

ILMSA Conference Call Meeting, 6/4/12

Heather Howland, ILMSA Chair called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

Board members present were: Heather Howland, Chair; Heidi Kafka, Vice-Chair; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Ruth Giles-Ott, Secretary; Erik VanEtten, Registrar; Barbara Delanois, Finance Chair; Laurel Liberty, Coaches Chair; John Traynor, Open Water and Long Distance Chair; Mark Mattson, Sanctions Chair; Fred Pigott, Officials/Safety Chair; AJ Block, Fitness/Health Chair; Skip Montanaro, Record and Tabulations Chair, and Chris Colburn, former Chair.

Board members not present were: Michael McDonnell Communications Chair and Webmaster; and Rich Mueller, Officials Chair.

Agenda Items

1. John Traynor moved to authorize an ILMSA 2012 net over-budget estimate request of \$1,550 for the purpose of approving all ten submitted 2012 USMS Convention delegate applicants the opportunity to attend and participate in the convention. (See Attachment A). Barbara Delanois seconded the motion. Motion passed unopposed.
2. Fitness Chair A. J. Block reported on the fitness event, I Swam a Marathon. A 74 year old swimmer entered the event, although she is not a USMS member. A. J. is going to encourage her to join USMS. Barbara Delanois moved to authorize A.J. to give this particular swimmer a one year USMS membership scholarship, if ability to pay membership fees is an obstacle to her becoming a member. Phil Dodson seconded the motion. John Traynor noted that the scope of the motion was limited to this swimmer, and cautioned against setting a precedent. The motion carried unopposed.
3. Phil Dodson reported on the ASCA clinic. USMS provides coaches and materials for clinic. We find a local host. Revenue is shared between the host and USMS. The host receives 10% of the proceeds, and USMS receives 90%. Phil suggested it would be beneficial to negotiate a better deal for the host. No one stepped forward to be a host. An invitation to participate was issued via an email blast. Heidi Kafka volunteered to contact people about the program individually.
4. Barbara Delanois renewed tabled motion regarding ILMSA recognition of non-sanctioned community events. A.J. seconded the motion. John Traynor advanced the argument that making charitable contributions to community events constituted participation. Barbara called the issue to a vote. Fred Pigott seconded the motion. The call to vote was unopposed. The motion passed, with 6 yeas, four nays, and one abstention.

5. Phil Dodson renewed the tabled motion regarding the dispensation of ILMSA donations. Barbara Delanois seconded the motion, which passed unopposed. Phil reported that last year, members donated \$890 to ILMSA. Phil said that ILMSA does not have an identified need for the funds, and proposed allocating \$400 of the \$890 in donations to full needs-based scholarships for ILMSA membership. The scholarship would be issued on a case-by-case basis, subject to criteria and guidelines to be set forth by a committee. It was also suggested that some portion of the donations be allocated to providing hospitality to meet officials. Motion passes unopposed.
6. Phil Dodson further moved that \$300 be allocated to the Learn to Swim program. A.J. Block seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

New business:

1. Phil Dodson discussed Learn to Swim, a program designed to teach at-risk youth how to swim, and suggested ILMSA could create a program to teach adults how to swim. The template for doing so already exists, it would be a matter of coordinating volunteers. The program could last just a week long. Insurance could be obtained through USMS. It would involve 4 adult students per instructor, with perhaps two to three instructors participating in the program.
2. Barbara Delanois reported that she would file one consolidated convention plan to USMS. Making flight and hotel reservations, and finding a roommate, is up to individual board members.
3. Skip Montanaro reported that Top 10 submissions are due on June 3, 2012. He was waiting for Mike McDonnell to get back to him on an erroneous disqualification at the Illinois State Meet. In the meantime, he would send a provisional Top 10 for Illinois to the board. Fred Pigott said he would follow up on the disqualification. Laurel Liberty volunteered to help Mike, and stated that concerns about disqualifications should go through the meet director.

Heather Howland made a motion to adjourn. Ruth Giles-Ott seconded. The motion to adjourn passed unopposed. The conference call was adjourned at 8:25 p.m

Attachment A, John Traynor's email correspondence supporting his motion:
Good Morning, Heather & Ruth,

I am attaching the revised Motion (PDF) for your inclusion as a sufficiently advanced agenda attachment and consideration for the June 4, 2012 ILMSA BOD Meeting.

For FYI: I have put in red, below, so you know what I changed from the earlier email, as follows:

ILMSA BOD Motion: Authorize an ILMSA 2012 net over-budget estimate request of \$1,550 for the sole purposes of:

1. Approving all ten (10) submitted 2012 Convention delegate applicants the opportunity to fully attend and participate in the 2012 USMS Convention (each as either a voting or non-voting ILMSA delegate) and be eligible for ILMSA payment of 2012 Convention registration fees and reimbursement of related travel, lodging, and per diem expenses, per established ILMSA Policy on Convention expense reimbursement rates. Proviso: Any or all aforesaid applicants shall have made satisfactory contribution to the ILMSA organization within the definition of the ILMSA Policy approved at the October 6, 2011 ILMSA Members Meeting.
2. Allocating the ILMSA reimbursement funds to cover the eligible per diem only expenses of 2 ILMSA members who serve as voting members of the USMS BOD.

Rationale:

1. ILMSA has more than sufficient amounts of funds available to bank-roll an additional \$1,550 for the aforesaid purposes. I estimate that this over-budget request would be for:
 - A. \$160 for 1 extra ILMSA payment of early Convention registration fee.
 - B. Estimated \$950 for 1 extra ILMSA reimbursement of an ILMSA Convention delegate applicant's Convention related travel, lodging, and per diem expenses.

C. Estimated \$440 for up to 2 ILMSA members, who are voting members of the USMS BOD, to claim ILMSA reimbursement of 5.5-days of per diem expenses only.

2. I believe it is important to allow worthy new, young, and veteran ILMSA organization contributors, **Officers**, and USMS Convention goers to participate in the larger USMS Convention function, and learn/re-learn how their involvement on a national USMS level will directly and specifically benefit ILMSA and it's Members.

Background Information: Upon review, it appears:

1. 12 potential ILMSA member Convention individuals are vying for the estimated 9 ILMSA budget reimbursements for ILMSA Convention travel, lodging, & per diem expenses.

Note: Assumes:

- Up to 2 ILMSA USMS BOD members can take advantage of the current ILMSA Policy for guaranteed ILMSA reimbursement of eligible per diem expenses only.
- The remaining 10 ILMSA Convention delegate applicants are vying for the estimated 9 ILMSA budget reimbursements for ILMSA Convention travel, lodging, and per diem expenses.

2. 7 of the 10 submitted Convention delegate applicants are vying for the remaining 6 of the 9 budgeted ILMSA payments/reimbursement of Convention registration fees.

Note: Assumes understanding that USMS only pays for USMS BOD convention registration fees.

Note: 3 candidates are eligible for guaranteed ILMSA payment of Convention registration fees by virtue of their eligible HOD delegate status as voting members of either the USMS Legislation Committee or Long Distance Committee.

Therefore, of the 10 submitted Convention delegate applicants, there are seven (7) applicants seeking 1 of the 5 guaranteed ILMSA voting Convention delegate positions. This would leave 2 remaining candidates to fill the prospect of At-Large ILMSA voting Convention delegate status.

PLEASE NOTE: If ILMsa were to receive three (3) or more At-Large Convention delegate positions, then ILMsa would **NOT** have current applications to fill the 3rd or more At-Large delegates slot(s).

Respectfully,

John Traynor, Chair, ILMsa Open Water & Long Distance
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From: jctraynor@hotmail.com

To: chair@ilmsa.com; secretary@ilmsa.com

CC: jctraynor@hotmail.com

Subject: 2012 USMS Convention - ILMsa Convention Delegate Applicants & ILMsa BOD Motion

Date: Thu, 24 May 2012 12:11:05 -0500

Good Morning, Heather & Ruth,

The following Motion is put forth for inclusion as an agenda item and consideration at the next scheduled ILMsa BOD monthly meeting, as follows:

ILMSA BOD Motion: Authorize a 2012 over-budget request of \$1960 for the sole purpose of accepting all ten (10) submitted 2012 Convention delegate applicants the opportunity to attend and participate in the 2012 USMS Convention (as either voting or non-voting delegates) and be eligible for ILMsa payment of 2012 Convention registration fees and reimbursement of related travel, lodging, and per diem expenses, per established ILMsa expense reimbursement rates.

Rationale:

1. ILMsa has more than sufficient amounts of funds available to bank-roll an additional \$1960 for the aforesaid purpose. I estimate that this over-budget request would be for:

A. \$160 for 1 extra ILMsa payment of early Convention registration fees.

B. Estimated \$1800 for ILMSA reimbursements of 2 ILMSA attendees' Convention related travel, lodging, and per diem expenses.

2. I believe it is important to allow worthy new, young, and veteran ILMSA organization contributors and USMS Convention goers to participate in the larger USMS Convention function, and learn/re-learn how their involvement on a national USMS level will directly and specifically benefit ILMSA and it's Members.

Background Information: Upon review, it appears:

1. 11 potential ILMSA member Convention individuals are vying for the 9 estimated budget reimbursements for ILMSA Convention travel, lodging, & per diem expenses.

Note: Assumes only 1 of the 2 ILMSA USMS BOD members is more likely (than not) to take advantage of the current ILMSA Policy for guaranteed ILMSA reimbursement of eligible expenses.

2. 7 of the 10 submitted Convention delegate applicants are vying for the remaining 6 of 9 budgeted ILMSA payments/reimbursement of Convention registration fees.

Note: Assumes understanding that USMS only pays for USMS BOD convention registration fees.

Note: 3 candidates are eligible for guaranteed ILMSA payment of Convention registration fees by virtue of their eligible HOD delegate status as voting members of either the USMS Legislation Committee or Long Distance Committee.

Therefore, of the 10 submitted Convention delegate applicants, there are seven (7) applicants seeking 1 of the 5 guaranteed ILMSA voting Convention delegate positions. This would leave 2 remaining candidates to fill the prospect of At-Large ILMSA voting Convention delegate status.

If ILMSA were to receive three (3) or more At-Large Convention delegate positions, then ILMSA would not have current applications to fill the 3rd or more At-Large delegates slot(s).

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John Traynor, Chair, ILMISA Open Water & Long Distance

2012 USMS Convention – ILMsa Convention Delegate Applicants Motion

ILMSA BOD Motion: Authorize an ILMsa 2012 net over-budget estimate request of \$1,550 for the sole purposes of:

1. Approving all ten (10) submitted 2012 Convention delegate applicants the opportunity to fully attend and participate in the 2012 USMS Convention (each as either a voting or non-voting ILMsa delegate) and be eligible for ILMsa payment of 2012 Convention registration fees and reimbursement of related travel, lodging, and per diem expenses, per established ILMsa Policy on Convention expense reimbursement rates. **Proviso:** Any or all aforesaid applicants shall have made satisfactory contribution to the ILMsa organization within the definition of the ILMsa Policy approved at the October 6, 2011 ILMsa Members Meeting.
2. Allocating the ILMsa reimbursement funds to cover the eligible per diem only expenses of 2 ILMsa members who serve as voting members of the USMS BOD.

Rationale:

1. *ILMSA has more than sufficient amounts of funds available to bankroll an additional \$1,550 for the aforesaid purposes. I estimate that this over-budget request would be for:*
 - A. *\$160 for 1 extra ILMsa payment of early Convention registration fee*
 - B. *Estimated \$950 for 1 extra ILMsa reimbursement of an ILMsa Convention delegate applicant's Convention related travel, lodging, and per diem expenses.*
 - C. *Estimated \$440 for up to 2 ILMsa members, who are voting members of the USMS BOD, to claim ILMsa reimbursement of 5.5-days of per diem expenses only.*
2. *I believe it is important to allow worthy new, young, and veteran ILMsa organization contributors, Officers, and USMS Convention goers to fully participate in the larger USMS Convention function, and learn/re-learn how their involvement on a national USMS level will directly and specifically benefit ILMsa and it's Members.*

Background Information: Upon review, it appears:

1. 12 potential ILMsa member Convention individuals are vying for the estimated 9 ILMsa budget reimbursements for ILMsa Convention travel, lodging, & per diem expenses.

Note: Assumes:

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