

Minutes of the Illinois Swimming Official's Association Regular Meeting Saturday, February 24, 2018, Evanston Township High School

President Steve Fedota called the meeting to order at 8:30am. In attendance were officers Steve Fedota, Mike Hutton, Fred Gafrick, Todd Gray, Mark Anderson and approximately 25 Association members.

Kraig Garber from IHSA addressed the membership. He requested that we try to recruit new officials as younger people are not becoming involved at the same rate as they have in the past. He also thanked the members for their services throughout the year and at this year's Boy's State Meet.

Secretary's report. Minutes for the previous meeting on 11/18/17 were moved to be accepted as posted on the ISOA website by Nancy Myer and seconded by Jim Katula. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report. Fred Gafrick read the Treasurer's Report. The current account balance is \$2,856.07. Membership stands at 87 members. Expenses of printing costs, conference calls, awards expenses, postage and website maintenance fees were \$212.62. The monthly income statements are posted on the website (<http://www.swimofficials.org/memberservices/financialstatements.htm>). Dennis Yard moved and Jim Katula seconded to accept the report as read. The motion carried

Old business. The IHSA Official's Conference is July 20-21 in East Peoria.

The ISOA brochure is available and will be mailed to members along with their annual renewal material for distribution to prospective members. Steve Fedota can also provide some if needed sooner. As a member of the Official's Advisory Committee, Nancy Myer added that association membership is encouraged by IHSA.

Steve Fedota solicited ideas for material to be included in the ISOA Newsletter, "The Long Whistle" which is published periodically. Some ideas for inclusion (mentoring, positioning and use of Arbiter) were offered. It was suggested that assigners be included in any attempts at mentoring.

New business. Elections for the association offices of Vice-President and Secretary were conducted. The Nominating Committee offered Todd Gray as a candidate for Vice-President and Jim Katula and Tom McGowan as candidates for Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. Skip Yates and Dennis Yard volunteered as election judges. Todd Gray was elected Vice-President and Jim Katula was elected Secretary. Congratulations to both.

ISOA award winners were introduced to the membership by the awards committee. Rookie of the Year is Noreen Rodriguez, Most Improved is Rene Miller and Official of the Year is Mike Hutton. Congratulations to these deserving recipients.

Nancy Myer spoke of social opportunities for the membership. An email was sent out prior to the State Meet with information about the informal gathering at Meier's Tavern after the Friday Prelim Session. It was noted that perhaps some of the newer members of the Association were unaware of this tradition. She also solicited suggestions from the membership about other social opportunities. Some ideas were meeting at the IHSA Official's Conference in Peoria or going to a baseball game. A survey is planned in the future.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Yard, and seconded by Mike Fosco. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:16am.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Anderson
Secretary