

# USMS Officials Committee 2018/19

<b>Committee Name:</b> Officials Committee	<b>Session #:</b> 8	<b>Report#:</b> 8
<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> 9/27/18 2:00 PM EST	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

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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> 2
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Teri White (Chair), Michael Abegg, Pat Baker, Virgil Chancy, Omar de Armas, Judy Gillies, Ailna Perez de Armas, Steven Goldman, Ex-Officio: Donn Livoni (Vice President), Jim Holcomb (Ex-officio),		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> Herb Schwab (Vice Chair), Dave Coddington, Chris Lysinger, Onshalee Promchitmart (USMS), Casey Keiber (USMS)		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM EST. Minutes of 9/4/18 meeting approved.

1. **Update on USMS Certification Program.** 130 Certified USMS Stroke & Turn Officials as of 9/27/18 of which 57 are also certified as Starters. Of note only 26 of the 130 are currently certified as USA officials. Presented overview of the USMS Referee Certification program, implementation to be 1/1/2019. Details on testing requirements, deck mentoring and the Referee Self-Training Guide were reviewed for benefit of the audience. Excellent discussion on all aspects of the certification program. Program will be explained in detail at the Officials Workshop on Saturday. Teri asked if the USMS supplemental test developed for the Referee program would be appropriate for all USMS officials – at the S&T level instead of only at the Referee level. Discussed, decided to review and barring issues with the testing site, implement for S&T beginning 1/1/19.
2. **Officials Award.** Award will be presented at the Saturday PM HOD session, Teri will present. Process for nominating explained to the audience hoping to generate interest in more nominations going forward.
3. **USMS Officials website.** Virgil and Judy reported that they are able to review the existing materials though other Committee members are welcomed to help. Aiming for updates to be in place by end of year including updates for Training presentations and Referee Certification Program.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year / New Business

1. **Certification Program / Officials Training Materials for LMSC Officials Chairs:** Referee training materials presented, will be posted to the Website after communication strategy for LMSC Officials Chairs is formalized. The PowerPoint presentations for S&T and Starter to be posted on our site. Facebook page for USMS Officials – Bill Brenner spoke of the success of the Adult Learn to Swim Instructor page and what could be done with and Officials page. Audience members very supportive of this concept, see many communication opportunities to help train and support meets. National Office would develop the site, audience limited to Officials, Committee would monitor and answer questions. See as integral tool for the Certification Program.
2. **National Championship meet support:** Mesa and Mission Viejo meets need Applications to Officiate, we can use existing applications with modifications. Teri and Omar reported that 2019 Hosts are working on Officials blocks of rooms at very good rates. This will be ongoing dialogue with the Hosts. Majority of the Committee indicated that they are planning on attending one/both of the 2019 meets. Support the College Club Meet this year in Ohio on small scale to see what help is needed as meet has moved to a new location after 10 years at Georgia Tech. Judy proposed that the National Senior Games in Albuquerque, NM need officiating help (6/17-20/2019). Meet is run by USMS rules though all swimmers not USMS members. Need to investigate funding help from Senior Games and maybe USMS. Teri and Judy plan to attend to support.

3. **USMS Officials website review:** Work group to continue analyzing for content, work is continuing.
4. **Officials Credentials Card** – Open Water interested in putting their certifications on our Officials Credentials cards, discussion ongoing and may need National Office support.
5. **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. Teri will modify Budapest application for Korea and get to Committee ASAP for approval. Committee recommendations needed by end of year to National Office
6. **New Business item** – Donn passed along a special “Thank you” from the USMS Board of Directors meeting at Convention for the Officiating support of the 2018 UANA Pan American Masters meet generated by this Committee. Our funding enabled 11 officials to travel to support the meet, which was over 80% of officials on the deck.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM PST.

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