

80th Annual NISCA National Conference, Austin TX
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes 3/28/14 8:00am

Mel Roberts welcomed coaches to NISCA's 80th birthday party. Mel Roberts introduced coaches who are at the Conference for the first time, and recognized David Robertson as a long time clinic attendee.

Mel Roberts motions to approve minutes, Arvel McElroy seconds. Motion approved.

Mel presented the "State of NISCA".

Committee reports:

- a. Audit (Arvel McElroy) Review of books, books are in good shape. Need to have a review done every year, rather than just a compilation. Review will cover procedures of the organization.

- b. Treasurer (Tom Wojslawowicz). NISCA is financially sound. The organization is losing money for 3rd year in a row. Executive board has looked at how to address the issue. Checking acct \$1945.35, PayPal \$88,441.20, CD expired, new rate is 2% \$158,898.73 total \$249,285.28. There are no unjustified expenses. Best way to increase funding is to increase membership. Current paid membership is about 1200 members. Support our sponsors.

- c. Power Point, All America Archives, Journal (Paul Torno) Power Points should be much larger than it is. Don't forget to participate, get the word out. Power Points had a record year last year of numbers of entries. All America Archivist. Paul has been doing research in All America archives. First year of AA Boys Swimming 1935 (records back to 1921). Journal -thanks to Tom Caccia for his support in the transition. NISCA membership year starts Aug 1. Nov. Dec issue only goes to current members. It pays to get your membership early to receive all the journals. Paul needs more submissions to the journal.

Mel Roberts introduced Tim Elson, Finis. Thanks to NISCA for inviting him. Tim presented new paddles.

Nominations for secretary

Bill Stetson nominates Eve Julian

Seconded by Glenn Kaye

Tom Wojslawowicz moves to vote by acclamation on Secretary

Don Mason Seconded

Eve Julian is accepted as Secretary by acclamation

Meeting adjourned

Meeting Minutes 3/28/14 2:00pm

Mel Roberts called the meeting to order

Committee Reports:

- a. Diving (Don Mason) committee discussed diving rules changes. Need to address some of the AA Diving misconceptions.
- b. Water Polo (Bryan Weaver) rules meeting, went over rule changes. Want to have a California pre-meeting prior to next conference. Minor rule changes. All America process is moving in the right direction. Bringing integrity and credibility back to the AA list. AA List went from 130-100 this year.
- c. Zone directors (Arvel McElroy) 6 directors represented. Need to get good state delegates to help with the ground work.
- d. Awards committee (Bill Stetson) Reminder to update your resumes. Go out and research people for awards and 25 years or retirement. Discussion about the awards disk. Discussion about membership for awards. Outstanding Service Awards recipients: Jeff Johnson (MA), Kathy Cahill (ME), Liz Hill (MI), Richard Marcussen (IA), Kent Kirchner (TX). 2015 NISCA Hall of Fame Recipient: Richard Hood (NE). 2015 Collegiate – Scholastic Trophy Recipient: Art Downey (MN). Life Members Glenn Kaye (2015), Paul Torno (2016). Honorary Membership Award: Becky Oakes of the National Federation.
- e. Coaches Ed/Store (Gregg Anderson) Arvel has helped NFHS write and film a certification course for swim coaches. Goal of the committee to put together projects that can be put on the website. Power Points projects have been turned in, brainstorming more ideas for topics. Store is up and running.
- f. Records (Mike Schuelke) new records are listed in the journal as they come in. 9 new records this year. 2 pending records. Working with ISHOF with our archives. They are moving, not sure where you. Send Mike information to put into archives. State meet programs, state meet results. Minutes from state meetings. 3 new pool certifications. This is the last year of 2 sets of records, combining independent and public records.
- g. All America (Mark Onstott) housekeeping with All America Chairs. Open AA meeting discussed Water Polo AA changes. Discussion about AA Academic about adding an athletic component (using Power Points). Straw vote results - people are happy the way it is.
- h. Membership (Pete Hugo) 1187 paying members, 1252 total, 140 from ASCA, 21 CSSCA, 17 ISHOF donations. Bulk applications from the states are working well. Need to get more information from ASCA, joint membership is working well. How to get more members?
- i. Webmaster (Eve Julian) New website was deployed in August, seems to be working well. There has been a steady increase in traffic each month. High was 556 visits in one day. New mass mailing system and changes coming to letterhead e-mail should keep correspondences from being blocked as spam.

Constitutional Amendment Voting (see Attached by-law proposals)

Proposal #1

Motion to accept by Don Mason

Seconded by Pete Foley

Result: Passed (unanimous)

Proposal #2

Motion to accept by Don Mason

Seconded by Bryan Weaver

Result: Passes (unanimous)

Proposal #3

Discussion of moving the Annual Meeting to coincide with the Women's NCAA meet.

Motion to cease discussion by Bryan Weaver

Seconded by Pete Foley

Results (Hand Vote) In favor 20, opposed 19, abstain 3

Motion fails

Motion for written ballot by Bryan Weaver

Seconded by Don Mason

Motion to table proposal #3 by Gregg Brace

Seconded by Don Mason

Proposal #4

Motion to accept by Mark Onstott

Seconded by John Casadia

Result (Hand Vote) Passes (unanimous)

Motion to un-table Proposal number 3 by John Casadia

Seconded by Gregg Anderson

Result of balloting: Proposal Fails (in favor 19, opposed 23, abstain 2)

Proposal # 5

Motion for Discussion made by Eric Talsma

Seconded by Denny Hill

Discussion of the number of divers required being less than number of team championships.

Motion to accept proposal #5 by Bryan Weaver

Seconded by Don Boyd

Result (Hand Vote) Motion Passes (in favor 25, opposed 13, abstain 3)

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Onstott

Seconded by Robert Tidmore

Meeting adjourned

Meeting Minutes 3/29/14 8:00am

Mel Roberts called the meeting to order

Rules Committee (Mike Slagle) Review of the diving rules proposals. Proposal 1 - wording about warm-up passes, proposal 2 - 10 minute warm-up passes, proposal 17 seeding passes, proposal 18 - changing of the scoring table to match with FINA passes. Rule #20 - RJP. Proposal - coaches should have access to RJP results.

Old business:

Eve Julian reviewed results of voting on By-Law proposals from meeting #2

New Business:

Diane Hicks Hughes proposes one year trial of going to women's NCAA's. Proposal is to hold the annual general meetings in conjunction with the women's NCAA championship meet in 2015.

Seconded by Marty Keating

Results (Hand Vote) Motion Passes (In favor 33, Opposed 6, Abstentions 4)

Diane Hicks Hughes proposes that the All America Committee consider allowing 8th graders to participate in AA and power points for states that allow middle school athletes on high school teams.

Discussion of Proposal. Request that more research be done on the number of states that allow 8th grade students to participate as varsity athletes and return with more information at the next meeting.

Motion to table this proposal by Bryan Weaver

Seconded by Don Mason

Bryan Weaver presented a Proposal of By-Law change to David H. Robertson award (see attached). Seconded by Arvel McElroy

Motion passes

Motion to adjourn by Bill Stetson

Seconded by Dr. Steve Montgomery

Meeting adjourned

Proposed By-Law changes to be voted upon at the 2014 Annual Meeting

All proposed changes are in Italics.

Amendment Proposal #1

Article III Meetings

SECTION 1 Annual General Meeting:

a. The time and site of the Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be established *at least one year* in advance, and unless voted otherwise by virtue of a mail vote by the majority of the voting membership, shall be held at the time and site of the Men's NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships.

Rationale Amendment #1: This changes the requirement of two years notice to one year notice. The NCAA frequently does not give us notice of where the meet will be held two years in advance.

Amendment Proposal #2

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Rationale Amendment #2: Eliminating a requirement of a mail vote would bring the vote for changing the site of the Annual General Meeting in line with all other voting procedures.

Amendment Proposal #3

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Rationale Amendment #3: Many of us coach men and also women. It would be great to alternate years and see the best swimmers and divers of each gender in alternating years.

Amendment Proposal #4

Article III Meetings

SECTION 1 Annual General Meeting:

g. Voting procedures:

i. On items other than elections, a voice or hand vote shall be taken unless the President calls for a secret ballot or mail vote or unless the Constitution and/or these By-laws call for a mail vote.

ii. A simple majority of a quorum *present at the Annual General Meeting* shall be required to pass on items noted in i. (immediately above).

Rationale Amendment #4: If amendment #2 were passed this would need to be changed as well.

Amendment Proposal #5

Article V

Professional Awards

SECTION 2 Awards and Recognition

d. DAVID H ROBERTSON EXCELLENCE IN COACHING AWARD:

This award is presented to individuals who have exhibited excellence in coaching swimming, water polo and diving. To be eligible, swimming and water polo coaches must have won 5 state team championships. *Diving coaches must have coached four or more different state champions. Team championships or individual diving champions may be from boys teams, girls teams, or a combination of both. They may also be from one or more teams.* The coach must apply in writing to the NISCA Professional Awards Committee to be considered.

Current By-Law

d. DAVID H ROBERTSON EXCELLENCE IN COACHING AWARD: This award is presented to individuals who have won five or more state championships for swimming or water polo. The recipient must apply in writing to the NISCA Professional Awards Committee to be considered.

Rationale: Adds diving coaches as possible recipients of this award. Criteria remain the same for swimming and water polo coaches. There are some editorial changes to the wording, and also the criteria are more specific.

Constitutional Amendment Proposal for voting in 2015
3/28/14

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Rationale: Some states, including California, do not conduct state championships. To expand the criteria to sectional or federation champions would add to the possible number of recipients of the award. This change would benefit swimming, diving, and water polo.