

USMS COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD HOC ISHOF NOMINATING

Chair – Ginger Pierson
Vice Chair – Carolyn Boak

Committee Members: Peggy Buchannan, Rich Burns, Barbara Dunbar, Mel Goldstein, Dan Gruender, F H Ted Haartz, Graham Johnston, June Krauser, Stu Marvin, Walt Reid.
Executive Committee Liaison - Jim Miller

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The USMS ISHOF committee is constantly striving to improve its protocol for selection of a candidate representing USMS to propose to The ISHOF.

1. Inclusion of all categories (Pioneers and Contributors, Pool Swimming, Long Distance, and Coaches) for selection
2. Establish criteria for all categories
3. Nominations and selection of 2006 candidate

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approved new Selection Criteria to include all categories
2. Approved criteria for USMS Masters Nominee to The ISHOF in the Pioneers and Contributors category
3. Approved revised criteria for USMS Masters Nominee to The ISHOF in the Swimming category
4. Approved criteria for USMS Masters Nominee to The ISHOF in the Long Distance category
5. Selected 2006 USMS candidate to submit to The ISHOF
6. Updated database

AGENDA

Friday, September 17th, 8:30 – 9:30 am
Meeting Room - Knave

1. Bringing the induction ceremony to the USAS (How can we create the same ceremonial atmosphere?)
 - a. Celebrate the Honor Masters inducted in The ISHOF: Laura Val – 2003, Barbara Dunbar – 2000, Kelley Lemmon & Maxine Merlino – 1999, Graham Johnston & Jayne Bruner – 1998, Tim Garton & Gail Roper – 1997, Ray Taft & Ardeth Mueller – 1996, Gus Langner & Clara Walker – 1995.
 - b. Celebrate the USA Masters inducted in The IMSHOF: 2003 Inaugural Class: Gus Langner, Clara Walker, Ardeth Mueller, Ray Taft, Tim Garton, Gail Roper, Graham Johnston, Jayne Bruner, Kelley Lemmon, Maxine Merlino, Barbara Dunbar, June Krauser, Ransom Arthur; 2004 Class: Aldo Da Rosa, Mike Garibaldi, Paul Hutinger, Frank Piemme, Laura Val.
 2. Criteria for Coaches
 3. Future candidates
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HISTORY & ARCHIVES

Chair – Barbara Dunbar

Vice Chair – Meegan Wilson

Committee Members: Marcia Cleveland, Tom Hindle, Carl House, Wayne McCauley, Cris Meier-Windes, David Miller, Danielle Ogier, Gail Roper, Dennis Wilson, Mary Beth Windrath, Bill Volckening (Ex-officio). Executive Committee Liaison - Sally Ann Dillon

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The databases created by the History and Archives (H&A) Committee continue to be integrated onto USMS.org although at a much slower pace than originally anticipated and promised. Conversion and full integration of H&A stories and oral histories has not been accomplished nor has the development of tools to add, edit, and update. H&A is unable to add new stories and histories, update existing ones, or add new archive category pages. The web project to integrate All American and All Star listings onto USMS has not been completed. Despite these limitations, the Committee continues to be highly productive and has accomplished a tremendous amount during the past year. We were saddened to learn of the death of committee member Rick Meier-Windes in March 2004. A valuable and productive swimming community volunteer has been lost.

1. Archived USMS materials at the Henning Library (ISHOF) were reviewed with special attention to Top Ten Times lists, Masters Publications, All American and All Star lists, and National Results and Records in order to identify missing documents. Missing documents are being located and added to the archives.
2. Procedures for automatically archiving certain documents were implemented, and methods to guarantee that current documents will be archived are being investigated.
3. The research archivist continues to help other USMS committees and officers by researching, locating, and verifying swimmer's names, missing documents, times, records, and more.
4. The ongoing project to index swimmers and subject matters found in Swim Magazine was expanded to include photos.
5. The Rule Book project initiated shortly after last year's convention has resulted in creation of a document which displays each of the Rule Book covers since the first one in 1989 as well as the Dedication Statements and Artist and Designer Information Statements.
6. H&A reviewed and corrected the Sept. 11, 2003, meeting minutes and recommended approval as amended.
7. The H&A project to collect new photo images and to annotate and catalog images in the archive photo gallery continues. A "permission-to-archive/display-and-use-photo images" document is nearly complete with input from the USMS Legal Counsel, the USMS Administrative Assistant, and committee members. The next step to secure permission from the photo subjects and the photographers should be underway by convention time.
8. Stories and oral histories continue to be collected and edited and are to be integrated onto USMS.org as soon as the web project to convert and integrate the files and to create management tools is completed. Priority continues to be given to soliciting, writing, and collecting stories about older All American swimmers and prominent older swimmers whose volunteers activities have profoundly influenced masters swimming. Committee members have been particularly productive in writing and collecting stories.
9. H&A is striving to ensure that valuable masters swimming historical information, data, and documents are properly saved and made accessible.

ACTION ITEMS

1. The USMS Archive physical repository at the Henning Library (ISHOF) has been permanently added to the subscription list for the USMS Top Ten Times Publications.
2. The 09/11/03 meeting minutes were reviewed and recommended for approval with four corrections noted.

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AGENDA

Thursday, September 16th, 10:30 – 1200 pm
Meeting Room - Senate

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - II. Roll Call - Barbara Dunbar (Chair), Meegan Wilson (Vice Chair), Marcia Cleveland, Tom Hindle, Carl House, Wayne McCauley, Cris Meier-Windes, David Miller, Danielle Ogier, Gail Roper, Dennis Wilson, Mary Beth Windrath, Bill Volckening (Ex-officio), Sally Dillon (EC Liaison)
 - III. Approval of Minutes from Sept. 11, 2003 meeting
 - IV. Financial Report:
 1. 2004 Financial Report to date
 2. Proposed H&A 2005 Budget
 - V. Old Business: Update of task and projects September 2003 – September 2004
 1. Review of archived materials at USMS physical archive repository @ Henning Library, ISHOF
 2. Review procedures for automatically archiving certain current documents
 3. Research Archivist tasks
 4. Index of Swimmers Subject Matters, and Photos found in Swim Magazines
 5. Photo Image Projects
 6. Rule Book Project
 7. Update list of Olympians participating in USMS
 8. Stories about USMS Swimmers
 9. Status of web project #43 to convert and fully integrate H&A stories and oral histories onto USMS
 10. Status of web project # 36 to convert All American listings for integration onto USMS.org
 11. Status of web project # 37 to convert All Star listings for integration onto USMS.
 12. Existing H&A Mission Statement located
 - VI. New Business:
 1. Implement interim proposal for handling archive stories
 2. Acquire stories and publication quality photos from Swim Magazine for archiving
 3. Seek permission of photo image subjects and photographers to archive (post) photos on usms.org
 4. Discuss and define additional, limited photo uses by USMS and H&A and seek permission to use
 5. Sequester photos without consent "to use;" delete "permission-denied" photos.
 6. Follow up on database or web projects related to H&A
 7. Discuss inability of H&A to add new pages or files for new archive topics (not included in web projects)
 8. Discuss any topics arising from the Block 5 meeting which would pertain to H&A
 9. Other New Business
 - VII. Action Items
 - VIII. Announcements
 - IX. Adjournment
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RECOGNITION & AWARDS

Chair - Kathrine J. Casey

Vice Chair - Carolyn Boak

Committee Members: Cindy Baxter, Tom Boak, Hill Carrow, Kelly Crandell, Angie Friday, Gail Dummer, Steven Fair, Jack Geoghegan, Mel Goldstein, Dan Gruender, Edie Gruender, Ted Haartz, Brad Houston, Sarah Hromada, Paul Hutinger, June Krauser, Mike Laux, Jim Miller, M.D., Jane Moore, M.D., Hugh Moore, Amy Patz, Suzanne Rague, Walt Reid, Nancy Ridout, Sandi Rousseau, Joan Smith, Richard Smith, Bill Tingley; Mary Lee Watson. Executive Committee Liaison - Scott Rabalais

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The Committee's purpose is to review and approve proposals for all official USMS awards except competitive awards and to maintain a history of award winners. The Committee also administers the Ransom J. Arthur Award and the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award. There are two categories of awards: National USMS Award (Ransom J. Arthur Award) and Official Recognition (Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award, Coach of the Year, Newsletter of the Year, and the Raleigh Area Masters National Championship Award).

DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS

The committee has:

1. Continued to work on brief narratives of the reasons each Ransom J. Arthur recipient won the award and posting them on the web page,
2. Updated the Awards web page and awards lists,
3. Inserted revised and new language in the nomination instructions for the Ransom Arthur Award,
4. Conducted the nomination process for the Ransom J. Arthur Award and selected the winner,
5. Published articles in *SWIM* about the Ransom J. Arthur Award and the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award,
6. Solicited nominations for the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award and a subcommittee is in the process of selecting the winners, and
7. Researched all awards and honors presented to Masters swimmers.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Leo Letendre was selected as the 2004 Ransom J. Arthur Award winner and there was a presentation ceremony at Short Course Nationals in Indianapolis.
2. Nominations have been solicited for the Dorothy Donnelly USMS Service Award. The winners will be announced at convention.
3. Fitness award winners were added to the web page

AGENDA

Friday, September 17th, 9:45 – 10:45 am
Meeting Room – Great Hall Center

1. Ransom Arthur pin presentation
 2. Budget review
 3. Updated list of award winners
 4. Web page
 5. Fitness Award
 6. Review of all awards
 7. Communication award(s)
 8. Volunteer patch
 9. New business
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RECORDS & TABULATION

Chair - Pieter Cath

Vice Chair - Mary Beth Windrath

Committee Members: John Bauman, Vicki Buccino, Barbara Dunbar, Julie Heather, Carl House, Margie Hutinger, Ginger Pierson, Walt Reid, Jeff Roddin, Nancy Rosetti, Ed Saltzman, Joan Smith, Melinda Smith, Ed Tsuzuki. Executive Committee Liaison - Nancy Ridout.

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TOP TEN

Top-Ten Tabulations for 2003 Long-Course meters, 2003 Short-Course meters, and 2003/2004 Short Course Yards were sent to the printers and distributed. The World-Record listings in these publications were supplied by Walt Reid.

The Top-Ten information was also uploaded to the USMS web site. Individual data for recent years can now be edited. Editing capability for relays is under development. Ed Tsuzuki has been performing these tasks for the Committee.

Walt Reid continues to process all record applications and supplies the record information that is included in the Top-Ten Publications.

ALL AMERICANS

Individual and Relay All-American tabulations were completed. The Individual list appeared in Swim Magazine and the Relay All-American list was mailed to all members of the Committee and to representatives of the listed Clubs. Information for the All-Star listing was supplied to the National Office.

QUALIFYING TIMES

Tabulations of qualifying times for National Championships were compiled for SCY and LCM and sent to the Championship Committee.

SOFTWARE FOR TOP-TEN RECORDERS

Several Top-Ten Recorders are now using the software developed by Mary Beth Windrath with good results. This software has provisions for entering USMS registration numbers.

REGISTRATION NUMBERS

Most Top-Ten Recorders are now supplying registration numbers as part of their top-ten submissions. There are significant problems with this system due to typographical errors when these numbers are entered by meet directors or the top-ten recorders.

We will be discussing possible solutions at this year's convention.

AGENDA

Thursday, September 16th, 4:15 – 5:45 pm

Meeting Room - Senate

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Software for Top-Ten Recorders
3. Top-Ten Listing on the USMS Web Site
A Status Report
4. Experience with Supplying Registration Numbers
5. Task Assignments for Committee Members
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn