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Todd Smith Named as Executive Director

Smith brings 25 years of sports management experience

May 10, 2007 • Todd Smith has been named the Executive Director of United States Masters Swimming (USMS), President Rob Copeland announced Friday. USMS is the largest independent masters organization in the world, and is dedicated to enriching the masters swimming experience for adult swimmers at all levels of ability.



“We are delighted to have Todd join USMS as our first executive director,” Copeland said. “This is the most significant step Masters swimming has taken since our founding in 1970, taking our program to the next level of management and leadership. Todd brings a wealth of experience and passion to Masters swimming.”

Smith comes to USMS from USA Diving, Inc., where he was executive director and CEO for the past 25 years. During that period, Smith developed and implemented USA Diving’s strategic plan, which included creation of an online membership and event registration, and he increased the organization’s annual budget by 1100 percent. Smith directed the national office and oversaw all business operations—including finance, budget, compliance, human resources, public relations and general administration.

“I am honored to serve as the first executive director of United States Masters Swimming,” Smith said. “USMS is an amazing organization of over 42,000 goal-oriented members passionately dedicated to improving their fitness through swimming. It is the gold-standard when it comes to adult programs which promote healthy lifestyles, friendship, and camaraderie.”

“Todd’s experience as executive director of USA Diving will be a tremendous asset in clarifying the future of masters swimming. I look forward to working with Todd to provide new and improved programs and services to our members, volunteer leadership teams and staff,” Copeland said.

Greetings from the National Office...

We have a new Executive Director! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Todd to the USMS family. I and the other member of the USMS staff are very much looking forward to meeting Todd at SC Nationals in Federal Way and/or the Strategic Planning meeting in Chicago in June and working with him in taking USMS to the next level.



The past few months have been eventful here at the National Office. We sold our house a bit quicker than expected and spent the month of March living in a hotel. Not a whole lot of room there for the NO and I set up shop in the conference room of MuShield, my husband David’s company. The big move into our new house took place on April 30th, all is up and operational (phew), and it is SO GREAT! PO Box 185 is still the official address for USMS, same phone, same fax. The new physical address is 8 Rockwood Lane, Londonderry, NH 03053.

The USAS Convention will be in Anaheim, CA, September 23-30. USMS will begin on Wednesday the 26th with our BOD meeting at 2:30pm, followed by the Committee Chairs Orientation at 4:45, LMSC Workshops at 5:30 and the Insurance Reception at 7pm. Registration/hotel information was sent out via e-mail in March. If you are interested in attending and did not receive this information, please contact me at [usms AT usms DOT org](mailto:usms@usms.org).

For those of you competing at SC Nationals in Federal Way, I will see you there!!

—Tracy Grilli



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Article 502.7

Records and Record Keeping

Each LMSC shall comply with the financial record keeping and reporting requirements of USMS. The LMSC shall forward to the USMS National Office the minutes of the annual meeting and annual financial reports within 4 months of the end of the LMSCs fiscal year or by April 30, 2007.

One big deadline has passed—April 30th—the due date for LMSCs to submit their 2006 LMSC Annual Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports to the National Office. I have received reports from those LMSCs listed below. If your LMSC is not listed, please get this in to me as soon as possible.

2006 Financial Statements Received

Alaska, Allegheny Mountain, Arkansas, Border, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware Valley, Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, Gulf, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Montana, New England, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Texas, Ozark, Pacific Northwest, Potomac Valley, San Diego-Imperial, Snake River, South Carolina, Southern, Southern Pacific, Virginia, Wisconsin.

2006 Annual Meeting Minutes Received

Adirondack, Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, Gulf, Hawaii, Indiana, Inland Northwest, Michigan, New Jersey, Niagara, North Carolina, North Texas, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, Potomac Valley, San Diego-Imperial, South Texas, Southern, Utah.

NIKE Grant

Would \$1500 Help Your Local Organization?

For the third year, USMS national sponsor Nike Swimwear is offering a \$1500 grant to help an LMSC or a registered USMS club defray operating costs, including coaching, pool rental, sending delegates to the USMS convention and other expenses. Nike Swimwear will also sponsor a swim clinic at the recipient group's home pool.

To qualify, all members of your group must be registered with USMS. Applicants are asked to write a one-page letter detailing how the grant and swim clinic would benefit their organization, and describing how they promote USMS in their area.

Grant applications must be received no later than May 20. The recipient will be announced in the July/August issue of SWIMMER, and on the USMS web site.

Send application letters to the NIKE Swimwear Grant, Mel Goldstein, USMS National Sponsor Liaison, 5735 Carrolton Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46620.

THINGS TO DO...

Listed are all deadlines from the USMS Working Calendar. Please read this and use as a reminder. This 2007 Working Calendar is posted in its entirety on the USMS website at: www.usms.org/admin/lmschb/workingcalendar.pdf

May 2007

- 1 Delegates from 2006 and LMSC chairs receive convention registration packet for 2007 convention via email or snail mail from the National Office
 - Cost-center heads receive budget forms (for 2008 budget) from Finance Chair (Jeff Moxie – Finance AT usms DOT org)
- 1-15 Election Committee reviews applications, slates officer candidates, notifies candidates and publishes candidate information
- 15 LMSC registrars send registration reports to National Office (electronic files sent to Esther at Registration AT usms DOT org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
 - Controller's filing deadline with IRS for Form 990
 - Convention Coordinator (Victor Buehler – Convention AT usms DOT org) sends out final notice to committee chairs regarding equipment requirements for convention
 - First quarter financial reports prepared
 - USMS Secretary (Meg Smath – Secretary AT usms DOT org) sends reminders to LMSCs for names of delegates to 2007 convention, Anaheim, Calif.
 - Deadline for swimmers to be registered in order to receive July/August issue of USMS Swimmer
- 15-31 Election Committee accepts nominations for any positions without candidates
- 17-20 USMS SC National Championships, Weyerhauser King County Aquatic Center, Federal Way, Wash.
- 19 Ransom Arthur award winner announced at SC Nationals.
- 20 National Office sends reminder to LMSCs of July 10th deadline for submission of proposed code amendments
- 30 Deadline to submit copy to DMC for a newsletter to be inserted in USMS Swimmer for the July/August issue
- 31 Continuous publication of candidate information to the HOD through email newsletters and website positions through September

JUNE 2007

- 1 Committee chairs, appointments send their budget and annual report to their EC liaison. Those who will be having a meeting at convention also send their agendas.
 - Long Distance National Championship packets distributed to hosts of 2008 events
- 8 Zone Reps submit list of events for USMS Swimmer calendar for the September/October issue to VP Local Operations (Julie Heather – VPLocalOperations AT usms DOT org)

JUNE 2007

- 15 LMSC registrars send registration reports to National Office (electronic files sent to Esther at Registration AT usms DOT org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
 - National Office reminds committee chairs, appointments that annual reports and convention agendas are due to their EC liaisons on July 1st
 - Cut-off date for LMSC registration/delegate entitlements to the 2007 convention (National Office notifies Secretary of LMSC membership numbers as of June 15th. Secretary notifies LMSCs of any additional delegate entitlements). Final reminder.
 - Editorial copy/information due to USMS Editor for September/October issue of USMS Swimmer (Bill Volckening – Editor AT usms DOT org)
 - USMS Coach of the Year applications due to Coaches Committee Chair (Mo Chambers – Coaches AT usms DOT org)
- 20 Approximate mailing date for July/August issue of USMS Swimmer
- 29 Article ideas for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer due to USMS Editor (Bill Volckening – Editor AT usms DOT org)
- 30 LMSC SCY Top 10 reports due to Records and Tabulations Chair (Mary Beth Windrath – TopTen AT usms DOT org)
 - Last call for requests for Delegate-at-Large appointments due in writing to President (Rob Copeland – President AT usms DOT org) and Secretary (Meg Smath – secretary AT usms DOT org)

JULY 2007

- 1 Committee chairs, appointments send their budget and annual report to their EC liaison. Those who will be having a meeting at convention also send their agendas.
 - Preliminary equipment requirements for convention due to Convention Coordinator (Victor Buehler – Convention AT usms DOT org)
- 6 Received-by entry deadline for 2007 LC Nationals
- 10 Proposed Rules, Long Distance and Legislation amendments due to respective committee chairs (Rules: Kathy Casey – Rules AT usms DOT org, Long Distance: Marcia Cleveland – LongDistance AT usms DOT org, Legislation: Sean Fitzgerald – Legislation AT usms DOT org)
 - SCY Preliminary Top 10 mailed for proofreading
- 13 Postmark entry deadline for 2007 LC Nationals
- 15 LMSC registrars send registration reports to National Office (electronic files sent to Esther at Registration AT usms DOT org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
 - Executive Committee liaisons send their committees' budget requests to Finance Chair (Jeff Moxie – Finance AT usms DOT org)

- Executive Committee liaisons send their committees' annual reports and agendas to the National Office for publication in the convention packet
- Final cut-off date for requesting a Delegate-at-Large spot for convention
- Coach of the Year selected
- On Deck department calendar entries due to USMS Calendar of Events Editor for September/October issue of USMS Swimmer (Lynn Hazlewood – Editorial AT usms DOT org)
- Deadline for swimmers to be registered in order to receive September/October issue of USMS Swimmer
- Deadline to submit copy to DMC for a newsletter to be inserted in USMS Swimmer for the September/October issue
- 20 President (Rob Copeland – President AT usms DOT org) appoints Delegates-at-Large for 2007 convention
- 24 Corrections for SCY Top 10 due to Records and Tabulations Chair (Mary Beth Windrath – TopTen AT usms DOT org)
- 25 Deadline for submission of information to be included in the summer issue of Streamlines ... from the National Office
- 30 USMS Dorothy Donnelly Service Award nominations due to Recognition and Awards Chair (Kelly Crandell – Awards AT usms DOT org)
 - Summer issue of Streamlines ... sent via email or snail mail

AUGUST 2007

- 1 Deadline for USAS for early convention registration and inclusion in USAS Directory
 - Bids for fitness events due to Fitness Committee Chair (Terry Loughlin – Fitness AT usms DOT org)
 - Equipment requirements from committee chairs and workshop planners due to Convention Coordinator (Victor Buehler – Convention AT usms DOT org)
 - All proposed rule/code changes from Rules, Long Distance and Legislation due to National Office
 - Final SCY Top 10 list sent to printer
 - Second quarter financial reports prepared
 - Election Committee submits election information to National Office for inclusion in the HOD packet
- 8 Zone Reps submit list of events for USMS Swimmer calendar for the November/December issue to VP Local Operations (Julie Heather – VPLocalOperations AT usms DOT org)
 - Deadline to submit copy to DMC for a newsletter to be inserted in USMS Swimmer for the September/October issue
- 10 Editorial copy/information due to USMS Editor for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer (Bill Volckening – Editor AT usms DOT org)
 - On Deck department calendar entries due to USMS Calendar of Events Editor for November/December issue of USMS Swimmer (Lynn Hazlewood – Editorial AT usms DOT org)

AUGUST 2007

- 10 Bids for 2009 Long Course, Short Course and Long Distance National Championships due to committee chairs
 - 10-13 USMS LC National Championships, The Woodlands Aquatic Center, The Woodlands, Tex.
 - 15 LMSC registrars send registration reports to National Office (electronic files sent to Esther at Registration AT usms DOT org, hard copies and checks sent to Tracy at the National Office)
 - Finance Committee Chair (Jeff Moxie – Finance AT usms DOT org) distributes preliminary budget for the coming year, forecast for current year and copies of budget forms to Finance Committee members and National Office
 - 31 Approximate mailing date for September/October issue of USMS Swimmer
- Other deadlines this month
- USAS sends convention registration list to National Office (Tracy Grilli – USMS AT usms DOT org). Secretary (Meg Smath – secretary AT usms DOT org) notifies LMSCs who have not sent delegate certifications.
 - Convention packets mailed to all certified delegates
 - New delegate information emailed to all new delegates

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Championship-

You can create an exciting opportunity for your club/LMSC in the year 2009 by bidding to host either the 2009 United States Masters Swimming National Short or Long Course Championships. I am writing on behalf of the USMS Championship Committee to strongly encourage you to work with facilities within your LMSC to consider bidding for either of these showcase events. The short course meet (25 yards or meters) typically takes place mid-May, however, it may be held anytime between April 15th and May 31st in accordance with USMS rules. The long course meet typically takes place mid-August although its allowable date range is August 1 – September 15th.

USMS National Championships can be very profitable events. From 1990 through last year the short course championship meet has averaged about 1700 swimmers (with a low of 1103 and a high of 2060) while the long course meet has averaged 1000 swimmers (716 low and 1380 high). A successful meet can provide lasting monetary benefits to your facility and can also be financially rewarding to local area businesses.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you in the preparation of a bid to host a 2009 championship meet. If you are interested in submitting a bid please contact the USMS Championship Committee Chairman at the following address:

Mark Moore
33055 Dolphin Ct
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
Championship@usms.org or (949) 233-6521 (day) or (949) 489-1847 (evening)

Please note bids are due to the Championship Committee by August 27, 2007. Bid presentations to United States Masters Swimming will take place September 27-29 at the United States Aquatic Sports convention in Anaheim, CA.

History & Archives -

The History & Archives Committee is attempting to identify and locate a swimmer named Bruce Carter (age 25 in 1980) who is listed as 1980 All American for Men 25-29 and who set the Men 25-29 1650 yd Free National Record at the 1980 SCY Nationals in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, on May 16-18, 1980. He would be about age 52 now. In 1980, he was listed as UNA (unattached) and swam the following events at SCY Nationals: 50 yd free (place #35, time 24.05), 100 yd free (#11, 47.53), 200 yd free (#3, 1:47.54), 500 yd free (#1, 4:48.95), and 1650 yd free (#1, 16:56.18) * New National Record Men 25-29. H&A is trying to be sure that the correct permanent ID is assigned to him.

Since 1985, there have been several "Bruce Carters" registered, and two would have been the correct age. One was from Indianapolis, IN, and affiliated with club GRIN when last registered in 2001. The other was from Phoenixville, PA, and affiliated with the 1776 club when last registered in 1994. There could be a third Bruce Carter from somewhere else who was 25 in 1980, unattached, and is the person who swam the 1650 yd free at Nationals since our saved registration files do not go back before 1985.

Long Distance

It is with great sadness that USMS lost one of the greatest OW swimmers of our day. Dave Parcels passed away at the 24-mile Tampa Bay Marathon Swim. Known as the "King of Tampa Bay", this was Dave's 8th time participating in this event. Dave leaves 2 children, Jenna and Matthew. This is a big loss for all of us. Dave submitted the successful bid to host the 2008 USMS 1-Mile Open Water National Championship in Madison, CT, and this race will go on in Dave's memory.

2009 USMS LD National Championship Bids are due August 3rd. Bids will be compiled and reviewed by the LDC before presentations at Convention in September. Forms are available from LD Chair, Marcia Cleveland at LongDistance@usms.org.

Coaches

The Coaches Committee would like to make sure everybody knows that the deadline for the Coach of the Year applications is now June 15th. And please, if possible, to submit the applications electronically to Coach Skip Thompson at fthompso AT usms DOT org.

The Coaches Committee is now accepting applications for coaches planning to attend the ASCA Convention in San Diego on September 5-9th. Featured speakers in the Masters Track on Saturday, September 8th include Kris Houchens from Indy SwimFit,

Ron Marcikic of UC San Diego Masters, and Rick Powers of Davis Aquatic Masters. The Coaches Committee will be awarding grants of 50% of the cost of the clinic to coaches from all LMSC's. Please submit your application to Mel Goldstein by May 10th. Contact Coaches Chair Mo Chambers at moswimm at cox dot net for an application.

Endowment Fund

The 2006 year end Fund report was circulated to the members of the Board of Governors last month and it showed that as of December 31, 2006, the Endowment Fund stood at \$215,338.27. Since the first of the year, additional sums have been received through the dues check-off system as well as through gifts and memorials. By convention, we should be at or over the \$225,000 mark!!

As of the mid-year report, there have been no formal requests for funding during 2007. Grant requests are solicited and questions can be directed to Doug Church, Chair of the Board of Governors of the Endowment Fund at Dchurch@cchalaw.com

Rules

by Kathy Casey, USMS Rules Chair

Short Course Nationals will be in Federal Way, May 17-20, and Long Course Nationals will be in The Woodlands, August 10-13. Following are questions regarding national meets:

- Q:** When did I have to swim the qualifying times for nationals?
A: In the past two years (p. 32, 104.5.3C[2], 2007 USMS Rule Book).
Q: Where in the rule book are the rules governing relays at nationals?
A: In the order that they appear in the 2007 USMS Rule Book: p. 31, 104.5.3B and p. 33, 104.5.4B(3) and (6) and 104.5.4C(2). Additionally, other general rules regarding relays can be found on: pp. 4 – 5, 101.7; p. 6, 102.3.2; pp. 7 – 8, 102.9; p. 19, 103.10.5; p. 24, 103.13.1B, C, and D; p. 25, 103.13.3; p. 37, 105.1.4; p. 38, 105.2.2A, C, D, and E and 105.3.7A, C, D, and E; and p. 39, 105.4.2.

Clarification and questions:

- Q:** Late request for a split time: After I got home from the meet, I discovered that my 100 split time on the 200 fly was a record/ Top 10 time. Can I still request that split for official purposes?
A: No. Splits must be requested in writing to the meet referee by the end of the meet for freestyle, butterfly, and breaststroke. All backstroke splits and relay leadoff splits must be requested by the swimmer in writing (to the referee) prior to the swim (page 24, 103.13.1B[1] and [2] and page 38, 105.2.2B and C and 105.3.7B and C).
Q: Relay disqualification: If my relay gets DQed, can my leadoff split still count for an official time?
A: No. All swimmers must complete the relay without being disqualified in order for the relay leadoff split to count as an official time (p. 24, 103.13.1C and p. 38, 105.2.2D and 105.3.7D).
Q: Relay leadoff split request: Why do I have to request a relay leadoff split in writing to the referee before I swim the relay?

- A:** The officials have to watch to make sure that the second swimmer does not start in the water, risking interference with the timing pad (p. 24, 103.13.1D and p. 38, 105.2.2E and 105.3.7E).
Q: Other strokes during freestyle: If I swim the 200 IM during the 200 free, can I set a record in the IM?
A: No. All strokes swum during the freestyle events count only as freestyle times (p. 24, 103.13.2).

Alert Regarding USA Swimming Emergency Rule Change, Effective February 15, 2007

USA Swimming has changed their water depth rule for TEACHING racing starts from 5 feet to 6 feet deep (see the USA-S text below). This rule change by USA Swimming does not dictate an automatic, emergency change in USMS rules. USMS does not have the same teaching rule in its facilities standards (Article 107), and USMS does not automatically adopt changes to USA Swimming Article 103, "Facilities Standards" (see USMS 601.4.6B, page 101).

However, USMS clubs/members that share facilities with USA Swimming clubs will be impacted by this rule change. You may be asked by USMS members about this rule change if they train at the same facility as a USA Swimming club. Tell them that, yes, USA Swimming made that rule change but USMS has not. USMS members who train at the same facilities as USA-S swimmers will likely find themselves following the new USA-S rule for TEACHING racing starts. A facility may also decide to apply that 6-foot-water-depth rule for teaching racing starts to all teams and lessons using their pool(s). Facilities can have stricter rules so again, USMS members may find themselves following the new 6-foot water-depth rule for teaching racing starts.

For any questions about this emergency rule change by USA Swimming and its impact on USMS swimming contact or other USMS Rules, please contact Rules Committee Chair Kathy Casey, via email at rules AT usms DOT org

The following is the text of the notice from USA Swimming regarding the emergency rule change:

Special Notice to Members of the USA Swimming House of Delegates & All USA Swimming Clubs:

Pursuant to USA Swimming Rule 504.8, the USA Swimming Board of Directors has decided to amend Rule 103.2.2 (page 43 of the 2007 Rules & Regulations) which specifically applies to teaching racing starts to provide as follows:

103.2 WATER DEPTH –

.2 /M/ Teaching Racing Starts – Minimum water depth for teaching racing starts in any setting from any height starting block or the deck shall be 6 feet (1.84 meters) measured for a distance of 3 feet 31/2 inches (1.0 meter) to 16 feet 5 inches (5.0 meters) from the end wall.

This decision has been made with the advice and consent of the Safety Education Committee, the Rules and Regulations Committee, and legal counsel. The purpose of this action is to further protect novice swimmers from accidental bottom strikes while they are learning to execute racing starts. This change is effective im-

mediately.

Here ends the text of the notice from USA Swimming.

The water depth rule for racing starts in USMS rules is 107.2.3, pages 40 and 41 of the 2007 USMS Rule Book and includes the following text:

107.2.3—Water Depth

A Starting end—Minimum water depth for racing starts, as measured for a distance of 3 feet, 3½ inches (1.0 meter) to 16 feet, 5 inches (5.0 meters) from the end wall, during either competition or practice shall be as follows:

(1) In pools with water depth less than 3 feet, 6 inches (1.07 meters) at the starting end, the swimmer must start within the water. [M]

(2) In pools with water depth 3 feet, 6 inches (1.07 meters) to less than 4 feet (1.22 meters) at the starting end, the swimmer must start from the deck or from within the water. [M]

(3) In pools with water depth 4 feet (1.22 meters) or more at the starting end, platforms shall meet the height requirements of article 107.11.1. [M]

Updates

Jean Apker – Midwestern Registrar & Treasurer – jlapker AT cox DOT net

Carolyn Boak – USMS BOD – carolynboak AT yahoo DOT com

Norman Bower – Iowa Chairman – normbower AT mchsi DOT com

Cindy Clements – Pacific Long Distance – sheswims AT sbcglobal DOT net

Joanie Campbell – Finance & Marketing committees – correct zip code is 34683

Charlie Cockrell – Officials Committee Chair – 5008 Green Oakes Circle SE, Huntsville, AL 35803, (H) 256-776-7314, (W) 256-544-6481, cockrellsva AT comcast DOT net

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Bill Hofacre – Ohio Top Ten – hofacrewandm AT peoplepc DOT com

Bruce Hopson – Long Distance & Records & Tabulation committees – xmuswimr AT sbcglobal DOT net

Lucy Johnson – Finance & Planning committees – lucyj6 AT mac DOT com

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NEWS BRIEFS

USMS Elections

2007 is an election year, the candidates for the USMS officers are: President, Rob Copeland; VP National Operations, Leo Letendre, VP Local Operations, Julie Heather; VP Member Services, Mark Gill; VP Community Services, Michael Heather; Secretary, Meg Smath; Treasurer, Tom Boak.

Corrections

The following awards were inadvertently omitted from the 2007 USMS Rule Book.

- Sally Dillon for the 2006 Ransom Arthur
- The winner of the Newsletter of the Year Award for 2006 is the *West Hollywood Aquatics Newsletter* (West Hollywood Aquatics), Dan Adams, editor.
- IMSHOF inductees for 2006 were Drury Gallagher, Katherine Pelton, Walter Pfeiffer, Rita Simonton, William Specht, and Lavelle Stoinoff. For 2005: John Deininger, Burwell Jones, Betsy Jordan, William McAllister, Sandy Neilson Bell, Richard Tod Spieker, Phil Whitten.
- Joan Smith was inadvertently omitted from the 2007 USMS Directory. Joan is a member of the Pacific LMSC and the USMS Officials, Recognition & Awards, and Records & Tabulation committees. Joan can be reached at rtjpsmit AT cwnet DOT com

Pool All-Americans in Swimmer

The 2006 Pool All-American roster appearing on page 11 of the May/June, 2007 issue of *Swimmer* erroneously contains the information from the previous year's list. *Swimmer* Magazine regrets the error, and is planning to print the correct list of 2006 Pool All-Americans in the July/August 2007 issue of the magazine. To view the 2006 USMS All-Americans, visit the USMS web site at: <http://www.usms.org/comp/aa/>

Swimmer would also like to acknowledge and thank FINIS, the USMS corporate partner sponsoring the 2006 Long Distance and Pool All-Stars.

LC Nationals Entry Form

Please note that the zip code for mailing the entry form for LC Nationals (published in the May/Jun issue of *Swimmer*) is incorrect. It should be 03053 (not 03059 which according to the USPS website "could not be found").

A corrected version will be posted on the USMS website.

Please get this information out to your membership ASAP! We want to be sure that all paper entries arrive safely at the correct address—8 Rockwood Lane, Londonderry, NH 03053!

Also... there is a typo on the entry form it should read 100 Breaststroke not 1000 – YIKES!

Electronic version of the USMS Letterhead

When formatting letters using the letterhead, keep within the margins of the logo which is one inch on both sides.

Either cut the letter (most letters can be cut in terms of content) or go to a second page (which is not suggested—most people don't want to read a two page letter). It takes real discipline to keep letters short and within margins but it has a better visual appeal.

2006-2007 ILSMA Awards

Service Award: Official Rich Mueller

Coach of the Year: Chicago Masters Paul Moniak

2008 FINA Masters World Championships

The only venue to host two previous FINA World Swimming Championships, Challenge Stadium, Perth Australia, expects to welcome up to 10,000 visitors in 2008.

Training will start on 15th April with an opening ceremony on the April 17 and the first day of competition on April 18.

Challenge Stadium's five pools will see the event run concurrently allowing athletes in all disciplines to mix and attend the many social events. Competitors can find out more information or register for the event by going to www.2008finamasters.org



Hill Carrow has recently been elected to the Town of Morrisville Board of Commissioners. The news article from the Town of Morrisville can be accessed at <http://www.carynews.com/152/story/5173.html>.