

**ILMSA Board Meeting by Conference Call  
September 10, 2018  
DRAFT Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Heidi Kafka, President; Tracy Lord, Vice President; Phil Dodson, Treasurer; Mike Abegg, Records and Tabulations Committee Chair; Inge Clark, Sanctions Chair; Molly Hoover, Coaches Committee Chair; David Sims, Finance Chair; Andy Seibt, Long Distance Committee Chair; Ed Stranc, Officials and Safety Committee Chair.

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

I. Call to order

Heidi called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

II. Approval of agenda

**M, S, A to approve the agenda.**

III. Approval of August teleconference minutes

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

IV. Old Business

a. Mulliken award for Fred Pigott

Andy sent some award options to the Board. Heidi spoke with Robert Zeitner and he recommended that if we do a different award, to retroactively create awards for all the past winners. Discussion occurred and by consensus, the board prefers the acrylic or glass award. The award should not "travel" among winners from year to year. David suggests that there be a page on the website that lists winners with a short bio for each recipient and then that becomes a "Hall of Fame" of sorts. Ed suggests that board members review what Andy sent, send any opinions to Heidi and then Heidi can proceed with the action dictated by consensus. Phil and Andy will work to procure the award(s) once it is decided upon. Discussion occurred related to the logistics of obtaining a picture for the photo etching. David suggested that we reach out to surviving relatives to see if they would like to receive the award in honor of past recipients. Heidi will reach out to Robert and follow up.

b. Website

Tracy is planning to meet with Dawson at Convention to discuss progress on what USMS has to offer LMSCs. Tracy will give us an update after Convention at which point we can decide whether or not to participate in the USMS website pilot group, or look for our own vendor.

c. Coaches SwimPosium

Molly gives an update on SwimPosium. It is this Saturday, and our registration numbers are up to 22. Registration will be open for the rest of the week. We are looking forward to it! She will give a report once complete.

V. New Business

a. Convention open water/legislation updates

Mike gives an update on this topic. The committee is recommending some new language about drones and cameras behind blocks at events. There is a recommendation for a fixed mark at

the 15-meter mark – duct tape or a cone will do! Open water/long distance: there is a recommendation to add language to more specifically define escort craft and how a swimmer can behave around escort craft. There is some clarification about personal buoys—it is up to the event director and groups swimmers who use buoys into the wetsuit category. In addition, there is a recommendation that if an event is stopped, the safety director must be involved in the conversation in which it is decided to resume the meet or event. For legislation – there is a proposal related to collegiate clubs and how they are registered with USMS. There is also a proposal to add/change language related to membership registration in USMS through LMSCs. Currently, all past presidents are non-voting members of the board. There is a proposal to remove all past presidents from the board except the immediate-past president. The Board of Directors is making a proposal that standing committees would not have to meet at Convention. The legislation committee is not recommending this. Four different committees have oversight over parts of the rulebook, and there is a proposal to consolidate those committees into one. Phil added that there are many proposals submitted by the board that would restructure USMS and how volunteers are utilized. The legislative committee is not recommending the changes and there could be some discouragement in terms of process and slow progress.

#### b. Sanctions

Inge delivered a verbal update on sanctions. Inge was able to get into the system after having been locked out. There is a meet coming up in October and will be working on getting the sanction completed for that. The other 4 sanctions that have been received are legacy dates/meets. Heidi and Inge have some housekeeping website items for Tracy that they will send to her separately.

#### VI. Adjourn

**M, S, A to adjourn the call at 8:06pm.**