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**UNITED STATES AQUATIC SPORTS  
AQUATICS COORDINATING BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2018  
JACKSONVILLE, FL  
MINUTES**

The following people attended the meeting: Steve McFarland (President), Laurette Longmire (Secretary), Tom Boak (Treasurer), Bill Smith (VP), Jim Sheehan, Dale Neuburger, Michele Mitchell, Dawson Hughes, Jeri Marshburn, Linda Loehndorf, Ginny Jasontek, Nadine Day, Megan Hansley, Mel Goldstein, Van Donkersgoed, Carol Zaleski, Ellaine Cox, Tom Gompf, Greg Eggert, Patty Miller and Jim Miller. Past USAS President Ross Wales also attended the meeting.

President McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:05am. A quorum was present: USA Swimming (Sheehan), USA Diving (Mitchell), US Synchronized Swimming (Loehndorf), USA Water Polo (Smith) and US Masters Swimming (P. Miller).

- A. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes of the May 19, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.

**MSP Sheehan**

- B. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

1. **Financial Position:** Treasurer Tom Boak distributed a balance sheet, as of September 23, 2018. Overall, USAS is in good financial shape and healthy.
2. **Internal Audit:** An audit was conducted over the summer with a Management Report dated September 2018. Recommendations were made with a response provided by Tom, Laurette and Mel. Overall, the recommendations spoke to more security and transparency and some segregation of duties. It was moved and seconded to approve the audit and response.

**MSP Smith**

The audit work was donated, no fee charged, by Suzie Shuck. President McFarland is to send a letter thanking her for her work on behalf of USAS.

- C. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

1. **USAS Mission / Vision:** The new, proposed USAS mission statement – To serve its member organizations by providing representation and advocacy within the international aquatics federation – was ratified by each member organization's Board of Directors. A recommendation was made to present the new mission statement to the Board of Trustees on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MSP Boak**

2. **FINA Bureau Succession Update:** President McFarland shared the recommendation of the Nominating Committee – Janet Evans – for FINA Bureau member beginning in 2021. She has served 17 years on the FINA Athlete Commission through 2 terms as a member and 2 terms as Chair. It was moved and seconded to name Janet Evans as the USA nominee to the FINA Bureau in 2021.

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3. **Chef de Mission Roles/Responsibilities Update:** It was agreed that USAS should continue to identify and fund Chef de Mission for the FINA World Championships. Christine

McMasters-Shah, from Synchro, is named as an Assistant Chef to work with Jeri Marshburn, Chef.

4. Code of Regulations – Legislation Proposals: Secretary Longmire presented the proposals to be voted upon at the Board of Trustees meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup>:
  - a. USAS Code 1 = FINA Bureau Succession: Approved with a revision – change member to nominee.
  - b. USAS Code 3 = USAS Member Organizations Vote: Approved as presented.
  - c. USAS Code 4 = Finance Committee & Formalize Treasurer/Controller: Approved as presented.
  - d. USAS Code 5 = USAS Athlete Representation: Tabled to May 2019 meeting due to questions regarding 20% vote, identification/selection, etc.
  - e. USAS Code 6 = UANA Membership: Approved as presented.

USAS Code 2 = Chef de Mission was not considered as a determination had not been made about continuing USAS Chefs. As a decision was made earlier in the meeting, this item will be addressed for approval at the 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.

Housekeeping items; like renumbering inserted items, formatting, etc.; are agreeable to be completed by the Secretary once the items are approved. Ross Wales, Past USAS President, shared background on the USAS structure. It was suggested by President McFarland that Ross work with the new President to craft a better description of who we are.

5. USAS Policies: Secretary Longmire briefly outlined the proposed policies to be approved. No revisions were made.

It was moved and seconded to present Code of Regulation revisions and Policies to the Board of Trustees for approval on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MSP Smith**

6. Athlete Mentor: Nadine Day provided an update of the activities that occurred during the Convention week – all athlete meeting, learned more about USADA and all athlete social was great! Athlete representatives are Megan Hansley, Synchro; Bryce Klein, Diving; Brenda Villa, Water Polo and Van Donkersgoed, Swimming. Athletes desire to talk about the future, like sports psychology, athlete webinars, etc. President McFarland thanked Nadine for her assistance. He noted that athlete representatives should be funded by USAS to attend USAS meetings moving forward.

#### **D. CONVENTION – UPDATE**

1. Convention Committee – Update: Nadine Day provided an update on the transition. The current Committee has been serving USAS for more than 20 years. During the transition period, 2019-2021, Nadine will be the Convention Committee Chair with Gay Wright as Vice Chair. Several people have been identified or volunteered to help during the transition and run the USAS Convention.
2. 2018 Convention: President McFarland recognized the wonderful work the outgoing Convention Committee had done for USAS. They demonstrated the best of what volunteerism is. They raised over \$1MM for USAS during their tenure and had fun doing it! Chair Ellaine Cox reported 1399 registrants so far for this year's Convention.

As we move forward, if USAS will still host an annual Convention, Ellaine may be useful in helping to contract with future properties, due the list of concessions and Hyatt relationships she has developed over the years. USAS will host the annual Convention through 2021. In May 2018 President McFarland asked should USAS consider 2022? Each NGB provided an update to that question:

- Swimming: Actively considering
- Masters: No objection to continue with USAS
- Diving: Yes
- Synchro: Yes
- Water Polo: Working to attend Convention

3. 2022: President McFarland noted that we need to start looking. Ellaine reported that she has some bids. It is requested to have 2022 bids be presented to the USAS meeting in May 2019.
4. Convention Committee Recognition: President McFarland asked for the ACB to consider a gift to the Committee for their long-standing work on behalf of USAS. His suggestion is an early May 2019 holiday in Scottsdale at a Hyatt property for the entire Committee. Estimated cost is \$20K. As the meeting concluded, it was moved and seconded to recognize the Committee with the retreat and present it at the banquet.

#### **MSP Boak**

#### **E. FINA and UANA EVENTS / INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

1. FINA Bureau Report – FINA Bureau VP Dale Neuburger shared the following topics:
  - a. International Swim League: A new organization offering larger prize money for a swimming event that would be held after the Short Course Worlds, mid-December 2018. The league could be the start of a professional swimming league. A MOU has been signed between FINA and ISL with an announcement by FINA to be made in October.
  - b. 110<sup>th</sup> FINA Anniversary: Secretary Longmire attended and provided a report of activities.
2. 5<sup>th</sup> FINA World Aquatics Conference 2018 – Hangzhou (CHN), 8-10 Dec;  
14<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships 2018 – Hangzhou (CHN), 11-16 Dec;  
FINA Swimming Coaches Golden Clinic – Hangzhou (CHN), 8-10 Dec;  
FINA Extraordinary Congress on Water Polo Rules – Hangzhou (CHN), 10 Dec; and  
UANA Extraordinary Congress – Hangzhou (CHN), 10 Dec
  - a. Attendee Final Nominations: Deadline to register is 31 Oct 2018.
  - b. Water Polo Congress Delegates: Water Polo will name the delegates to the Congress [Note: Chris Ramsey and Bill Smith were named.]
  - c. UANA Extraordinary Congress Delegates – rotation = SW (new Board Chair) & DV [Note: Bob Vincent and Tom Gompf were named.]
3. 2019 Pan American Games – Lima (PER), 27 July – 9 Aug
  - a. PAG Update: UANA President Dale Neuburger shared that the schedule for the Games in Lima has been set with no less than 7 days between Gwangju events and those in Lima. New facilities are under construction and should be great. Calls for Officials should be issued sometime this fall for the various disciplines.
  - b. UANA Congress, 5 Aug 2019 – rotation = SW (new Board Chair) & SY and will be finalized at May 2019 meeting
  - c. UANA Executive Committee – Nominees: Swimming nominated Van Donkersgoed and Synchro nominated Ginny Jasontek.

- d. UANA Technical Committees – Nominees: Outstanding nominees from Synchro and Water Polo:
    - Synchro: Betty Hazle and Denise Shively
    - Water Polo: TBD
4. 19<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships (2019) – Gwangju (KOR), 12 – 28 July; and  
18<sup>th</sup> FINA Masters World Championships (2019) – Gwangju (KOR), 5-18 Aug
- a. FINA General Congress, 19 July – rotation = SW & WP and will be finalized at May 2019 meeting.
  - b. Chef Update: From Chef Jeri Marshburn, little information has been received from the OC. She has connected with CAN and AUS to share information. Village will be the housing for all athletes with various room sizes, singles and doubles, available. She hopes to be on-site in November for meeting with the OC. It was strongly suggested to set athlete expectations accordingly for the village setting as to not affect their attitude and performance. Jeri will work with the USOC dietitians to look over proposed menus. It is believed that public transportation will be free to participants. A request will be made to house the USA in the same area and on lower floors. Private bus transportation is being looked into.
- Jim Miller, member of the FINA Sports Medicine committee, shared that a Poly clinic is being considered for the village, with 24/7 availability.
- As information has not been easily accessible from the OC, it was suggested and agreed that Jeri should attend the FINA Convention in Hangzhou as the opportunity to meet with the OC could be scheduled.
- c. USAS Luncheon: From Jeri, sites have been requested and no dates have been set yet.
5. Suit Concern: Carol Zaleski shared “Fix Your Suit” narrative and video that can be used to have athletes correct the positioning of their suit during competitive events. If an Official has a concern, they should approach the coach. Athletes in attendance were asked to share the concern within their sport to help educate their peers.
6. FINA & UANA Events: 2018 & beyond:
- a. Swimming     None
  - b. Diving        Working on
  - c. Masters        None
  - d. Water Polo    None
  - e. Synchro        World Series leg, Greensboro, NC over Memorial Day weekend

2019 UANA Junior Open Water event will be held in Pleasant Prairie, WI on August 19.

- 7. Max Ritter Award – Carol Zaleski reported she is soliciting nominations. Two nominations have been received, 2019 Pan American Games Organizing Committee and the Peruvian Swimming Federation. Discussion centered around preferences – OC vs. Federation – with an OC preferred as the recipient. It was moved and seconded to award the 2019 Max Ritter Award to the 2019 Pan American Games Organizing Committee.

### **MSP Boak**

## F. ELECTIONS

1. Sport Updates: Swimming will elect new members to the Board of Directors. Other sports either have no elections for new officers or existing officers are running for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

2. USAS Officer Nominees:

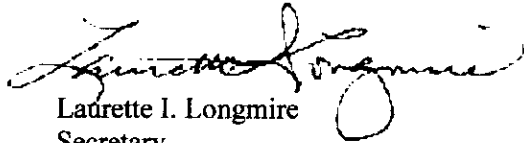
- Swimming Jim Sheehan, VP
- Masters Tom Boak, Treasurer
- Diving Kathy Dacey
- Water Polo Bill Smith, President
- Synchro Laurette Longmire

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. 2018 Max Ritter Award: Will be presented at the banquet to Frankie Flowers.
2. Women in Aquatics Award: Deb Turner was recognized for her service.
3. ISHOF Induction Ceremony: May 17-20, 2019 in Ft. Lauderdale.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58am.

Respectively Submitted,



Laurette I. Longmire  
Secretary