

**Iowa Swimming, Inc House of Delegates
Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 6, 2024 - 2:00 via WebEx**



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 15 BOD members and committee chairs, 1 staff member, 9 non-voting members, and 34 voting delegates representing 15 clubs: ACAC, BLST, CIA, COE, DASH, DMET, DMSF, DMSY, ICE, IFLY, LMST, NST, PSC, RIP, WW

Announcements

No announcements to make

Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2024 HOD meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Bobby Kelley. Seconded by Chris Freeman. No discussion.

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. At the end of the fiscal year, the cash position was \$21,000 higher than at the end of the previous fiscal year due to expenditures well below budgeted for two items: Convention Workshop expenses and Athlete travel reimbursements.

Officer Reports

General Chair - Phil Barnes

Priorities for the upcoming year are as follows:

- Solidifying committee positions and ensuring that committee policies and procedures have been completed and are updated.
- Working with the Finance Vice Chair and committee chairs to set-up the budgeting process for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
- Ensuring the Strategic Plan is complete and ready for approval by the Spring HOD meeting.
- Working with Wellmark YMCA during their transition to ensure the venue's availability for future competitions.

Admin Vice Chair - Art Dinkin

Not present. No report.

Finance Vice Chair - Curt Oppel

A detailed report can be found on the IASI website.

Worksheets have been distributed to the four division chairs to begin the budgeting process for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. A breakdown of the budgetary responsibilities for each of these division chairs has been attached to the finance report on the IASI website. Members should reach out to the division chairs with any comments, questions, or input.

USA Swimming has requested audits of LSC financial statements twice yearly. An audit committee needs to be organized to do so. Anyone with audit experience who would be willing to join the audit committee should reach out to Curt Oppel.

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A Request for Proposal for Team Iowa Clothing was sent to three clothing vendors. A request was made by a voting delegate to call for a Special Board Meeting to approve a recommendation for the Team Iowa vendor before the next scheduled BOD meeting due to the short turn-around between the next regularly scheduled BOD meeting and the All Star meet.

Senior Vice Chair - Jackson Leonard

No report.

Age Group Vice Chair - Melissa Woltz

A detailed report can be found on the IASI website.

Updates were provided on the summer Team Iowa meets and can be found in the posted report. The 2025 Midwest All Stars is scheduled for January 10-12, 2025 at Wellmark YMCA. Availability of the host site will be verified.

Secretary - Susan Repko

Sections G, I, and L have been updated as of the first of the year and have been posted to the IASI website on the Policies and procedures page.

Coaches - Emily Tuazon

Options are being discussed for the 2025 Midwest All Star meet in the event that Wellmark YMCA is not available.

Athletes - Hannah Cousins and Mehal Raghvani

Plans for the championship banners are being finalized.

Interest forms have been sent out to athletes. There are many athletes who have expressed interest in serving on committees. Committee heads should reach out to Hannah and Mehal to connect with interested athletes.

Committee Reports

DEI - Hunter Smith

The DEI committee is being restructured and is recruiting new members. The committee chair has reached out to other LSC's to enquire about their committee structure.

Finance - Curt Oppel

Report was provided as part of the Officer Reports.

Governance - Melissa Wolz and Bobby Kelley

The committee chair will be named at the next Governance meeting.

Officials Chair - Bill Brown

There are currently 234 certified IASI officials. Efforts are being made to recruit and retain.

The training mechanisms for officials have changed. Clinics for Stroke and Turn, Starter, and Admin Official are now offered solely online on the USA Swimming website.



Open Water Committee- Andrea Kelley

Andrea met with Catch Des Moines representatives last week to discuss the potential of hosting an Open Water meet in Iowa. A meeting has been set up for next week at Easter Lake in Des Moines to start putting together a plan for a 2026 IASI Open Water Championship meet at Easter Lake. Input from coaches would be appreciated as to the best time to insert this into the summer schedule for 2026 so that it does not interfere with other summer meets.

Registration - Jen Matthews

A detailed report can be found on the IASI website.

Registration for the 2025 year opened on September 21st. Athlete registration for 2024 was down slightly, but this follows normal trends for a year leading up to the Olympics. The year following the Olympics typically sees a bump in numbers which is expected for this coming year.

USA Swimming did not increase its membership rates for the 2025 registration year; however, IASI did increase its fees for premium (\$18), seasonal (\$14), and non-athlete (\$13) members. This is a \$4 increase.

USA Swimming House of Delegates approved an increase in Year-Round Club registration fees for the 2026 registration year (effective 9/1/2025) from \$70 to \$225 per year for renewing (existing) clubs. First Year Year-Round Club fee will be \$750.

SafeSport - Jen Matthews

Detailed reports can be found on the IASI website.

Clubs continue to renew as their initial SSRP expires (every 2 years).

Meet360 information is being communicated to meet hosts three times before each meet: a month before, a week before, and at the completion of each meet.

Sanctioning - Art Dinkin - as presented by Phil Barnes

The Sanctioning Committee has been consistently rolling out meet sanctions. The committee continues to work on streamlining the process.

Technical Planning Committee - Ethan Johnston

The Sanctioning Committee has not met since the last HOD Meeting.

New Motivational Quad times will need to be reflected in new Q-times for IASI Championship meets.

USA Swimming's addition of the 50's of stroke as eligible competition events for 13-14 athletes will necessitate changes in event offerings at championship meets.

The BOD approved a motion to make no changes to Q-times and event orders for the 2025 short course championship meets. These will mirror the 2024 meets.

Office - Jen Matthews

A special thank you was given to Art Dinkin and Bobby Kelley for their help in the transition to new staff members.

Decisions on new staff hires will be announced later this week.

Old Business

Tabled proposal to Change Section I.V.B and I.VII.B.8 to waive Splash fees for YMCA Approved meets.

No motion was made to discuss the tabled proposal.

Motion lapses.

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New Business

No new business was brought before the HOD.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Damon Garrison and seconded by Bill Brown. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

The Spring HOD meeting will be held on April 27, 2025 at 2:00 pm both virtually and in person.