

**Minutes of the Illinois Swimming Official's Annual Meeting  
Saturday, November 19, 2016, Evanston Township High School**

President Mike Hutton called the meeting to order at 9:02am. In attendance were officers Mike Hutton, Todd Gray, Fred Gafrick, Emil Barbato, Mark Anderson and approximately 17 Association members.

Kraig Garber from IHSA addressed the membership. He thanked the members for their services throughout the year and at this year's Girl's State Meet.

**Secretary's report.** Minutes for the previous meeting on 2/27/16 were moved to be accepted as posted on the ISOA website by A.C. Buehler and seconded by Steve Fedota. Motion carried.

**Treasure's report.** Fred Gafrick read the Treasurer's Report. The current account balance is \$2,899.27. Membership stands at 75 members. Expenses of conference call fees, nametags, laminating, postage and website maintenance fees were \$1,412.52. The income statement is posted on the website monthly. Acceptance was moved by Dennis Yard and seconded by Bill Bavirsha. The report was accepted as read.

**Old business.** None.

**New business.** A nominating committee for Association officers was selected-Todd Gray, Skip Yates and Steve Fedota. Please contact them with nominations for President, Treasurer and Member-at-Large before the February regular Association meeting. Those officer's two year terms are up. Additionally, the President has reached his term limit. (Candidates must be members and willing to serve).

An awards committee was selected-Fred Gafrick, Jim Katula and Michele Witherspoon. Please contact them with prospective recipients for Official of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Most Improved by February 1, 2017. Criteria for selection as well as past recipients can be found on the Association's website.

A Level 2 clinic will be conducted by Joe Plack on 1/8/17 at Glenbrook South High School in Glenview. Please contact Joe to register no later than 72 hours before the clinic.

A poll of the membership was taken as to whether anyone would be interested in a group rate at a local motel for the volunteers who stay in them for the state meet. Eight members would be interested. IHSA will be notified of the Association's interest in utilizing such a group rate.

Mike Hutton noted that the membership in the Association is down as well as the number of swimming and diving officials in general. It was also noted that existing officials, in large part are in the "mature" category. For this reason, members are being asked to try to recruit new officials (and by extension, new Association members). The ISOA can sponsor up to two new recruits per year that IHSA will pay their first year's registration fee. Steve Fedota has volunteered to create a flyer to promote the benefits of Association membership.

Motion to adjourn was made by A.C. Buehler, and seconded by Dennis Yard. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:19am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Anderson