

2013 CONVENTION REPORT - FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Joan Campbell

- Additional budget items during the year included \$191,000 for increased cost of Insurance premiums.
- \$5,700 was allotted for insurance risk assessment by an outside firm.

The Club collections remain firm at no cost for Clubs through 2014. It was determined that it was too late to change the arrangement for 26 Clubs using it. Plan for 2014 for future was suggested.

There was a great deal of discussion about proposed 3% increase of membership and whether this was realistic. Also about the cost of proposed National Office staffing and whether this involved a positive cost/benefit analysis.

It was reported the Board of Directors approved an annual dues increase of \$2. a year for 2015-2019. FOG requires the Finance Committee to review this before BOD approval. A one year approval was given and later increases were to be reviewed at a later time.

Four coaches were approved to be went to World's in Montreal in 2014.

A balanced budget was presented to the Board of Directors and to the House of Delegates.

I resigned as a member of the Finance Committee after serving for 13 years.

DIXIE ZONE MEETING
2013 CONVENTION

Some of the items covered at the Dixie Zone Meeting at Convention were the following:

Dixie Zone Championship Awards were given to:

Short Course Yards - Raleigh, 3/29 - 3/30 2014

Long Course Meters - Tupelo, Mississippi - 6/27 - 6/29 2014

Short Course Meters - Atlanta, GA - 12/13 - 12/14 2014

Dixie Zone Championship meets will require 3 combined team awards with the words **DIXIE ZONE CHAMPIONS**

Matt Hooper was elected Dixie Zone Chair for the next 2 years.

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Meegan Wilson

- The Goal of the USMS History & Archives Committee** is to preserve USMS history. The committee made a lot of progress this year. One project for 2014 that we are working on is to digitize Top Ten relay data prior to 1998 for posting on the USMS website. We are also requesting help from our members for the following:
 - We need help in identifying a list of swimmers in the 1970 – 1992 USMS Top Ten Times who are missing permanent IDs, birth dates, and/or full names in the USMS database. This list has been posted on the USMS website: http://www.usms.org/hist/tt_swimmers_no_id.pdf. We have had a great response from USMS members so far and have made a lot of progress. The list will be updated as we continue to identify more swimmers.
 - The History and Archives Committee is looking for early LMSC or Club registration files. These files will help with our identification of unknown swimmers.
 - Pre 1998 Open Water and Postal Championship results continue to be located, scanned and prepared for posting on the web site. An updated list of missing results will be posted on the website and in Streamlines. Hopefully, some USMS members still have copies of these results.
 - We are also asking members, clubs, and LMSCs to document their own history. When they were formed, who the founding members are, how their membership has increased over the years, etc. Each LMSC and Club should have their own Historian. The History and Archives Committee is interested in compiling this information since it has had a direct impact on USMS development.
 - The History and Archives Committee welcomes stories on individual swimmers. Each USMS member has a web page on the USMS site. (To find yours, put your name in the search engine on the USMS homepage.) Most member pages however, do not have a story about the swimmer. For those members that enjoy writing, please write a story on one of your teammates or on yourself and send it to me with a photo if you have one. Include the photographer, if known and photographer permission. Make sure that the author of the story is noted, permission to post and the date that the story was written.
 - Please contact the History and Archives Committee before discarding USMS historical documents in case they are needed.
- The International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame** inducted Edward Cazalet as an Honor Swimmer <http://www.ishof.org/Honorees/2013/edward-cazalet.htm> and Ted Haartz as an Honor Contributor <http://www.ishof.org/Honorees/2013/ted-haartz.htm> this year. It was a very nice program.
- Major new Rule Changes** (https://www.usms.org/rules/20130915_unat_fina_changes.pdf)
 - “All swimmers in a meet must belong to a club.** If there is even one unattached swimmer competing at a short course or long course meters meet, NONE of the times from that meet will count for FINA Top 10 and World Records.”
 - All unattached swimmers shall be a member of “Club Unattached”** in each LMSC in order to comply with this rule. “Club Unattached” swimmers cannot form relays or compile points in competitions.
 - Breaststroke/Butterfly:** The body must be on the breast when touching and leaving the wall. The hands must be separated (cannot overlap) as they touch the wall simultaneously. In Breaststroke, it is now allowed to take an arm stroke at the turn and finish without following it with a kick.
 - Power bands and adhesive substances** are not allowed in competition.