



IASI Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2025 6:00 pm via WebEx Meeting

Roll call/Attendance

Board Members:

Present: Art Dinkin, Jackson Leonard, Melissa Woltz, Susan Repko, Curt Oppel, Hannah Cousins, Faith Frantum, Estella Koenigsfeld, Mehal Raghwani, Estella Koenigsfeld, Mike Peterson, Bill Brown, Jennifer Matthews**

**Non-voting Board Members

Not Present: Doug Kolsrud***, Phil Barnes***, Emily Tuazon, Sophie McCorkle

***Waiver for absence was granted

Others Present: Amber Watson, Julia Mindy, Emily Downes, Kirstin Oppel, Bobby Kelley, Andrea Kelley, Hunter Smith, Kelly Nordell, Greg Morse

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

Minutes from previous meetings

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Motion made by Curt Oppel to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Susan Repko. **Motion carried.**

Membership Comments and Concerns

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Officers' Reports

General Chair - Phil Barnes not present - Report presented by Art Dinkin:

A full report was posted on the website,
A slate of candidates will be presented for elections at the April HOD Meeting.
The Webex agreement was supposed to be updated, but Cisco didn't implement it correctly. The subscription expires this month, so it will be updated then, or we will move to another system.

Admin Vice Chair - Art Dinkin:

A full report was posted on the website,
Staff members are settling in well and accomplishing tasks in fewer than budgeted hours resulting in less stressed staff members and a savings to the LSC.

A new policy has been put into place with results for observed meets. Times will still go into SWIMS, but clubs wanting a result file created for their athletes will be assessed Splash fees.

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IASI forms are starting to be converted to a digital format, Digital meet evaluation forms at the championship meets were very effective in producing feedback. An “eyes and ears” QR code has also been created to to receive submissions of photos and short videos for IASI's social media posts.

Bids for the April bid meeting are due by March 15th.

Finance Vice Chair - Curt Oppel:

A full report was posted on the website, along with financial statements for January and February. The cash position of the LSC remains strong with \$60,000 more cash in bank compared to this time last year. The Finance Committee is exploring the creation of an Investment Committee to create higher yields on investments.

Spring Athlete Travel Reimbursements Requests are due by April 15, 2025. Only two applications have been received at this time.

Scholarship Applications are due by March 15th. Only one application has been received at this time.

Senior Vice Chair - Jackson Leonard:

A full report was posted on the website.

Iowa Select Camp applications are closed. There were 49 athlete applications and 6 coach applications. Of the 49 athletes, 46 met the qualifications for the camp. All 46 qualified athletes and 6 coaches will be accepted with notification going out on Monday, March 10th.

Age Group Vice Chair - Melissa Woltz:

A report was posted on the website.

Athlete-inspired banners were displayed at both championship meets.

Efforts are underway to inspire participation in the summer Zones meet.

Athlete Chair - Faith Frantum:

A full report was posted on the website.

Plans are being finalized for the Athlete Leadership Summit. The goal is to secure at least two attendees from each club.

The committee recently received approval to establish an official social media page. They have been collaborating with the office to set it up and are eager to begin engaging with athletes through this platform.

The Iowa Swimming Championship Banners were successfully displayed at both the Age Group and Senior Championships.

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Coaches Chair - Emily Tuazon:

Not present.

Safe Sport Chair - Jen Matthews:

A full report was posted on the website.

Officials Chair - Bill Brown:

There are currently about 180 certified officials in IASI. 25 new officials have been certified since June 1, 2024. All training now happens via the USA Swimming website platform. 10 officials were evaluated for National Certification at the Short Course Championships. An evaluator is being sought for the Long Course Championships.

Governance Committee - Bobby Kelley

The committee has met two times since the last BOD meeting and are currently reviewing IASI's Policies and Procedures to update outdated policies.

Nominations were presented for the elections to be held at the April HOD Meeting:

Age Group Vice Chair: Greg Morse

Senior Vice Chair: Kelly Nordell

Finance Vice Chair: Curt Oppel

Technical Planning Committee - Michael Peterson:

A full report was posted on the website.

The Technical Planning Committee is working on formats for 2026 Championship meets.

Q-times will be updated after 2025 LC Champs.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Open position

No report.

Open Water Committee - Mehal Raghvani

A full report was posted on the website.

A motion will be presented in New Business to designate the 2025 Open Water Championship meet.

Planning is underway for a 2026 Open Water Championship meet to be held in Iowa. A budget is being explored for that meet.

Registration - Jen Matthews:

A full report has been posted on the IASI website.

Registration for athletes is up by 280 athletes compared to this time last year. This is an 8% increase. Non-athlete registration is up by 14 which is a 2.5% increase.

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IASI Office - Amber Watson

The office staff is tying up loose ends from the short course season before turning their attention to the long course season. Reminders will be sent out this week to clubs needing to submit paperwork or fees from last season.

Communication - Julia Mindy:

A newsletter will be going out on Monday, March 10th with IASI news and information. The goal is to send out newsletters monthly.

IASI coaches, parents, and members are encouraged to use the QR code on the homepage of the website to submit news, pictures, and videos to highlight athlete and team accomplishments to be included on IASI social media sites.

Old Business

- Discussion of proposed format for 2026 12 & Under Age Group Championships
No motion was made. Changes will continue to be discussed at TPC and presented at a later date.

New Business

- Motion made to waive meet change fees for the DASH Pentathlon - moving from May 10 to May 17 in response to the date change of the IFLY Armbruster meet.

Motion made by Art Dinkin and seconded by Susan Repko.

Motion carried.

- Motion made to remove Section D - Insurance from the IASI Policies and Procedures OR
Replace all information in Section D - Insurance with the following:

USA Swimming advises all individuals who have questions about USA Swimming's insurance to visit USA Swimming's website at <https://www.usaswimming.org/about-usas/resources/insurance>.

Motion made by Mike Peterson and seconded by Melissa Woltz.

Motion made to amend as follows:

Replace all information in Section D - Insurance with the following:

USA Swimming advises all individuals who have questions about USA Swimming's insurance to visit USA Swimming's website.

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

Motion to amend carried.

Amended motion carried.

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- Motion made to approve the Great Lakes Open Water Invitational meet (held at Lake Andrea, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin on Thursday, June 26, 2025) to serve as the 2025 Iowa Swimming Open Water Championship with IASI swimmers to be scored and awarded separately.

Motion made by Mehal Raghwani and seconded by Susan Repko.

Motion carried.

- Motion made to approve the proposed 2025-2026 Budget as presented.

Motion made by Curt Oppel and seconded by Art Dlnkin.

Motion carried.

- Motion made to extend the deadline for Athlete Scholarship Applications to March 30th.

Motion made by Mehal Raghwani and seconded by Curt Oppel.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Brown and seconded by Melissa Woltz.

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Remaining Scheduled 2024-2025 Board of Director Meetings

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