

**PRESIDENT REPORT – BETTY HAZLE
CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 2004**

I would like to extend a special thank you to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for their time and dedication to synchronized swimming. This past year has dealt us with 2 major issues – the Daytona Beach proposal and Olympic Team matters. The Executive Committee has gone beyond the call of duty in devoting their time to these 2 very important issues. In some cases, the decisions that they had to make were not always easy ones, but always in the best interest of our athletes, volunteers and sport. It has also been a privilege to work with Terry Harper and our staff. They continue to exemplify their dedication to our programs, volunteers and sport by achieving all of the goals and priorities placed in front of them. It has been both a privilege and an honor to serve as your President these past 4 years. Thank you for the opportunity.

List of Duties/Activities Performed since Convention:

1. Planned and participated in Executive Committee Conference Calls and email votes – Sept-July 2004
2. Made an advance trip with Chef de Mission Penny Taylor to Montreal, Canada for purposes of planning the 2005 World Aquatic Championships – Oct. 2003. Helped prepare reports for distribution to USAS.
3. Attended the USOC Board meeting in Cleveland, OH with Nancy Wightman and Terry Harper – Oct. 2003
4. Attended and judged at the US Masters Championships in Cleveland, OH – Oct. 2003
5. Helped re-work our Olympic Games Staff Selection Procedures with Laurette Longmire and Terry Harper – Oct-Nov. 2003
6. Communicated with Vice Presidents regarding committee chairs and committee members – Oct-Nov. 2003
7. Appointed replacement At-Large delegates to the Board of Governors – Oct-Nov. 2003
8. Helped proofread the Rulebook and Directory with Carole Mitchell and staff– Oct-Nov. 2003
9. Wrote President's article for magazine – Oct. 2003, Feb., May, Aug. 2004
10. Conferred with Bill McClelland regarding his decision to resign as Marketing Vice President. Replaced Marketing Vice President with Executive Committee approval – Nov. 2003
11. Re-appointed Long Range Planning groups – Nov. 2003. Communicated with Long Range Planning Groups and Board of Directors.
12. Wrote letter of support for Sacramento Swim Team for a grant from the Women's Sports Foundation – Nov. 2003
13. Selected Don Kane and Sue Ahlf as the Synchro reps to assist US Masters Swimming with the 2006 World Masters Championship – Nov. 2003
14. Reviewed International Relations grants – Dec. 2003
15. Reviewed Appendix J and Administrative Rules with Terry Harper – Dec. 2003
16. Proofread West Zone rules – Dec. 2003
17. Participated in a conference call of the International Relations Committee – Dec. 2003. Also, participated in email votes of the IR committee – ongoing.
18. Attended the last phase of our Olympic Trials – Dec. 2003

19. Prepared letter of explanation regarding Masters Athlete reps with Nancy Wightman – Dec. 2003
20. Wrote letter of support for Michelle Moore for a Women's Sports Foundation grant – Dec. 2003
21. Prepared revisions to Appendix M and Election Committee responsibilities with Pat Easterling - Dec. – March 2004. Appointed Pat Easterling as the Chair of the Election Committee.
22. Participated in many conference calls with Terry Harper, Laurette Longmire, Karen Rosolowski and Linai Vaz De Negri regarding the Daytona Beach proposal – Dec – March 2004. Helped develop assumptions, reviewed financial models, prepared documents for the Study group calls, the Executive Committee conference calls and the Board of Directors conference call.
23. Dealt with Olympic Team issues with Terry Harper, Amy McClintock, Linai Vaz de Negri, Laurette Longmire, the Coaching staff, and the Executive Committee – Dec – April 2004 & July 2004. Helped prepare statements, held numerous conference calls, researched issues in the FINA book, and conducted conferences with Olympic Team athletes and Coaching Staff.
24. Planned and prepared for the May Board of Directors meeting and Executive Committee Planning meeting in Santa Clara, CA with Janice Sherman – Dec.-May 2004
25. Communicated with Nominating Committee Chair Margaret Forbes – Dec-July 2004
26. Wrote letters to the membership explaining our USOC funding and the Daytona Beach proposal – Jan. 2004
27. Prepared convention schedule – Jan. 2004. Revised schedule in May and July to accommodate last minute changes. Submitted schedule to USAS Convention Coordinator, Penny Taylor.
28. Discussed ASUA Technical meetings and athlete supervision at convention with President of USA Swimming – Jan. 2004.
29. Judged Junior figures at the Path to Moscow Clinic in San Jose, CA– Jan. 2004. Attended a dinner in honor of the Russian Olympic Judge, Marina Roschina.
30. Helped resolve petitions/matters with International Relations Review Subcommittee – Jan-April 2004
31. Followed up with the L&L Task Force regarding various ideas – Feb. 2004
32. Approved athlete registration change from Masters to Regular Athlete for 2 athletes – Feb 2004
33. Began working on Rules proposals for convention – Feb 2004. Sent proposal to zone chairs for feedback from zone meetings – March 2004
34. Participated in a conference call with USAS President Dale Neuburger and others regarding the ASUA Technical meetings in September during convention – March 2004.
35. Attended and judged at the Senior West Zone Championship – March 2004
36. Helped present Daytona Beach proposal to the West Zone with Laurette Longmire – March 2004
37. Approved athlete registration change from Regular to Masters Athlete for 1 athlete – March 2004
38. Waived the 120 day rule for athlete transfers from one club to another for 3 athletes – March 2004
39. Conducted a BOD conference call – March 2004. Prepared documents for distribution prior to the call for feedback from the zones, etc.
40. Attended and judged at the Speedo Junior Championship in Clermont, FL – March 2004. Made opening remarks at the Parade of Athletes, presented meet managers with gifts and helped present awards.
41. Assisted Betty Hess with preparing the US National eligibility list – Mar-April 2004

42. Discussed our USOC AAC election procedures with Terry Harper, Anna Eng, Nancy Wightman, and Emily Marsh – Mar-April 2004.
43. Prepared revisions to the Board Policy Manual, Financial Procedures Manual and Personnel Manual for presentation at Board of Directors meeting – Mar-May 2004
44. Discussed waivers of rules with Technical Vice President Carole Mitchell – Mar-July 2004
45. Attended the Pre-Olympic Qualifier in Athens, Greece – April 2004. Attended Judges Seminar following the competition. Made new international contacts and renewed old friendships
46. Attended and judged at the US National Championships in Stanford, CA – April 2004. Participated in the banquet, made opening remarks at the Parade of Athletes, presented meet manager gifts and helped present awards.
47. Attended the International Swimming Hall of Fame Award & Inductee Ceremony for Becky Dyroen-Lancer and Paragon winner Nan Zack in Fort Lauderdale, FL – May 2004. Attended the ISHOF Board of Directors meeting.
48. Attended and judged Team Trials in Santa Clara, CA – May 2004
49. Wrote letter to the membership explaining the Board of Director's decision about the Daytona Beach proposal – May 2004
50. Wrote article about the 2004 Elections for the website and magazine – May 2004
51. Prepared BOG agenda, reports, and convention letters and coordinated convention mailing with Scott Metzler – May & July 2004
52. Prepared proposals for L&L, Appendices F, G & N. Submitted to various Committee chairs and Vice Presidents – May-July 2004
53. Reviewed proposed 2005 Budget. Submitted suggested changes to Executive Committee for conference call discussion – June-July 2004.
54. Updated Board Policy Manual, Board Member Manual, Personnel and Financial Procedures Manuals – June-July 2004
55. Attended and judged at the US Age Group Championship in Indianapolis, IN – June-July 2004. Made opening remarks at the Parade of Athletes and helped present awards.
56. Appointed the Election Committee – June-July 2004
57. Conducted email votes with the Executive Committee – July 2004
58. Attended and judged at the US Open Championship in New Orleans, LA – July 2004. Made opening remarks at the Parade of Athletes, presented meet managers with gifts and helped present awards. Conducted an Executive Committee meeting and a conference call.
59. Planned and prepared for Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings at convention – July-Sept. 2004
60. Attended the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece – August 2004. Attended FINA Gala Dinner. Made new international contacts and renewed old friendships
61. Communicated with Board of Directors and Executive Committee – ongoing.
62. Answered correspondence, emails and phone calls from USSS, USAS members & International contacts – ongoing.
63. Reviewed correspondence from USOC, etc. – ongoing.