

**85th Annual NISCA National Conference, Minneapolis, MN
NISCA Meeting Minutes**

NISCA Meeting #1 3/22/17 7:45am

Mark Onstott called the meeting to order 8:05pm. Motion to approve the minutes from 2017 made by Mel Robert, Phil Emery seconded. Motion approved.

Mark Onstott welcomed new attendees and current members to the Conference.

State of NISCA Report: Executive board has met 3 times this year. Met at Diving All America, watched the work of judging AA Diving. Met at ASCA to talk to sponsors and advertisers. Introduced sponsors attending the Conference. From Lincoln Aquatics Tim Elson and Roque Santos. From Speedo, Kevin Grainer. From Finis, Keith Jizmejian. Executive board also met for pre-NISCA. We held a clinic here in the hotel on Sunday which got good reviews. NCAA has a 5 year plan for locations. Executive board would like to propose that we lay out where we are going to go as part of the 4 year plan, rather than from year to year.

Committee Reports:

- a. Audit - Lanny Landtroop. We are in great shape. We don't pay taxes, but they have been filed as a 501C. Every month Tom sends out expenditures and income. Audit committee reviews each month. Tom Wojslawowicz does a good job.
- b. Treasurer - Tom Wojslawowicz. We are a 501C corporation. We do pay taxes, but we haven't had to pay any money as we are within the rules. Taxes have been filed and received. Revenues for 2017 \$254,173, expenses \$222,511. That is a net plus 31,662. All sponsors are all paid up. February report total shows \$233,614.35 in the bank. Membership total as of 3/7 was 1041. The organization is financially in good shape.
- c. Marketing - Arvel McElroy. As past president worked with Mel to update professional resumes. As marketing chair, all contracts with our sponsors expire on September 30th. Meet with advertisers and partners at ASCA Conference. Over the next few months we will be working as an executive board on the updates for the next few months. Working with Swimming World to prepare the fall mailing each spring.
- d. Power Points - Claude Valle. Great year for national dual meet, got 378 entries, up 25% from the year before. Big increases from Massachusetts and Missouri (0 entries to 24). Hap Gentry worked hard to get entries in from Missouri. Remind people in your state to send in entries. 7 schools that were repeat champions. St. Xavier top boys, Carmel top girls. Thanks to Paul Torno for his help. Thanks to Eve for help. Thanks to IST who sponsors the program. Looking forward, considering having an "octathlete" competition with power point entries as well. Google sheets doesn't translate the spreadsheet very well. Will be talking to some people how to make it work with spreadsheets. Would like to look into getting it on-line. Looking into the composite relays for the B relays, since they currently have to have actually swam together.
- e. All America Archives - Paul Torno. Records going back to 1922 for All America. Girls program started in 1973. Water Polo goes back to 1976. Team Scholar and Academic AA. Diving was combined with swimming until 1989, when they separated. Coach can ask for the history of their program. Has not advertised his services but still takes requests. Doesn't do any school orders without the request from the coach.

f. Diving - Don Mason. Met yesterday, meeting is open. Discussed the rule proposals, particularly allowing 11 dives in dual meets and allowing the diving event to happen during different times in the meet. Discussed allowing standing takeoffs. Discussed ways to increase the numbers of divers. Discussed ways to improve the AA Process. They re-judge every video that comes in. That is why diving applications cost money, even for NISCA members. Through Sandy Searcy's help NFHS has great resources for diving. Diving official manual and diving officials course. Question: why are the numbers going down? Some states have removed diving, other states it is just growth cycles. We're short on qualified diving coaches.

g. Water Polo - Bryan Weaver. Water polo, about 75% programs are from CA. Discussed growth of Water Polo. Shortage of coaches and officials. Swimsuit coverage issues. Reviewed the new NCAA rules and how they apply at the high school level. One addressed the issue of faking a foul. Water Polo is going on-line for AA applications.

h. Zone Directors - Diane Hicks-Hughes. 4 of the 8 zone directors with us this week. Found it would be helpful if people would go on the website and check to make sure that state information is updated. Let zone director know if changes are necessary. Reach out to Zone directors to advertise clinics, state championships, etc. so that they can get the information out. Left with many action items.

i. Professional Awards Committee - Mel Roberts. 10 members were present. Big discussion on the difference and criteria of Collegiate/Scholastic and Hall of Fame. Came to a consensus. Award winners for next year:

Outstanding service: Eve Julian – MI, Russell Lauber – UT, Linda Wigginton – OK, Mark Crouch – IA, Mike Adams - IL

Collegiate/Scholastic Award - Rich Hood - NE

Hall of Fame: Tom Caccia – WI, Trey Collins - TX

Life members: Lanny Landtroop – TX, Steve Montgomery - TX

Executive board approved watches in addition to trophy for Hall of Fame inductees

Entertain nominations for secretary

Phil Emery nominates Eve Julian, Dana Abbott seconds

Motion passes

Lanny Landtroop makes a motion to close nominations, Seconded by Phil

Motion Passes

Arvel McElroy makes a motion to accept Eve Julian as Secretary by acclamation, Second by Mike Scheulke

Motion passes, Eve Julian is elected Secretary by acclamation

Motion to Adjourn made by Phil Emery, Seconded by Lanny Landtroop

Motion passes, meeting adjourned.

NISCA Meeting #2 3/23/18, 7:45am

Meeting is called to order by Mark Onstott at 8am.

Keith Jizmejian from Finis. Finis loves their partnership with NISCA. Giving a 30% off orders for Conference special.

Lincoln Aquatics Tim Elson and Roque Santos. Glad to be at the NISCA Conference. Lincoln Aquatics has absolutely everything you need for a pool.

Committee report

- a. Coaches Education/Store - Gregg Andersson. Lively discussion on education. Did a lot of brainstorming on what we can do to educate coaches. NISCA Coaches Exchange on Facebook, become a part of that. Most items involve getting new articles for the journal. This year store sent 42 Hannula books 47 Sprinting II books, 58 AA Journals, 3 diving DVDs.
- b. Rules - Pete Hugo. If we go to the girls meet, the NFHS rules meeting will be after the meet so we will be able to discuss the rules at Conference. All rule proposals must go through the state association to be submitted. IF your state association will not accept it, send them to Pete Hugo. Pete would like you to send him any questions that you have about the rules.
- c. National Records/Archives - Mike Schuelke. Sending out certificates and plaques to record setters. Last year we had 12 national records, total of 17. This year 19 records have already been set. Waiting on at least 4 more records right now. Mainline Regional High School sophomore Dustin Lasko has 3 individual and 2 relay records. Caeleb Dressell is still the current owner of the public-school record (19.29). Archives are kept at ISHOF at Ft. Lauderdale. Please send state results, state program (hard copy). Goes down once every 2 years to file. Zone directors and state delegates should take the initiative to get those items sent to Mike. Address is online. 1171 Park Village Drive, Neenah WI. Pool certifications are up to 71, waiting on 3 more. The 2 states with the most pools certified with 9 are CA and NJ.
- d. All America - Mark Onstott. Job of the AA Coordinator is to tell people no. Introduced the All America Chairs. Marney Shirley and Chris Robinson, academic/scholar team. Rich Hood, Tim Siros boys. Mark Jedow and Kyle Accornero girls swimming. Don Mason Diving. Bryan Weaver Water Polo. Paul Torno Archives. Chairs meeting was about edits and instructions for the web portals. General meeting was about the 500 error, which is a server error. Most of the time it's caused by school servers locking down traffic going back and forth. We will be putting information on the website to help clarify issues.
- e. Membership - Annette Theis. New members here? Aisha Samuels. Wants to get more young people involved. Took over the position in June. Thanks Peter, Eve and Tom for help getting her up and running in the position. Talked with Matt Hooper at ASCA to get our people registered as soon as they register with ASCA. Started doing member profiles for the Journal. Current membership is 1268, about 120 through ASCA. Would like to do a member survey. IF you have q's you want included let Annette know. Loves talking to the members. People are so enthusiastic about what we do.
- f. Webmaster - Eve Julian. We have had 34,000 users on the website this year. We need to move from DNN to Wordpress because of security issues. Password reset links can't be sent because of security issues. Email webmaster if you need your password reset. Still looking for a new webmaster if anyone is interested in taking over, let me know. NISCA Social media. 424 on NISCA exchange, 682 following on Facebook page, 612 on twitter. Everything goes out on social media. Try to put something out every day. IF you have anything you want out, send it to me.
- g. Hour of Power - Cindy Dell. We are developing a new program called Teams of Service. Landing page on the website for service projects and service opportunities. Teams could earn a banner and applique with year on it as they complete service projects. Hour of Power honors Ted Mullin who passed away at 20 from sarcoma. His alma mater Carlton College honored his memory with the hour of power event. Currently there are 112 college, 21 high school, 28 club and 2 international teams. Want to increase the number of high school teams. Does not have to be a fundraiser, it can be about raising awareness for cancer. Doesn't have to be just swim teams. Can do a dryland team as well. Whatever it is, it should be 1 hour of continuous activity. IT is simple, easy and great team bonding experience. There is a video on the NISCA website.

Entertain motion to adjourn. Motion made by Arvel McElroy, seconded by Mark Jedow. Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45am .

Meeting Minutes:

Mark Onstott called the meeting to order at 8:00am

Mark introduced Sharon Torno and Sandra Landtroop. Thanks them for all their hard work this weekend. We could not run the Conference without them.

Brent Rutemiller from Swimming World and ISHOF. Swimming World made a decision to merge operations with the Hall of Fame. Swimming World became the marketing arm of ISHOF and Brent took on a leadership role in the organization to stabilize the ISHOF finances and operations. Very excited about the opportunities that this presents. ISHOF will be staying in Ft. Lauderdale, possibly a Santa Clara satellite site. In the final stages of signing a 30 year lease. \$25million has been appropriated for upgrades to the pool. Wants to work with the Executive Board on increasing the visibility of the NISCA memorabilia.

Remaining Committee Report:

- a. DHR Excellence in Coaching - Tom Hudson. Awarded 3 awards this year. Reminds everyone what DHR is. If you have 5 team state championships, send in the application.
- b. Outreach - Dana Abbott. Last 3 years we have had 1 day clinics in conjunction with the National Conference. Would like to travel to areas that are underserved for clinics. Let us know if you have a need for a local clinic.

New Business:

The executive board puts forward a proposal for the next 4 conferences:

2019 Women's in Austin

2020 Men's in Indianapolis

2021 Men's in Iowa city

2022 Women's in Atlanta.

Discussion:

Frank Tribendis - when you go to Women;' you automatically lose PA.

Mark Onstott: advantage is that we have the NFHS meeting after the women's meet.

Paul Torno: Can Iowa city accommodate us? Yes, they are finishing up 3 new hotels downtown. It is a smaller venue. We can start working on these years out so that if there is an issue we can adjust it. In Iowa city a downtown hotel will be within walking distance of both the pool and restaurants.

Eric Talsma: going between women's and men's makes it different job-wise to plan ahead because of the weeks changing back and forth. This is part of why we want to determine this in advance. If we cannot get what we need we have the flexibility to make the change.

Pete Hugo: Believes that the Men's meet is later next year.

Annette Theis: Would like to make sure that we get to a few women's meets. Could be an attraction for women.

Dana Abbott: how much lead time do we need to vote on venue change? 1 year. We will still be able to modify it a year in advance if necessary.

Mike Torrey: do we have any data on participation when we went to the women's meet? Tom - we were about the same at the Women's meet.

Jim Stallings: We've only been to the women's meet 1 time in 85 years? Maybe going to the women's meet periodically will show a valid effort to show up for the girls.

Pete Hugo: PA meet won't be a problem because of the meet dates. The dates won't conflict.

Dana Abbott: What do the women think? Diane- thinks it will help the draw. Coaches of women want to see the women swim. By having it out there in advance. Aisha - going to the Women's would show that we're supporting the swim community as a whole.

Jerry Lusk- Now coach only women. Can't take the men's meet info home to help the girls.

Ken Holbrook - In both Austin and Atlanta where we stayed was out in the middle of nowhere, can we fix that? We have updated our requirements for hotels.

Onstott called the question.

Motion passes

Other new business

Peter Hugo - swimming committee in NY will not name an official state champion. They won't make the change. Coaches then can't get the DHR award, even though the coaches association names an unofficial state champion. Would NISCA allow NY coaches to receive DHR award based on that state championship.

Aisha Samuels - GA is the same way. There isn't a state champion in GA even though they track team points, they don't hand out a team championship.

Mark Onstott - we have several states that don't have official state championships. TN is one. Are those states eligible for DHR

Tom - those states are not eligible because it is not an official state championship. That is something that should be brought to the attention of the awards committee.

Peter will write this up and bring it to the awards committee for discussion in 2019.

Phil Emery - proposing a bylaws change.

Article IV Finances

SECTION 1 Dues and fees:

a. Dues and fees of the Association shall be established by the Membership and approved by a majority of the voting members present at the Annual General Meeting. ~~Retired members who are no longer coaching or teaching shall receive a 20% discount on their annual dues.~~ Amounts shall appear in the minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

b. Dues and fees shall be payable in advance.

c. Application for regular membership shall be made to the Treasurer of the Association.

Rational:

The \$50 cost of membership does not cover the full cost of being a NISCA member. Also, retired coaches are still covered by the insurance and get all of the benefits of the organization, even if they are not currently coaching.

Discussion:

Pete Hugo - last time he checked maybe only 5 or 6 people take advantage of the retired rate.

Lanny Landtroop moves to accept the motion Mel Roberts seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Mel Roberts reminds people to bring your banquet ticket with your food choice to the banquet. Awards banquet is at 2pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark Jedow, seconded by Dana Abbott.
Meeting adjourned 8:55am.