

Minutes of the Illinois Swimming Official's Association Annual Meeting  
Saturday, November 12, 2022, FNC Natatorium, Westmont, IL

**Call to Order:** 8:30am. In attendance were President Steve Fedota, Vice-President Gwen VanSteen, Treasurer Fred Gafrick, Secretary Jim Katula and approximately 25 members of the Association. Absent was Member-At-Large Mike Hutton.

**Minutes:** It was moved (Tom Strunk) and seconded (Dennis Yard) to accept the minutes as posted on the ISOA website. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred Gafrick read the report as posted on the ISOA website. The accounts have been moved to a new bank. The Association has \$3087.70 in its account. It was moved (Dennis Yard) and seconded (Skip Yates) that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

**Remarks from Kraig Garber:** Kraig thanked all of the members for their commitment to becoming better officials by belonging to an association.

**President's Report:**

1. Nominating Committee: A nominating committee was selected to obtain candidates for the February election of President, Treasurer and Member-At-Large. Appointed to the committee were Vice-President VanSteen, Skip Yates and Cari Kauffman.
2. Awards Committee: An awards committee was appointed, charged with the task of receiving nominations for the three association awards: Rookie of the Year, Most Improved, and Official of the Year. The committee is Treasurer Gafrick, Mike Fosco, and Janet Stern. The Romsted-Drumm Award is given by the Association leadership to a deserving individual. It is not the responsibility of this committee to find a recipient. However, President Fedota would like any member to nominate an official by Friday if he/she has a person in mind for this award.
3. Constitutional Amendment: An amendment to the ISOA constitution was properly brought before the membership for a vote. The amendment allows for electronic voting for future elections. The purpose of this amendment is to ease the frustrations of members that are unable to attend the state meets where meetings are routinely held. The amendment passed by vocal affirmation with no dissenting votes.
4. By-Law Amendment: An amendment to the By-Laws was proposed as a result of the Constitutional Amendment to eliminate proxy voting from future elections. Because elections can now be held online, proxies are no longer needed. A motion was brought by AC Buehler with a second by Gerry Cassiopi. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Old Business:**

1. Directory: The membership directory is now available online only. No print copies will be distributed due to the costs involved. Treasurer Gafrick handed out QR codes with a link to the google form with the directory.

**New Business:**

1. Diving Clinic: Nancy Myer offered her expertise at an upcoming diving meet to be held at UIC. She offered to sit and talk through scoring with anyone interested in seeing top-level diving.
2. School Listing: Skip Yates and Cari Kauffman will continue working on the school listings with information for officials going to schools to work meets. Information will include style of pay, contact information and entrance information, if possible. It was noted that since this will be a google doc, available online, members can add schools anytime they work a meet at a school that

doesn't appear on the list. This should help to make the list completion a quicker process.

**Adjournment:** It was moved (Dennis Yard) and seconded (Skip Yates) that the meeting be adjourned at 8:59 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Katula, Secretary