

**ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call  
August 13, 2018  
DRAFT Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President; Marissa Filippo, Secretary; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Barb Delanois, Registrar; Mike Abegg, Chair Records & Tabulations Committee; AJ Block, Chair Health and Fitness Committee; Inge Clark, Chair Sanctions Committee; Molly Hoover, Chair Coaches Committee; Andy Seibt, Chair Long Distance Committee

**M, S, A = Motion, Seconded, Approved**

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

II. Approval of agenda

**M, S, A to approve the agenda with the addition of the USMS Rule Changes under new business per Mike Abegg.**

III. Approval of July teleconference minutes

**M, S, A to approve the July teleconference minutes.**

IV. Old Business

a. Mulliken award for Fred Pigott

Heidi has been in touch with Bob Zeitner. He strongly feels that since Mulliken himself received a certificate for this award, everyone else who receives the award should also too. Discussion occurred about the board's ideas for an alternative, including a laser-etched plaque or a claret jug.

**M, S, A to have someone find a higher quality award for this award.**

**M, S, A to volunteer Andy and Phil Dodson find a nicer award for 2019 and beyond (similar to a claret jug, for example).**

b. Reimbursement for Central IL/Swedish meet

People who fall into this category were reimbursed by Central IL Masters, funded by ILMSA. Do we want to do this again for 2019? Point of information, the reimbursements were sent on March 11, 2018 for last year's meets.

**M, S, A to encourage participation in both the Central IL Masters March meet and the Swedish Fish March Madness meet, if a swimmer competes in both meets the entry fee for the second meet of the weekend, will be refunded. The board should provide the funds to refund the entry fee (\$25 per person) for anyone who enters both meets in 2019.**

**We will decide again next year, if we want to do it for 2020, but will discuss a little earlier in the year.**

### c. Website-USMS Beta test

Tracy gave an update on the USMS pilot we agreed to be a part of with other LMSCs. There is no start date as of yet from USMS. David Sims had some comments that were unfavorable in nature about the USMS website, so we are not sure if we even want to participate at this point. The original vision was that USMS would provide a template website that LMSCs can use to help streamline the heavy lift of website redesign. The board discussed some of the less usable qualities of the new USMS website.

**M, S, A to revoke our participation in the USMS beta test in favor of hiring someone to do our own website.**

Tracy has requirements and criteria from when we previously started this project and will get some quotes for the board to consider. She'll reach out to the board if she needs any assistance.

### d. Coaches Symposium

Molly sent out the information for the event on September 15. We have 7 registered so far, plus 4 committee members. Molly anticipates 20-25 in attendance that day. Please contact Molly if you have any questions.

## V. New Business

### a. Northwestern shoulder clinic

Tracy gave an update on this topic. The M.D. who is running the shoulder study offered to do a shoulder clinic. Perhaps the clinic could be rolled into the coaches' symposium? We could find a 1/2 hour for her and reimburse her travel costs. If that's not of interest to her, we could figure out a separate event.

### b. USMS Convention Rule Changes

Mike Abegg provided the board with a briefing on rules changes being considered for convention to see if anyone has any feedback for the convention team prior to the house of delegates and committee convenings. The board discussed the following rule changes: R-4 (SCY relay age group rule change), R-5 (transgender athlete category additions), R-6, R-8 (prohibiting use of cameras in some areas of the venue--Mike suggests that officials are stretched at masters meets anyway, and we shouldn't try to enforce yet another rule.), R-11 (Permit the use of two valid watch times as a tertiary backup system to be recorded for USMS records in the event of automatic primary and semiautomatic secondary systems failures when automatic timing is used), R-12 (this is about cleaning up section 104 - Mike thinks this is going in the right direction, and that we can clean up this section but keep control of the national championships), U-5 (marking the deck at the 15-meter mark).

Phil asked a question about the full body suits being made illegal swimwear because we have a swimmer who uses one in order to accommodate his colostomy bag. Mike will pass on highlights of the board's discussion to the committee members he has access to.

## VI. Adjourn

**M, S, A to adjourn the call at 8:31pm.**