



IASI Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2025 6:00 pm via WebEx Meeting

Roll call/Attendance

Board Members:

Present: Phil Barnes, Jackson Leonard, Susan Repko, Emily Tuazon, Curt Oppel, Faith Frantum, Estella Koenigsfeld, Mike Peterson, Bill Brown, Sophie McCorkle**, Jennifer Matthews**

**Non-voting Board Members

Not Present: Doug Kolsrud***, Melissa Woltz, Hannah Cousins***, Mehal Raghvani

***Waiver for absence was granted

Others Present: Amber Watson, Julia Mindy, Madyson Gomez, Emily Downes, Kirstin Oppel

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Quorum was present.

Minutes from previous meetings

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Minutes approved as presented.

Membership Comments and Concerns

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Officers' Reports

General Chair - Phil Barnes:

Certificates of Insurance have been issued and sent to all three facilities hosting 2026 Championship meets: Wellmark YMCA, University of Iowa CRWC, and Waukee Aquatic Center. A contract has been issued for the Senior Champ site at CRWC. The contract for Age Group Champs at Wellmark YMCA is in the works.

Phil is working with the LSC Office to increase publicity of the accomplishments of IASI athletes at meets. Athlete reimbursement will also be publicized.

The next HOD Meeting will be held on April 27, 2025 in person at DV Financial, 2350 128th St, Urbandale, IA, 50323.

Admin Vice Chair - Art Dinkin:

The office staff is doing a great job of on-ramping new employees. Tasks are being completed in a timely and efficient manner.

A storage unit has been obtained to store IASI supplies and those supplies have been moved into the unit.

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All but 1 meet has been sanctioned for the short course season (with the exception of intrasquad meets).

Finance Vice Chair - Curt Oppel:

A full report was posted on the website, along with financial statements for December and a comparison of Sanction and Splash fees for September 1st - Dec 31st of both 2023 and 2024. There has been an increase in Splash fees over the last year with more athletes competing at IASI Sanctioned meets.

Athlete reimbursement applications are starting to roll in. These will be processed after the deadline in March.

Senior Vice Chair - Jackson Leonard:

A full report was posted on the website along with information about the Iowa Select Camp. The location for the camp is being finalized. Applications are open to any athlete with Spring Sectional cuts and will be accepted until March 3rd.

Senior Championships information and event file has been sent to all teams. Commemorative caps and apparel will be available for pre-order only. Chris Pose will be taking group photos of all qualifying athletes, all officials, all coaches, and all Senior (12th grade) athletes for publication on IASI platforms.

Spring Sectionals in Rochester will have an increased facility surcharge compared to previous years.

A request has been made to create a clinic or gathering for coaches as to how to better prepare part-time and full-time assistant coaches for the administrative and 'dry-side' of coaching.

Age Group Vice Chair - Melissa Woltz:

Not present

Athlete Chair - Faith Frantum:

No report

Coaches Chair - Emily Tuazon:

Iowa finished 2nd at the 2025 Midwest All Star Meet with many top-3 relay finishes. Sheldon Lamb received the 11-12 boys high point award and currently has the fastest 50 Free in the nation for 11-12 boys.

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Safe Sport Chair - Jen Matthews:

A new version of MAAP went into effect on October 16, 2024. Teams have been reminded to update their MAAP information on their websites to reflect the new changes.

Officials Chair - Bill Brown:

Officials numbers have been posted to the website. There are currently 187 certified officials and 15 apprentice officials in the LSC.

Governance Committee -

Bobby Kelley was elected as the committee chair at the last Governance meeting.

Technical Planning Committee - Michael Peterson:

Dates, formats, and locations have been presented to the board for the 2026 Championship meets and will be discussed in New Business. TPC will be working on new qualifying times during their March meeting.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Open position

No report

Open Water Committee - Mehal Raghvani

No report.

Registration - Jen Matthews:

A full report has been posted on the IASI website. There are 150 more members registered compared to this time last year.

Online officials training on the USA Swimming website will only be free to registered members. Non-registered members who wish to access the training will have to pay.

IASI Office - Amber Watson

The office staff is adapting and learning their new responsibilities. Updates to the IASA website are being worked on.

Banners purchased by the Athlete's committee have been picked up and are currently being held at the storage unit. They are available for the Championship meets. Jost sites should work with Amber to coordinate pick-up/delivery.

Communication - Julia Mindy:

Continue to add Julia to all email communications so that she can update the website and social media platforms accordingly.

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Old Business

- No Old Business

New Business

- Motion made to accept the proposed dates for the 2026 Championship meet:

Winter Regionals (3 sites):	February 14-15, 2026
12 & Under SCY Championship:	February 20-22, 2026
IASI SC Championships:	February 26 - March 1, 2026
Summer Regionals (2 sites):	July 18-19, 2026
Long Course Championships:	July 22-26, 2026

A friendly amendment was made and accepted to change the dates of the 12 & Under SCY Championships to February 20-22, 2026 to reflect the TPC proposed 3-day format.

A friendly amendment was made and accepted to change the name of the proposed 13 & Over SCY Champs to retain the current name: Iowa Swimming Short Course Championships. This meet will be open to 13-14 year olds as well as any athlete (of any age group) that achieves a Senior qualifying time.

Motion to accept the proposed dates made by Michael Peterson and seconded by Art Dinkin. **Motion carried.**

- Available sites for the 2026 Championship meets were presented.

12 & Under SCY Championship:	Dubuque, Waukee, Wellmark, Cedar Falls, Ames, Linn-Mar
Short Course Championships:	CRWC, Wellmark, Cedar Falls
Long Course Championships:	Waukee, CRWC, Wellmark

The office will reach out to available locations to secure facilities before the meet bid meeting.

- Discussion of the TPC proposed format for the 2026 12 and Under Short Course Championships was tabled until TPC meets to create a proposed event order.
- Phil and the office staff will be reaching out to committee heads as the IASI Office creates space on the website for each committee to house committee meeting minutes, meeting announcements, and additional information.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Art Dinkin and seconded by Bill Brown.

Motion carried.

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Scheduled 2024-2025 Board of Director Meetings

- 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 9, 2025
- 6:00 PM on Sunday, May 4, 2025
- 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 24, 2025