

**Iowa Swimming, Inc House of Delegates
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, April 27, 2025 - 2:00 virtual and in person**



Roll Call/Attendance

Meeting called to order by Phil Barnes, General Chair at 2:00 pm

Roll call held by the registration chair. Roll included 12 BOD members and committee chairs, 3 staff members, 6 non-voting members, and 55 voting delegates representing 24 clubs: ACAC, BETT, BLAZ, BLST, BSSC, CAST, CIA, COE, DASH, DMET, DMSF, DMSY, ICE, IFLY, LMST, MCSC, NST, PAC, PSC, RIP, RSC, SEA, VAC, WW

Announcements

Phillips 66 Service Award: This year's recipient of the Phillips 66 Service Award is Chris Pose.

Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to accept the minutes from the October 6, 2024 HOD meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Art Dinkin. Seconded by Melissa Woltz.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Financial statements are posted on the HOD page of the IASI website.

A report was given by Curt Oppel, Finance Vice Chair: The cash position of the LSC remains strong due to payroll expenses that were under budget and collection of splash fees that were higher than expected.

A question was posed about All Star entry fees. These have not yet been collected from families. Curt will follow up and make sure these are collected by the end of May.

A question was posed about athlete reimbursements. The last eligible short course meet for reimbursement ended on April 17. Athletes have 30 days after that date to submit requests. All reimbursements will be issued following that date.

Officer Reports

General Chair - Phil Barnes

Priorities for the upcoming year are as follows:

- Ensuring the Strategic Plan is complete and ready for approval
- Working with the Finance Committee and Committee Chairs to make sure our budget best meets the needs of our constituents
- Working with the committee chairs to ensure they are best serving our athletes, coaches, and officials

Admin Vice Chair - Art Dinkin

Three staff members should be commended for their leadership and accomplishments in learning their new roles.

All but a few long course meets have already been sanctioned.

The goal moving forward is to develop processes for the SANctioning and Personnel Committees to follow.

Finance Vice Chair - Curt Oppel

The Scholarship Committee will announce recipients of the IASI Scholarships by May 14th.

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Senior Vice Chair - Jackson Leonard

The Iowa Swimming Select Camp was held last weekend. A summary and recap of the camp will be provided at the next BOD meeting.

Age Group Vice Chair - Melissa Woltz

A detailed report can be found on the IASI website.

Registration opens for the summer Team Iowa meets on May 5th. Open Water Zones will be held on June 13th in Pleasant Prairie with coaches Jennie Hedrick-Rozenberg and Thad Gunther. 14 and under Central Zone Champs will be held July 31 - August 3 in Rochester, MI with coaches Sophie McCorkle, Tim Hanson, and Meredith Nash.

Secretary - Susan Repko

No report.

Coaches - Emily Tuazon

A new Junior Coaches Rep was elected this morning: Gwen Sorenson.

Athletes - Faith Frantum

The Athlete Leadership Summit was recently held at the Waukee pool. Our athletes have been very involved in the leadership of our LSC.

Results from this morning's elections - Junior Athlete Rep: Isabella Sailor, At-Large Athlete Rep: Jackson Lampe

Committee Reports

DEI - open position

Ben Colin will be putting forth a proposal later for an Iowa Para Swimming Clinic.

Bill Brown, Cindy Oppitz, and Kirstin Oppel were recognized for their involvement as officials at the 2025 Para Swimming World Series this weekend.

Finance - Curt Oppel

Report was provided as part of the Officer Reports.

Governance - Bobby Kelley

The Governance Committee is reviewing current Policies and Procedures looking for items that need to be updated.

There are 2 open positions on the Governance Committee that need to be filled.

Officials Chair - Bill Brown

Not present.

Election results for open positions on the Officials Committee - Vice Chair: Robert Fry, Secretary: Kirstin Oppel, Eastern Rep: Paul Herstedt

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Open Water Committee- Andrea Kelley

The Open Water Committee is looking to put together a proposal at the next BOD meeting for an IASI sponsored Open Water Champs to be held in Des Moines on June 5, 2026 in conjunction with the Trudy Hancock swim meet.

Registration - Jen Matthews

A detailed report can be found on the IASI website.

March 2025 membership is currently 7.4% ahead of March 2024. Outreach membership also continues to grow with 108 Outreach members at the end of March 2025 which is an increase of 19% from 1 year ago, and an increase of 68% from 5 years ago. IASI currently has 35 Clubs, with 1 club pending renewal, and 1 New Club Application in progress.

USA Swimming House of Delegates approved an increase in Year-Round Club registration fees for the 2026 registration year (effective 9/1/2025). Renewing club registration will be \$255. New club registration will be \$780.

SafeSport - Jen Matthews

Detailed reports can be found on the IASI website.

Clubs continue to renew as their initial SSRP expires (every 2 years). Biggest barriers to completion/renewal continue to be a) getting parents to complete Parents Guide to Misconduct in Sport voluntarily, and b) following directions carefully in the SSRP checklist.

Technical Planning Committee - Mike Peterson

The Technical Planning Committee has been working through meet formats for next winter's 12&Under Champs and 13&Over Champs.

Long Course Champs entries must be submitted through OME. A webinar will be provided with information about how to use OME.

A question was posed about Q-times. These will be updated and applied to next winter's championship meets. Current Q-times will remain in effect for this summer's long course champs.

Office - Amber Watson

With the recent addition of the 50s of stroke as bonus events for the 2025 Futures Championships, the entry start date has been postponed to Wednesday, April 30 at 10:00 A.M. Mountain Time. This additional time will allow USA Swimming to integrate the new bonus event structure for the 50s of stroke into OME and ensure a seamless entry process.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Proposal to approve the fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Motion to approve made by Curt Oppel. Seconded by Ben Colin.

A motion was made to table the budget until further discussion and changes can be made. Motion made by Emily Tuazon. Seconded by Anne Duncan.

Motion to table carried.

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An updated budget will be submitted by June 15, 2025 with a Special HOD meeting to be held on July 3rd to approve the budget.

Proposal to add Woodbury county to Iowa LSC

This proposal has already been passed by Midwestern Swimming but needs to be passed by Iowa Swimming before the request can be made to USA Swimming.

Motion made by Bobby Kelley and seconded by Don Spellman.

Motion carried.

A letter will be sent to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations next week from Phil Barnes and Susan Repko indicating that this was approved at the HOD meeting and requesting the change be made.

Proposal to change the Finance Committee Policies and Procedures to reallocate all surpluses greater than those budgeted for the past fiscal year to the next fiscal year's budget.

The funds will be added to the following divisions for the discretionary use provided by the fund provided these funds are used to benefit Iowa swimming athletes, officials, clubs, and coaches. One-third of the surplus will be allocated to each of the following: the age group division, the senior division and the athletes committee. (Effective from September 1st, 2025)

Motion made by Greg Morse and seconded by Doug Colin.

Motion carried.

Proposal to allocate \$3500 for funding for a disability clinic.

The clinic would be at the end of June 2025. This would be a free clinic for swimmers with disabilities from the surrounding areas. Opportunities to attend would be available for swimmers, parents, coaches, and officials. \$1500 is currently allocated to DEI in the 2025 budget. This would be an increase of \$2000 to the current budget.

Motion made by Ben Colin and seconded by Bobby Kelley.

Motion carried.

Proposal to increase the athlete committee budget for 2026.

With the 2026 budget tabled, this proposal was withdrawn.

Proposal to change Section L to add criteria for awarding Coaching Staff of the Year.

Wording for the changes is posted on the HOD page of the IASI website.

Motion made by Jackson Leonard and seconded by Art Dinkin.

A friendly amendment was proposed to change the At-Large Nominees from 2 to 4 teams.

Friendly amendment was accepted.

Motion to approve as amended carried.

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Elections

Senior Vice Chair

Kelly Nordell nominated by the Governance Committee
Melissa Woltz nominated on the floor.

Kelly Nordell withdrew her name from the ballot.

Melissa Woltz was elected as the Senior Vice Chair effective September 1, 2025.

Age Group Vice Chair

Greg Morse nominated by the Governance Committee
No candidates were nominated on the floor.

Greg Morse was elected as the Age Group Vice Chair effective September 1, 2025.

Finance Vice Chair

Curt Oppel was nominated by the Governance Committee
Bobby Kelley was nominated on the floor.
A poll was taken.

Bobby Kelley was elected as the Finance Vice Chair effective September 1, 2025.

Governance Committee - Two open positions

No nominations were made for these positions.

Board of Review - One open position

No nominations were made for this position.

Additional Announcements

Fall HOD will be held in person and virtual on Sunday October 5, 2025
Spring HOD will be held in person and virtual on Sunday, April 26, 2026

Next BOD meeting is May 4, 2025 and will be held virtually.
BOD Meeting on August 24 will be held in person.

An updated proposed budget will be provided to members by June 15, 2025.
A special meeting of the HOD will be held on July 3, 2025 to approve the budget.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm.