

## ILMSA January 2023 Board Meeting

Time: Jan 9, 2023 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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### MINUTES

*M, S, A = Motion, Second, Approved M,S,T = Motion, Second, Tabled*

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order 7:32pm.

2. Roll Call

**Attendees:** Mike Hillemonds, Michael Abegg, AJ Block, Barbara Delanois, Phil Dodson, Tom Holmberg, Molly Hoover, Daniel Reisner, Andy Seibt, Ed Stranc, Michael Weiss, Absent: Marissa Filippo

3. Approval of December Meeting Minutes

**M, S, A to approve the December 2022 ILMSA Board Meeting Minutes as presented.**

4. Old business –

- a. Update on transition to new Web site - Consensus to keep old content as follows:
  - i. 4 years for meet results and financials, 2 years for Minutes. To provide information on how to request older documents. Secretary and Treasurer to keep permanent records of old un posted documents
  - ii. News letters – current copy to remain on bottom of first page, older editions to be saved under Membership page. Or current newsletter volunteer has not renewed his USMS nor club membership for 2023, so we need to look for a new volunteer

**M, S, A to approve Susan Scanlan \$2,180 web design invoice for 2022**

- b. Chair has sent emails to schedule: ILMSA State meet planning, Planning for inaugural ILMSA Hall of Fame induction ceremony and 2023 Budget planning
- c. Awards update – 2/1/23 is the deadline. Will soon send out one last eblast reminder to members. Board members may be nominated by a Board member only if no other member has been nominated by the deadline. Recommended to list prior Awards Winners on website.

5. New business –

- a. Tom Holmberg gave brief remarks on a 2022 review of our Investment portfolio. See Tom’s written remark at the end of Minutes.
- b. Michael Weiss, Treasurer gave brief remarks on preliminary 2022 financial results. We stated the focus should be on Net Operating Income, which is not distorted by capital gains and dividends.

- c. In discussing planning for 2023 budget, Dan Reisner made the points that our primary focus should be on spending to increase member's value, meeting member's needs with the ultimate goal to increase membership. Subsidizing State Meet, more socials, subsidizing local meets, assisting financially strapped clubs, subsidizing coaches education, possibly salaries, paying Club Assistant Fee for meet hosts were all mentioned. We need to hear from our coaches what they feel how ILMSA can support their clubs and members programs. Meet entry costs have gone up a lot recently especially with flat rate entry fees. Helping meet hosts defray costs would pass a little savings (entry cost) to the participants. Paying for club assistant was a popular idea.

**M, S, T to pay for all meets hosts Club Assistant Fees.** Motion was tabled to the February meeting to research costs and total costs of said motion on 2023 budget

- d. There was a discussion on the purpose of the ILMSA Investment Portfolio. It was stated that the strategic purpose of the portfolio was to subsidize the operating budget and reduce members ILMSA fees. When USMS went to a mandatory unified fee three years ago, ILMSA could no longer set nor reduce its fees. The purpose needs to change. Dan spoke to the need to view the portfolio as an endowment, not to be spent except for extraordinary purposes, but it is appropriate to spend its earnings if needed. Its purpose is to fulfil the IMSA Mission, to back stop the ILMSA spending budget in support of our members.
6. AJ and Phil agreed to help Mike A identify State records and top ten results that need updating
  7. **M, S, A to approve naming the State Meet first place large team trophy the Dave Ackerman State Meet Trophy** in recognition for his service and success as Evanston Masters' head coach from 1991 to 2003 and winner of 13 straight state meet titles for Evanston, among many coaching accomplishments
  8. Adjournment at 8:35 pm

### **ILMSA Investment Portfolio Report: 2022**

In the second half of 2021, the ILMSA transitioned the investment portfolio from a concentrated portfolio of individual stocks, to a diversified mix of index mutual funds and index exchange-traded funds. The objectives of the change were, 1) to broadly diversify portfolio exposure to reduce return volatility, and 2) to eliminate the need for the ILMSA Investment Committee to make individual stock trading decisions.

The resulting portfolio asset class targets are:

US Large Cap Equity 35%  
US Mid Cap Equity 20%  
US Small Cap Equity 10%  
International Equity 10%  
Emerging Market Equity 5%  
US Bonds 20%

In 2022, the first full year of the new investment policy, the total return of the ILMSA portfolio was (-16.6%). For the same time period, the total return of the portfolio benchmark, the S&P 500 Stock Index, was (-18.1%).

**Performance Attribution:**

For the year ended 12/31/22, the ILMSA Investment Portfolio outperformed the S&P 500 Stock Index by +1.5%. The primary source of this outperformance was the 20% allocation to Fixed Income (bonds). The Fixed Income portion of the investment portfolio had a total return of (-13.7%). This was significantly better than the performance of the benchmark. The other significant performance contribution came from the 10% allocation to International Equity, which had a total return of (-14.3%).

Total return for the other asset classes in the portfolio were as follows: Mid Cap Equity (-17.0%), Small Cap Equity (-19.8%), and, Emerging Market Equity (-15.5%).