June, 2019 SPMS Chair Report

1. 2019 USMS Delegate Selection Process

As chair, and on behalf of the SPMS executive committee, I would like to apologize for the way in which the 2019 USMS Convention delegate selection process was handled. It was not our intention to upset anyone or diverge from the established policy.

I assure you that the approach initially taken was a good faith endeavor to abide by the SPMS Policies and Procedures handbook (administrative handbook). To my knowledge, the fact that SPMS has far more interested and eligible automatic delegates than our membership-entitled USMS delegate allocation of 10 is unprecedented. Given the large number of SPMS members who actively sit on USMS committees (thereby automatic delegates), it is clear that we should not have solicited interest from SPMS members who met the meeting attendance requirement but are not on USMS committees.

Per the administrative handbook, I will submit a request to USMS for additional delegate-at-large appointments (4). This has been done, the next step, per the administrative handbook, is to request approval for reimbursement for additional delegates expenses through the SPMS Committee. This was done, but is now null and void given the additional information that came to light after the initial ill-advised voting. While we expect USMS will grant 1 or 2 of the 4 requested delegate-at-large appointments, rest assured SPMS will reimburse all 14 automatic delegates. I feel this is not only consistent with the administrative handbook, but the right thing to do.

I will form a small committee to review the applicable section of the administrative handbook to ensure it is clear on the procedure to follow in subsequent years, and make any revisions deemed appropriate.

If you have any concerns or questions, please direct them to me or any member of the executive committee.

2. SPMS Top Ten/Records - 60 Day Termination Notice

Pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the Agreement for Services between Southern Pacific Masters Swimming (SPMS) and the Top Ten/Records contractor, on June 1, 2019 SPMS issued a 60 day notice of termination of the Agreement for Services and will no longer need the services under the agreement. This termination was without cause. Under the agreement, the termination will take effect in 60 days, or July 31, 2019.

Update 6/17/19 – Termination date will take effect Saturday, June 15, 2019.

3. SPMS Top Ten/Records Contractor bid information will be posted on the SPMS web site June 30. Bids will be accepted until July 31. Voting will take place after the August meeting.