

**83<sup>rd</sup> Annual NISCA National Conference, Atlanta GA**  
**NISCA Meeting Minutes**

**NISCA Meeting #1 3/24/15 7:30am**

Meeting called to order by Arvel McElroy. A moment of silence was requested to remember Richard Wachs, Mike Slagle, and Morgan Byers.

Motion made by Kirk Price that the 2015 Minutes be approved, seconded by Phil Emery. Membership votes that the minutes are approved.

State of NISCA Address – Arvel McElroy

1. Thanks to letterhead, changes to letterhead this year. 19 new appointees to the letterhead or letterhead support.
2. New Outreach clinic was successful
3. Sending out presidential certificates for state championship coaches
4. The booth at ASCA was successful outreach. Gained 16 new members.

**Committee Reports:**

Treasurers report (Tom Wojslawowicz) – The organization is sound financially. Over the past few years we have running a slight deficit. If we could increase membership by 500, we would be more than financially sound. Total assets as of February \$235,698.93 in the bank. Membership is 1006 currently.

Audit Committee (Don Allen) - met with Tom, reviewed financial statements. Last year recommended that we have a review every 5th year. Company did the review and filed the taxes. Audit committee was happy with the report, there were no recommendations for change. Discussed the fact that we're spending more money than we're taking in. Find ways to increase income or reduce expenses. Reduce convention expenses, add to convention fee, reduce travel expenses, raise nonmember fee for AA programs, reduce marketing expenses, find more sponsorship dollars.

Power Points (Claude Valle) - Been on the job about a month or so, been working with Paul. Has received 50 entries so far.

Archives (Paul Torno) - NISCA started boys AA 1935, his records exist back to 1922. Girls 1973 with title IX. 1978 was the first NISCA Water Polo AA list. Honorable mention never got into the computer, so Paul is adding it. Services are free for NISCA members, charge a fee for NISCA members.

Diving (Don Mason) - Working with the federation to create a diving course. Should be available in the fall. The federation is looking for ways to increase the number of divers across the country. AA Selection committee meets 6/1-6/4.

Hour of Power (Mark Onstott) - new program with NISCA, started last year. Supports the Ted Mullin Fund for sarcoma research. Cindy Dell is the chair. It is a teambuilding/fundraising opportunity. Can be done any time through the season, but the "official" day is in October. Can be used to raise funds for sarcoma research. Can also be used to foster teamwork. Swim 50's in relays, try to keep the teams even. Swim for an hour all out. Contact Mark or Cindy Dell for more information.

Zone Directors (Mark Onstott) - Eric Talsma, Richard Carr, Mac McDonald were added to zones. Jim Starrett and Phil Emery were also there. Reviewed job descriptions. Be much more communicative. Get state directors and work on membership.

AA Chairs (Mark Onstott) - Added AA support staff. Discussed the web applications, individual cases. Water polo will be going on line next year.

Professional Awards (Bill Stetson) - Send a Word copy of the resume to Stetson. Nominations for 2017 awards outstanding service - Mike Stott, Frank Tribendis, Jerry Holtry, Don Mason, Richard and Ron Blanc. Hall Of Fame Arvel McElroy, Collegiate Scholastic - Mark Onstott.

Journal (Betsy Hondorf) - New Journal Editor as of December. They've added departments to the journal. Have a staff of Sam Kucher and Mac Guy. Still accepting submissions. Looking for in-season state information. Please send information to Journal. Pages for each awards program.

National Records and Archives (Mike Schuelke) - last year at this time 8 new records, this year 4, waiting on 1 more. 67 pool certifications. 3 new pools have been certified. Archives at the swimming HOF is on hold as they are moving. Mike is continuing to collect items until they open back up in Santa Clara. Will be putting the chronological records to the journal. Time frame for opening is 2 years.

Outreach - created to focus on running weekend workshops. Saturday 3/19 we conducted the first national outreach clinic. Advertised to regional coaches and all NISCA members. Offered for free. Attended by 17. Considering charging for the next clinics. Assistance from Pete Higgins and the Westminster school was outstanding. Planning a 2017 national coaches clinic on 3/18 in Indy, regional clinics in phoenix and Minneapolis, possibly one in Nashville, and one in LA. 1 day, 5 presentations. If interested, contact Dana.

Coaches Education (Gregg Anderson) - brainstormed ideas about education. Submit articles for the journal, and include information on the website. Everyone is an expert on something, share it with everyone.

Store (Gregg Anderson)- most of the stuff has been sold, down to certificates and the books. NISCA Chicks have sold most of it.

Webmaster (Eve Julian) - NISCA website was hacked last September, a new ISP was selected with more security and better support. The website is coming back on online slowly. Coaches education pages and archives are the last thing to come back up. AA Archives were lost with Richard Wachs passing, working to get them back or recreate the from Paul Torno's records.

Membership (Pete Hugo) - Currently 1080. Got about 216 paper applications this year. 20% of apps come in on paper. ASCA memberships is 14% of apps. Still having issues with ASCA sending apps, wait until they get 20 apps to send them in. New ASCA Membership chair is sending memberships as they come to ASCA. Michigan has included NISCA memberships with their MISCA memberships, Pete gets one list. Would like other states to do the same thing. How do we get more members is a constant struggle.

Marketing (Pete Hugo) - Learning the ropes. Executive board approves all contracts before they are signed, marketing contact is point of contact for sponsors. Working on the job description. Have sponsors coming to us, there are opportunities out there.

Arvel McElroy opens the floor for nominations for secretary.

Don Allen nominates Eve Julian for secretary. Seconded by Steve Montgomery, Dana Abbott moves that nominations cease, seconded by Phil Emery. Arvel McElroy moves to accept vote by acclamation, Don Allen seconds. Membership votes unanimously for Eve Julian for secretary by acclamation.

Phil Emery moves that meeting be adjourned, seconded by Marty Keating. Meeting adjourned.

### **NISCA Meeting #2 3/24/16 7:45am**

Meeting Called to Order

Additional Committee Reports

AA General Meeting (Mark Onstott) - possibility of raising late and non-member fees. Audit suggested we raise them \$5 each, Don Allen suggested \$10 each. AA Chairs will discuss after this meeting.

Rules Meeting (Diane Hicks-Hughes) - was at NFHS rules meeting this week. They are not at liberty to tell us what was passed in NFHS. It goes to safety committee and back to executive directors. Hard to give the NISCA perspective, very few responses from the membership. Discussed how to be more proactive about getting NISCA input. They need the response before they go into the NFHS meeting. Introduced Sandy Searcy NFHS Swimming and Diving chair. NFHS is doing a Diving video.

Tim Elson from Finis. Thanks NISCA for the opportunity to be a partner. Introduced the Edge fin.

Brent Rutemiller from Swimming World Magazine - adding tools to help with the Power Point rankings. Improving dedicated pages for their high school channel. Adding links to NISCA on articles about high school.

No other new business

Brainstorming session. Bill Stetson suggest spotlight articles on letterhead members for Journal. Annette Thies suggest spotlight articles on up and coming coaches for Journal. Kirk Price suggests more "State Briefs" information in Journal. Betsy Hondorf agrees and would like people to submit items each month. Liz Hill suggests making the All America edition of the journal more commemorative and market to the parents of AA swimmers. This has also been suggested by the Executive Board and will be acted upon soon.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Steve Montgomery, seconded by Dana Abbott.

Meeting adjourned.

### **NISCA Meeting #3 3/26/15 7:30am**

Arvel McElroy calls the meeting to order.

Mark Onstott Reports that the All America Chairs met. Non-member fees and late fees will increase \$10 to \$30 per application beginning in the 2016-2017 school year on all All America programs EXCEPT Diving. Diving fees will remain the same.

No old business

No new constitutional amendments to discuss.

No New Business

Arvel McElroy appreciates the work that the letterhead do. Set goals for yourself and reach for those goals. Know that you are appreciated, and that what you do is important. Thank you to those who come to the clinic year after year.

Next year's clinic will be in conjunction with the men's meet in Indianapolis, March 22-25, 2017.

Mel Roberts recognized the work that Tom Wojslawowicz does in running this Conference after year, he does a lot of hard work.

Motion to adjourn made by Marty Keating, seconded by Jim Starrett.

Meeting Adjourned