

Minutes of the Illinois Swimming Official's Association Regular Meeting Saturday, February 27, 2016, Evanston Township High School

President Mike Hutton called the meeting to order at 9:00am. In attendance were officers Mike Hutton, Bill Bavirsha, Fred Gafrick, Mark Anderson and approximately 25 Association members.

Ron McGraw from IHSA addressed the membership for the last time before his retirement. He introduced Assistant Executive Director-elect, Kraig Garber to the membership. Ron thanked the members for their services throughout the year and at this year's Boy's State Meet. He was presented with the Association's Official of the Year award.

Secretary's report. Minutes for the previous meeting on 11/21/15 were moved to be accepted as posted on the ISOA website by Todd Gray and seconded by Skip Yates. Motion carried.

Treasure's report. Fred Gafrick read the Treasurer's Report. The current account balance is \$3,128.79. Membership stands at 91 members. Expenses of printing costs, conference calls, awards expenses, postage and website maintenance fees were \$836.07. The balance sheet is posted on the website (<http://www.swimofficials.org/memberservices/financialstatements.htm>). Mike Wolz moved and Irma Gripp seconded to accept the report as read. The motion carried.

Old business. None.

New business. Elections for the association offices of Vice-President and Secretary were conducted. Todd Gray and Mark Anderson ran unopposed for Vice-President and Secretary respectively. Steve Fedota moved to close nominations and Tom McGowan seconded. The candidates were elected by acclamation.

ISOA award winners were introduced to the membership by the awards committee. Rookie of the Year is Bob Berg, Most Improved is Wendy Wozniak, and Official of the Year is Ron McGraw. Congratulations to these deserving recipients.

Nancy Myer spoke of opportunities to observe age group diving.

Tony Campo raised three points. First, he proposed a change in uniform pant color to black. This change must come from IHSA, but a straw poll was conducted with 8 for the change and 13 for keeping traditional white. Look for a poll on the website in coming months. Next, he suggested a conference call to State Volunteer Officials to pass on information and express appreciation for efforts. Since this would incur an expense, it will be discussed in the Executive Committee. He also suggested an 18" safety working area around the pool for officials to work unobstructed. A change of this sort would start with a written proposal to IHSA.

Nancy Myer suggested increasing the number of parking passes issued by the host school at the State Meet by 20 to accommodate the dive panels. This will be forwarded to the schools, but is up to them and their facilities. Kathy Dueball and Tony Campo also observed problems with the parking situation. Better communication with the host schools and their volunteers will be suggested. Steve Fedota asked that school entrance information be added to the email that volunteer officials receive.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Fedota, and seconded by Jim Katula. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:31am.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Anderson