.** Teri reported that a “glitch” occurred with the Google Docs application for the Travel Stipend and one person submitted the form but it was never received. Resulted in having to request extra funds to cover eligible expenses, USMS granted request. Going forward candidates will be alerted to needing to receive an email confirmation from Google Docs to know their request was received. Close attention to Orlando meet needed.
3. **Officials Award.** Work group (Steven/Herb) met and discussed nominations received. Only one LMSC nomination received by deadline, Committee had also generated list of strong candidates and all were considered. Candidates included 2 Committee members who were asked to leave the call. Work Group recommended Pat Baker (multiple time USMS Championship Meet Referee, FINA Official, long-time Committee member, etc). Unanimous vote for Pat. Moved/approved Chair will select the final award design from Hasty Awards and order. Award will be presented at Convention during appropriate HOD session. All nominated persons to remain on our candidate list for 3 years from nomination year.
4. **USMS Officials website.** Work Group (Virgil, Judy, Chris) have continued efforts to review/update the site. Virgil suggested a reorganization of the main page and will post a mock-up on our Forum. Discussion on including “Situations/Interpretations” similar to the NFHS Rule Book to help officials better understand USMS rules. Judy (also member of USMS Rules Committee) to contact Cathy Kasey for published Q/A or Interpretations aimed at Officials.

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 for uploading.

3. **National Championship meet support:** Florida (2018 UANA Pan American Masters Championship in Orlando) July 28-Aug 4 needs support, Teri, Herb and Judy officiating. 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, work is continuing.
5. **Officials Credentials Card** – combine with OW? Teri reached out to the OW committee asking if they would like to add their certification to our card. There is interest but details to still be worked through. Conversation will continue at Convention.
6. **USMS Name Tags:** Teri ordered for Indianapolis, Orlando and Committee members not already possessing one. Will be mailed/distributed at UANA meet and Convention. Mentioned that we might have USMS pins, need to identify who has the supply.
7. **Dawson Hughes visit to Pacific Northwest LMSC:** Dawson spend a day with leadership of the PN LMSC ending with a meeting with Sarah Welch, Lisa Dahl and Teri White, focus on our National Championship meets. Excellent dialogue, Committee encouraged to request funding for the SC, LC Championships and the College Club meet in 2019. The CC meet will be outside of Atlanta for the first time since its inception and Committee support is welcomed. Onshalee reported that it is student-run with an Advisory Committee that we should contact. Convention might offer the opportunity.
8. **Convention** – no word yet on Workshop sessions for Officials, should hear soon. Michael, Steven, Omar volunteered to help with the presentation if awarded.
9. **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. Work underway on naming Lead positions.
10. **FINA World Championships 2019 South Korea:** USMS is trying for 2 positions at this meet, Committee needs to get application out to LMSC Official Chairs to share with all interested qualified candidates. Committee recommendations needed by end of year.
11. **Next Call** –Aug 7, 2018 5:30 PM PST.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM PST. Next call Tuesday 8/7/18 5:30 PM PST.
