



## **UANA Masters Technical Committee Report April 30, 2015**

Chairman – Mel Goldstein

The UANA Masters Technical Committee continues to be very active since our last championship in Sarasota in 2013.

The committee adopted a new UANA Pan American Masters Championship contract, which provides additional revenue for the meet host by eliminating unnecessary expenses to the Event Host, which incurred in the past. The new contract also provides additional revenue for UANA. The acronym “UANA” is now part of the official name of the event. All future championships will be referred to as “UANA Pan American Masters Championships” . This contract will be in place for the 2015 championships in Medellin.

UANA Pan American Masters Championships have always been hosted on the odd years since 2005. In 2013 FINA made the change in the format of the FINA World Masters Championships, in that this event would now be held on the odd numbered years in conjunction with FINA Elite World Championships. Since we were obligated to the Colombian Federation who was hosting our 2015 Championships, the committee made the effort to seek bids for a 2016 championships. The committee received no bids to host a championship in 2016. Therefore the committee voted that our next UANA Pan American Masters Championships will be held in 2018. By moving to 2018 for our championship we no longer will be in conflict with the FINA World Masters Championships which always be held on the odd numbered years. The committee is now accepting bids to host the 2018 UANA Pan American Championships.

In our effort to make hosting the UANA Pan American Masters Championships easier, the committee developed an Entry Booklet template which all future Meet Host can follow by just adding the pertinent information regarding their event. The next project for the committee will be to develop an online registration system that will be combatable and viable for all federations who wish to host a championship's. By providing these services the committee feels we will attract more potential bidders.

We are looking forward to our UANA Pan American Masters Championship in Medellin, Colombia in June 2015. There have been two site visits to Medellin, working with the Local Organizing Committee and the Colombian Federation. This championship will be one of the most successful championships to date, with over

3000 master athletes expected to compete in all disciplines (*Swimming, Diving, Synchronized Swimming, Water Polo, and Open Water*).