

MINUTES
US SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DALLAS, TEXAS
September 13-14, 2002

- I. Call to Order
- A. President Betty Hazle called the meeting to order at 8 PM and welcomed delegates to Texas.
 - B. A video of the 2002 Swiss Open was shown and those participants who were present were introduced.
 - 1. Coaches of the Team were Linda Witter and Sandra Mahoney.
 - 2. Athletes present were Beth Kreimer, Andrea Nott, Anna Eng, Kim Probst and Victoria Bowen.
 - 3. Irene Hawes was one of the judges who accompanied the team.
 - C. A Moment of Silence was asked in commemoration of Patriot's Day and September 11th.
- II. Introductions/Special Instructions
- A. Chris Vadala, USOC Director of Sports Partnerships, Leslie Gamez, Manager of Sports Partnerships for USOC, and Terry Harper, Synchro Executive Director were introduced.
 - B. Terry introduced the staff present.
 - 1. Brian Eaton, Media/Marketing Director
 - 2. Jodi Silotto, Programs Administrative Assistant
 - 3. Pat Kraft, Business Development Manager
 - 4. Jessica Wilkes, Publications Coordinator
 - 5. Scott Metzler, Membership Coordinator
 - C. There were 179 voting members present, 48 or 27% of whom were athletes.
 - D. Barbara Eaton, Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules. It was moved to accept the Standing Rules.

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 - E. Barbara Eaton read the Election Procedures. It was moved to accept the Election Procedures.

MSP Neel - Central California
 - F. Agenda¹ Changes
 - 1. Delete BOD Minutes of September 11, 2001
 - 2. Add BOD Minutes of September 10 & 12, 2002
 - G. It was moved to approve the agenda as amended.

MSP Neel - Central California
- III. Minutes – President Hazle read a synopsis of each set of minutes.
- A. It was moved to approve the Board of Directors' meeting minutes of September 14, 2001.

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 - B. It was moved to accept the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of September 15, 2001.

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 - C. It was moved to accept the minutes of the January 26-27, 2002 Board of Directors' meeting.

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 - D. It was moved to accept the minutes of the September 10 & 12, 2002 Board of Directors' meeting.

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 - E. It was moved to accept the Board of Governors' meeting minutes from September 2001 as corrected.
 - 1. Karen Rosolowski, Southern California corrected Item 16, A, 3, page 8. The 2 occurrences of the word 'budget' should be replaced with the word 'financial'.

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- IV. Treasurer's Report² – Karen Rosolowski
- A. The report is in the Convention Packet.
 - B. The Projected Year-End Report shows that we will not need to draw on Reserves this year.
 - C. It was moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as corrected by Karen Rosolowski.
- MSP Nichols - Michigan**
- V. Foundation Report³ - Gary Knowles
- A. The Foundation balance is approximately \$1.5 million.
 - B. The Foundation gave grants of \$89,250 in 2001 and approved grants totaling \$49,000 this year.
 - C. The Foundation is kicking off a fund raising campaign to enable increased grant amounts. Campaign Chairmen are Paulette Roche, Carol Valles and Dorothy Sowers.
 - D. Paulette Roche gave a presentation introducing the Founders' Society, the Foundation's Fund Raising campaign to add \$1 million to the Foundation Endowment.
 - E. Dawn Bean presented Gary Knowles with the 2001 United States Synchronized Swimming Award.
- VI. USOC Report⁴ – Nancy Wightman
- A. The report is in the Convention Packet.
- VII. Athlete's Report^{5,6} – Jodi Wiegand
- A. The report is in the Convention Packet.
 - B. The athletes elected Emily Marsh as recipient of the Ninetta Davis Award.
 - C. Jodi thanked everyone for their support during the past 4 years.
- VIII. Guest Speaker
- A. President Hazle introduced Steve Brunner, director of the USOC's NGB sports marketing.
 - B. Steve explained the Sports Partnerships Marketing Program and how the USOC works with the NGBs on marketing.
 - C. He gave a presentation and explained the status of sport sponsorships at this time.
- IX. Zone Reports
- A. North Zone⁷ – Joan McCord
 1. The report is in the Convention Packet.
 2. Zone Officers are:

a. Administrative	Marian Kretschmer
b. Education	Myrna Hagedorn
c. Officials	Shari Darst
d. Technical	Joan McCord
e. Treasurer	Amy McClintock
f. Secretary	Scotti Nichols
g. Protocol	Re Calcaterra with Linda Erholm
 3. M. Kretschmer announced that Barb Kuhl, former coach of the Cincinnati Sea Lions and recipient of the Coaches Award passed away.
 - B. South Zone⁸ – Margaret Forbes
 1. Zone Officers are:

a. Administrative	Pat Easterling
b. Secretary	Barbara McNamee
c. Treasurer	Genie Matherne
d. Technical	Ginny Chadwick
e. Education	Karen Norris
f. Officials	Pat Dyer

2. Peg Hogan was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame on May 10th as a Masters' Synchronized Swimmer.
 - C. East Zone⁹ – Sheila Wright
 1. The report is in the Convention Packet.
 - D. West Zone¹⁰ – Paulette Roche
 1. The report is in the Convention Packet.
- X. President's Report^{11, 12} – Betty Hazle
- A. Betty thanked the staff, volunteers and her family for their support.
 - B. She reviewed her 2-year term of office.
 1. Upon the retirement of the National Team Director, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee took the opportunity to review and reorganize the national office staff, geared toward future growth.
 2. The emphasis is for growth of our membership base, better education for members and increased revenue for growth.
 3. It has become very difficult to secure sponsors due to the weak economy.
 4. The IOC is recommending eliminating the Team Event in the 2008 Olympics.
 - C. There are some very good things happening within our sport.
 1. We have a great new sponsor and partnership with e-Synchro.
 2. The Coaches College is being reinstated.
 3. The first CCP Level 3 is being offered in December.
 4. The Summer in Synch pilot course was a success.
 5. A club marketing kit has been developed.
 6. The National Teams have made great strides and successes at every level.
 - D. Betty's Goal is to improve open, honest communication.
 1. E-newsletters have been started.
 2. A section of the web site is dedicated to updates from the BOD and Executive Committee.
 3. There is an open-door policy and Betty, the staff and the BOD are committed to responding to phone calls, e-mails and letters.
 4. All communications should be open, honest, courteous, timely and professional.
- XI. Executive Director's Report¹³ – Terry Harper
- A. Terry extended thanks to USOC's Chris Vadala, Leslie Gamez and Steve Brunner for the great help they give Synchro.
 - B. Terry gave an update on the Synchro marketing program.
 1. Synchro has developed a new brand featuring the Olympic rings.
 2. He showed the video put together by Tour Design to be sent to potential sponsors. This is also being provided to each club for their promotional use.
 3. The Web site has been upgraded and expanded.
 4. A licensing agreement with e-Synchro, to do Synchro merchandising, has been entered into.
 5. A new level of membership, the President's Club, has been established.
 - C. We need to promote our sport and our National Events.
 - D. Marketing needs to be a joint effort by everyone associated with the sport, not just the staff and Board of Directors.
- XII. Nominating Committee Report – Patty Flanagan
- A. The Nominating Committee Report was not published in the Convention Packet as required in the By-Laws. Executive Vice-President Patty Flanagan requested permission of the body to accept the Nominating Committee report today.
 - B. It was moved to accept the Nominating Committee Report.
- MSP M. Kretschmer - Ohio**
- C. Nominating Committee Report – Pat Easterling
 1. President Betty Hazle
 2. Olympic International Vice-President Laurette Longmire

3. Officials Vice-President Pam Edwards
 4. Secretary Kay Davies
 5. Treasurer Karen Rosolowski
- D. Nominations from the floor were opened for President. There were no nominations. It was moved to close nominations for President.
MSP Nichols – Michigan
 It was moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the office of President.
MSP Nichols - Michigan
- E. Nominations from the floor were opened for Olympic International Vice-President. There were no nominations. It was moved to close nominations for Olympic International Vice-President.
MSP Kretschmer - Ohio
 It was moved to elect the Olympic International Vice-President by acclamation.
MSP M. Forbes – S. Texas
- F. Nominations from the floor were opened for Officials Vice-President. There were no nominations. It was moved to close nominations for Officials Vice-President.
MSP Nichols – Michigan
 It was moved to elect the Officials Vice-President by acclamation.
MSP Nichols – Michigan
- G. Nominations from the floor were opened for Secretary. There were no nominations. It was moved to close nominations for Secretary.
MSP M. Forbes – S. Texas
 It was moved to elect the Secretary by acclamation.
MSP M. Forbes - S. Texas
- H. Nominations from the floor were opened for Treasurer. There were no nominations. It was moved to close nominations for Treasurer.
MSP Nichols – Michigan
 It was moved to elect the Treasurer by acclamation.
MSP Nichols – Michigan
- I. Nominations for the National Team Program Committee are: Sue Ahlf, Lori Barbaglia, Patti Barton, Margaret Forbes, Sue Johnson, Don Kane, Shannon Korpela, Marian Kretschmer, Joyce Lindeman, Carole Mitchell, and Joyce Pietras. Gail Emery, Sandra Mahoney, Heather Olson, Khadija Strong, and Linda Witter were removed, as they are part of the National Team Coaches Pool, therefore ineligible.
1. Nominations from the floor were opened for the National Team Program Committee. Kim Wurzel was nominated.
 2. It was moved to close nominations for the National Team Program Committee.
MSP Nichols – Michigan
- J. Nominations for Foundation Trustees are: Sue Ahlf, Kay Davies, Ike Eytchison, Norma Longmire, Barbara McNamee, Paulette Roche, Dottie Sowers, Jeanne Struck and Carol Valles.
1. Nominations from the floor were opened for Foundation Trustees. Judy McGowan was nominated.
 2. It was moved to close nominations for Foundation Trustees.
MSP Nichols – Michigan
- K. Nominations for BOG At-Large Delegates are: Sue Ahlf, Karen Alvarez, Rita Barr, Patti Barton, Charlotte Davis, Laura Ehrenreich, Gail Emery, Harry Forbes, Betty Gaitsch, Jennie Harper, Barbara Harrell, Irene Hawes, Katy Johnson, Sue Johnson, Tori Johnson, Ed Kaminski, Barbara Kaufmann, Laura LaCursia, Debbie Latchford, Joyce Lindeman, Norma Longmire, Patti Melber, Heather Olson, Joyce Pietras, Jan Raio, Khadija Strong, Christina Todd, Inga Todd, Becky Trombley, Carol Valles, Mary Ellen Wiegand, and Robert Wiegand.
1. Inga Todd, Jennie Harper, Jan Raio, Sue Ahlf and Betty Gaitsch were removed from the nominee list, either by their request or because they were not present.

2. Nominations from the floor were opened for BOG At-Large Delegates. Linda Witter, Ruth Thompson, Shannon Montague, Susan Greenfield, Betsy McGeoch, Kristen Kramer, and Pete McGeoch were nominated.
3. It was moved that the nominations for BOG At-Large Delegates be closed.

MSP Nichols – Michigan

- L. Balloting opens at 8:00 AM, Saturday, September 14, 2002 and will close at 8:50 AM. Badges must be presented in order to vote.

XIII. Executive Vice-President's Report¹⁴ – Patty Flanagan

A. History Committee¹⁵ – Dawn Bean

1. The Committee will continue to collect articles, magazines and newspapers of national interest. This information will eventually be placed in the Hall of Fame.
2. The Committee would also like any personal scrapbooks that might be of interest.

B. Membership Committee¹⁶ – Becky Probst

1. The Membership Committee was directed to restructure the membership categories and to cover the increased cost of insurance in the fee structure.
2. The Committee is recommending a plan¹⁷ with Membership costing \$40/athlete for all athletes, except recreational swimmers, and \$215/club for all clubs, except recreational.
3. It was moved to send the membership plan to committee and let them come up with something at the end of day that is more equitable for each athlete.

MSP Benzie – San Diego

4. The Membership Committee is also suggesting rewording Appendix C, (4) and (11)¹⁸ to establish a Recreational membership and a Recreational Club. It was moved to accept this definition. It was moved to amend the motion to change the words "Association Championships" to "Association Competitions"

MSF Neel - Central California (amendment)

It was moved to amend the motion to delete the limitation of time in Appendix C, (4). The first sentence would read, "Recreational membership: athletes who do not participate in Association Championships as defined in the Rulebook."

MSF Renardson – Alaska (amendment)

It was moved to refer the Recreational membership back to Committee.

MSP McGowan - Maryland

It was recommended that the Committee consider eliminating, "as defined in the Rulebook" in the definition.

5. The Membership Committee recommended, and it was moved, to remove the Affiliate, Allied and National Business Groups as Membership Groups. This would be conditional until it is checked with the USOC Constitution.

MSP McGowan – Maryland

6. It was moved to remove the Foreign Individual category of membership.

MSP McGowan – Maryland

7. A straw vote was taken that determined the majority favored a sliding scale for club memberships, dependent on club size.

C. Law & Legislation Report¹⁹ - Becky Meitin

1. It was moved to accept the report from the Law & Legislation Committee²⁰.
 - a. Items to be pulled were 10a, 26, and 27.

MSP T. Roche – PNW (motion minus pulled items)

2. Item 10a
 - a. It was moved to amend Article 5, Section 5.07, D, 1, 'that the committee shall make recommendations to the Marketing Vice-President. The Marketing Vice-President shall present the selections to the Board of Directors for approval.' And amend Section 5.07, D, 2, to read the composition of the Championship Sites committee shall consist of the following members: Eight zone reps, two from each zone elected by the respective zones, the Marketing Vice-President and that

number of athletes necessary to make 20 percent, who will have a vote. The Media/Marketing Director, the Executive Director and the Business Development Manager would be in an advisory capacity.”

MSF M. Forbes – S. Texas

- b. The original item as presented was passed.
- 3. Item 26
 - a. It was moved to accept Item 26.” It was moved to amend the Item to read, ‘...swimming activity, event or exhibition...’

MSP Davis – PNW (amendment)

MSP Price – Arizona

- 4. Item 27, to be added as Appendix O
 - a. It was moved to approve Item 27.

MSP Neel – Central California

XIV. Olympic International Vice-President^{21, 22} – Laurette Longmire

- A. National Team Program Committee²³ -The Elite Athlete Plans include several items recommended for approval. (pgs 9-12)
 - 1. The Olympic Duet Selection Procedures will have the same format as the Olympic Games which is believed to be 50% Preliminary Tech Routine, 50% Preliminary Free Routine, 50% Final Free Routine.
 - 2. Establish a subcommittee to address revisions and updates of the ACE program.
 - 3. The selection procedures should be updated to reflect that the scoring staff for National Team Trials and Olympic Trials should be persons unaffiliated with any swimmer.
 - 4. National Team 1 Training Squad athletes 11-13 who are not selected for World Championships and Pan Am Games should be allowed to continue training with the team while not participating with Team 2.
 - 5. Funding needs to be made available for the ACE and Talented Athlete programs.
 - 6. Revisions were proposed for the Technical Element Testing.
 - 7. How to keep Junior-aged swimmers focused on the Junior program.
 - 8. 2004 Junior and Senior Team Selection Procedures, with minor corrections.
 - 9. It was moved to accept the National Team Program Committee report, as submitted.

MSP Price - Arizona

- B. International Relations Committee²⁴
 - 1. Officials Certification Policy (Appendix G) – concern has been expressed about the status of maintenance requirements of FINA judges. No International Relations policy is being considered, but recommendations are being made to the Officials Board.
 - a. Add National Team Trials as an event for maintenance requirements for FINA/ASUA judges.
 - b. Remove the requirement to attend a Regional or Zone Championship each year.
 - c. Don Kane was thanked for all his efforts in supporting US Synchronized Swimming as a G, B and A judge, and for traveling with the national teams over the years. He received a standing ovation.
 - 2. Revisions to Appendix N, Section 1.03 regarding selection of judges for Team Trials were approved.
 - 3. The Committee recommends nominating USSS personnel for positions in ASUA first and USAS second. They will also develop a 10-year plan for expanding US involvement in PASO and ASUA.
 - 4. International Travel Policies
 - a. It is being recommended that Article 25, Section 25.05.A. be amended to read ‘members of the Corporation’ rather than ‘athletes or club members’ in 3 places.

- b. Consequences will be established following a review of practices by other sports.
- c. All invitations to international events must be received from the Federation Office and sent to USSS National Office.
- d. The National Office should be notified of border competitions and issue official invitations.
- e. Masters are asked to follow the Club Option policy when attending international competitions.
- 5. Recommendations for ASUA and 2003 World Championship positions were made to the Board of Directors.
- 6. It was moved to approve the International Relations Committee report that was presented today as well as the one in the packet. It was moved to amend Item 2, 4, f, of the report to exclude immediate family members from judging family members for any level of trials (Appendix N, Section 1.03).

MSF Barton – Southwestern (amendment)

MSP Pietras – Middle Atlantic

- C. FINA Report²⁵ – is in the Convention Packet.
- D. ASUA Report²⁶
 - 1. The report is in the Convention Packet.
 - 2. Don Kane thanked his extended family for their cards, flowers, e-mails, phone calls and support during the summer.
- XV. Treasurer's Report^{27, 28} – Karen Rosolowski
 - A. The Finance Committee recommended accepting the proposed budget²⁹ with several restrictions.
 - 1. Educational programs are conducted at a break-even basis.
 - 2. The budget is reviewed again in January by the Board of Directors to determine if any changes need to be made.
 - 3. If changes need to be made after the January review, Marketing expenses should be the first area of reduction.
 - B. It was moved to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

MSP Nichols – Michigan

- XVI. Marketing Vice-President's Report³⁰ – Ted Roche
 - A. Awards Committee³¹ – Dawn Bean
 - 1. Awards still under consideration are:
 - a. Women's Sports Foundation
 - 1) Contemporary Athlete – Becky Dyroen-Lancer
 - 2) Coach – Charlotte Davis
 - 3) Pioneer - Dawn Bean
 - b. International Swimming Hall of Fame
 - 1) Contributor – Joy Cushman
 - 2) Athlete – Becky Dyroen-Lancer
 - 3) Pioneer – Re Calcaterra
 - 4) Coach – Chris Carver
 - 2. An award for the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Hall of Fame has been donated, by Dawn Bean, to the International Swimming Hall of Fame, in memory of Ross Bean. It is a jade sculpture, which will list all recipients, athletes and contributors, and will be dedicated at the 2003 ISHOF induction ceremony. It was moved that the organization thank Dawn for her generosity in endowing a permanent place for the names of those people in the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Hall of Fame. The organization would also like to honor Ross for all he did for the sport through the years.

MSP McGowan – Maryland

3. 2002 All Americans
 - a. Senior Team 1
 - 1) Alison Bartosik, Santa Clara
 - 2) Tammy Crow, Santa Clara
 - 3) Becky Jasontek, Walnut Creek
 - 4) Anna Kozlova, Santa Clara
 - 5) Tracy Long, Walnut Creek
 - 6) Sara Lowe, Santa Clara
 - 7) Bill May, Santa Clara
 - 8) Lauren McFall, Santa Clara
 - 9) Andrea Nott, Santa Clara
 - 10) Gina Pietras, Walnut Creek
 - b. Senior Team 2
 - 1) Victoria Bowen, Ohio State
 - 2) Erin Dobratz, Stanford
 - 3) Mary Hofer, Ohio State
 - 4) Kate Hooven, Walnut Creek
 - 5) Becky Kim, Walnut Creek
 - 6) Ashley McHugh, Walnut Creek
 - 7) Stephanie Nesbitt, Riverside Aquettes
 - 8) Kim Probst, Walnut Creek
 - 9) Courtney Stewart, Riverside Aquettes
 - 10) Kendra Zanotto, Santa Clara
 - c. Junior All Americans
 - 1) Kate Hooven, Walnut Creek
 - 2) Becky Kim, Walnut Creek
 - 3) Kim McKinley, Santa Clara
 - 4) Elizabeth-Ann Markman, Riverside Aquettes
 - 5) Ashley McHugh, Walnut Creek
 - 6) Stephanie Nesbitt, Riverside Aquettes
 - 7) Cassidy Ramage, Riverside Aquettes
 - 8) Ashley Rule, Santa Clara
 - 9) Courtney Stewart, Riverside Aquettes
 - 10) Juliana Villa, Riverside Aquettes
 - d. The list of Senior Team 2 and Junior All Americans was referred back to Dorothy Sowers as it was questioned as to whether foreign athletes could be named as All Americans.
 - e. Collegiate Athlete of the Year - Lindsay Kaufman, Univ. of Iowa
 - f. Collegiate Coach of the Year – Linda Witter, Ohio State
 - g. Collegiate Contributor – Marian Kretschmer, Dayton, Ohio
 - h. May McEwan Masters Athlete of the Year – Holly Kyle, Redwood Empire Club, Santa Rosa, CA
 - i. Ninetta Davis Athletes’ Representative Award – Emily Marsh
 - j. Age Group Development Coach of the Year – Samantha Derrick, Rochester Dolphins
 - k. Age Group Coaching Merit Award – Walnut Creek Age Group Coaches: Laura LaCursia, Yung Shin Chun, Lianne Cameron-Vrielink and Tina Kasid
 - l. USOC Developmental Coach of the Year – Laura LaCursia
 - m. US Synchro Community Service Award – Walnut Creek
 - n. US Synchronized Swimming Award – Ohio State Athletic Department
 - o. US Synchro nominee for Paragon Award – Sue Ahlf
 - p. 2002 USSS Hall of Fame Contributor – Norm Donofrio
 - q. 2002 USSS Hall of Fame Athlete – Jill Sudduth
 - r. USSS Athlete of the Year – Anna Kozlova
 - s. USSS Coach of the Year – Chris Carver

- t. Lillian MacKellar Distinguished Service Award – TBA
(Announced later at the USAS banquet, the recipient was Mary Ellen Wiegand)
 - B. Image and Promotion³² – Jill Ranucci
 - 1. The report³³ is filed.
- XVII. Election Results
 - A. National Team Program Committee – Patti Barton, Don Kane, Joyce Lindeman, Carole Mitchell, Kim Wurzel
 - B. Foundation Trustees – Kay Davies, Judy McGowan, Barbara McNamee, Dottie Sowers, Jeanne Struck, Carol Valles
 - C. BOG At Large Delegates – Karen Alvarez, Rita Barr, Patti Barton, Charlotte Davis, Gail Emery, Barbara Harrell, Irene Hawes, Sue Johnson, Ed Kaminski, Kristen Kramer, Laura LaCursia, Joyce Lindeman, Norma Longmire, Betsy McGeoch, Shannon Montague, Heather Olson, Joyce Pietras, Khadija Strong, Ruth Thompson, Christina Todd, Becky Trombley, Carol Valles, Mary Ellen Wiegand, Robert Wiegand, Linda Witter
 - D. It was moved to accept the report of the Election Committee.
MSP Nichols – Michigan
- XVIII. Officials Vice-President³⁴ – Pam Edwards
 - A. The report is in the Convention Packet.
 - B. Officials Testing Committee – Mary Ellen Wiegand
 - 1. The report is in the Officials Report.
 - 2. Several judges have upgraded this year.
 - a. Level 8 – Linda Loehndorf – she has been put on the FINA list
 - b. Level 7 – Bill McClelland
 - c. Level 6 National – Becky Meitin, Jeanne Struck
 - d. Level 6 Figures – Sandra Mahoney, Kathryn Freer, Jill Ranucci
 - e. Ted Roche and Shannon Korpela are ready to take orals for their Level 6 National rating.
 - f. Jack Benzie is ready for orals for his Level 6 Figures.
 - C. Officials Evaluation³⁵ – Sue Johnson
 - 1. The evaluations have changed this year.
 - 2. Evaluations try to show strengths and weaknesses and help judges training know what we need to improve.
 - 3. The last page of judges' evaluation should not be published. Please do not distribute this page.
 - D. All judges who attended 3 or more meets during the year were recognized. These were Pam Edwards, Ike Eytchison, Margaret Forbes, Betty Hazle, Betty Hess, Marian Kretschmer, Linda Loehndorf, Ted Roche, Jeanne Struck, Carol Tackett, Sue Ahlf, Gail Emery, Lorraine Fasullo, Carol Mellows, Nancy Wightman, Emma Gene Edwards, Del Neel, Kris Olson, Joyce Pietras, Donn Squire, Shari Darst, Ginny Jasontek, Debbie Latchford, Marie Roy and Mary Ellen Wiegand.
 - E. Officials Board³⁶
 - 1. The Board is recommending revising Appendix G and adding a Fast Track judges' certification and a mentor program.
 - 2. It was moved to accept the Officials Vice-President Convention Report.
MSP Nichols – Michigan
- XIX. Technical Vice-President³⁷ – Betty Hess
 - A. All reports, except Figures, Championship Sites, and Rules are filed^{38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43}.
 - B. Figures Committee Report⁴⁴ – Del Neel
 - 1. The Committee recommends approval of Items 2, 3, 4, and 6 and rejection of Item 5.
 - 2. Items 1 and 5 were pulled.
 - 3. Item 1 – Figure Rule II, D⁴⁵. It was moved to accept the Rule as amended.

MSP Paulk – Florida

4. Item 5 – It was moved to amend the original item to read, “rearrange all figure descriptions in alphabetic order, rather than numerically, but keep the same numbers.”

MSP Lawton – Gulf (amendment)

Motion passed as amended

5. It was moved to accept the Figures Report as amended.

MSP Nichols – Michigan

C. Championship Sites Report⁴⁶ – Mary Ellen Wiegand

1. Sites suggested by the committee for 2004 Championships are:
 - a. Collegiate Univ. of Mich. Mar 25-27
 - b. Juniors Orlando, FL April 1-4
 - c. U.S. Nationals Stanford, CA April 22-24 or Apr 29-May 1
 - d. Age Groups Indianapolis, IN June 25-July 4
 - e. Open New Orleans, LA July 18-24 or July 25-31
 - f. Masters Roseville, CA Oct 14-17
2. It was moved to accept the recommendations of the Championship Sites Committee.

MSP Nichols – Michigan

D. Rules Committee Report^{47, 48} – Carole Mitchell

1. Items that must be pulled are Items 30, 50, 49B, 49C, 49D, 51, 54, 55, 56 and 49A as they need a 90% vote or it is recommended they be amended from what was presented earlier. Item 56 should read, ‘...Individual Technical Routines,...’
2. It was moved to approve the items recommended for approval by the Rules Committee.

MSP Nichols – Michigan

3. It was moved to reject Items 18, 31, 32, 33, 38, 48, and 52, as recommended by the Committee.

MSP McGowan – Maryland

4. Item 49 A – **Passed, as amended, by 90%.**
5. Item 56 – **Passed, by 90%.**
6. Item 49 B – **Passed, by 90%.**
7. Item 49 C – **Passed, by 90%.**
8. Item 49 D – **Passed, by 90%.**
9. Item 51 – **Passed, by 90%.**
10. Item 54 – **Passed, by 90%.**
11. Item 55 – **Passed, by 90%.**
12. Item 50 – **Passed**
13. Item 30 – **Passed**
14. It was moved to accept the Rules Committee Report as amended.

MSP Nichols – Michigan

E. Collegiate Report⁴⁹ – Nancy Wightman

1. The Collegiate Committee created a resolution as follows: “To ensure the conduct of an NCAA Collegiate Championship, the Collegiate Committee, representing 300 athletes in over 15 states, coaches, clubs, alumni and parents hereby resolve: That the USSS Board of Directors make a *firm financial commitment* during 2003 to the hiring and maintenance of a full-time position dedicated to increasing varsity programs.” It was moved that this committee support the resolution.

MSP Olson – Pacific

- XX. It was moved to reconsider Item 27 of Law & Legislation.

MSP Neel – Central California

- A. Appendix O as approved did not give the athletes a true 20 % vote. It was moved to amend Numbers 2, 3 and 4 of Appendix O to read:

- # 2. The total number of qualified voting members of the unit, not including athlete reps, is divided by .8 (80%).
- # 3. The number of non-athlete reps is subtracted from the result of Number 2.
- # 4. The result of Number 3 is then divided by the number of athlete reps and shall be called the weighted factor for each athlete rep vote.

MSP Gilliam – Missouri Valley (amendment)

- B. It was moved to accept Appendix O as amended.

MSP Nichols – Michigan

XXI. Membership Committee Proposal⁵⁰ – Becky Probst

- A. Appendix C – Fee Schedule – Under Memberships, the following changes are recommended:

- 1. Athlete
 - a. Change D. to Recreational
 - b. Add E. Seasonal
- 2. Individual
 - a. Combine Booster and Association Judge
 - b. Eliminate Foreign
 - c. Add President's Club
- 3. Groups – Replace entire section with '**Club Registration**'

- B. Under Membership Information – the following changes are recommended:

- 1. Replace (4) Novice with (4) **Recreational** Membership
- 2. Add new (5) **Seasonal** Membership
- 3. Renumber Technical, Booster and Association Judge.
- 4. Delete Foreign Individual
- 5. Delete Limited Club, Affiliate and Allied
- 6. Add description of President's Club.

- C. It was moved to accept the Membership Categories. The wording was changed to 'additional fees shall be assessed' rather than 'will be assessed.' The committee chair will add wording to the definitions regarding upgrading from seasonal to recreational, as housekeeping.

MSP Nichols – Michigan

- D. It was moved to accept the Membership Fee proposal as presented. As housekeeping, 'Club' will be further defined as having at least 2 athletes.

MSP Flanagan – New England

- E. Eleven new Life Members signed up at this Convention. They are Jennifer Arenz, John Benzie, Amy McClintok, Tammy Miller, Kristen Price, Kim Probst, Jan Raio, Nancy Rosengard, David Scoons, Joanna Scoons and Hallie Todd.
- F. Carol Valles is the first charter member of the President's Club.
- G. It was moved to accept the Membership Committee report.

MSP Nichols – Michigan

- H. Terry Harper explained the President's Club concept.
 - 1. This is a higher level of membership with a significant commitment, but offers an opportunity for savings if members belong long enough.
 - 2. The fee is \$1,000 a year for a minimum of 5 years.
 - 3. If the fee is paid for 10 years, the member is not only a life member of the organization, but also a life member of the President's Club.
 - 4. Half of the money the President's Club member pays goes into an expense line to be used at the President's discretion to fund programs or projects the President deems worthwhile, but could not be afforded under the regular budget. The other half of the money goes to the annual budget.
 - 5. The President's Club members will meet once a year with the President and do something special. At this meeting the members may also give ideas as to how they think the funds should be spent.
 - 6. First editions of everything published by the Office will be sent to members.

- I. It was moved to approve amending Administrative Rule, Article 20, Section 20.06, Athlete Member Categories, to match up with the recommendations from the Membership Committee.

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- XXII. Education Vice-President⁵¹ – Karen Paulk
- A. All reports are filed^{52, 53, 54}.
 - B. A Power Point presentation was given explaining the Education programs including the Coaches Certification program, the Coaches College, Zone Clinics, and recreational programs, such as Summer in Sync.
- XXIII. Athlete Election Results
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| A. | President | Anna Eng |
| B. | Technical Vice-President | Brianna Walker |
| C. | Executive Vice-President | Andrea Nott |
| D. | Officials Vice-President | Delphine Berenguer |
| E. | Secretary | Inga Todd |
| F. | Board of Directors Members | Jodi Wiegand |
| | | Sandra Mahoney |
| | | Lori Barbaglia |
- XXIV. New Business
- A. It was moved that the minutes reflect the appreciation to our professional staff for the job they do in supporting our athletes and for the games.
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- B. Thanks were extended to the hard working court reporters who recorded the meeting.
 - C. It was suggested that we each consider becoming members of organizations such as the Women's Sports Foundation and the International Swimming Hall of Fame.
 - D. The Meet Manager Workbook, put together by the Montana Association, is available from Trish Rodrique.
 - E. The athletes present were thanked for their phenomenal communication and for expressing their concerns and ideas.
 - F. Jodi Wiegand, outgoing AAC President, was thanked for her work.
 - G. The President was congratulated on her professionalism and the fine way she conducted the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Davies, Secretary

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