

# The WetSet



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## President's Letter

Dear Swimmers:

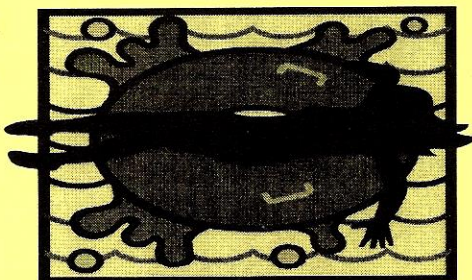
Congratulations to the PNA swimmers who made the USMS Individual All American List for last year by having the fastest time in an event for the season. The swimmers are Ila Barlean, Mary Jenkins, Sally Dillon, Pinky Walker, Marion Mueller, Mark Heinrich, Rick Colella, Alan Cardwell, Gregory Harrison, Jim McCleery, Nick LeClercq, Steve Thrasher, Nick Templeman, and Jim Penfield.

Also to be congratulated are the PNA Relay All Americans including: Mary Jenkins, Shelley Birnie, Karin Gardner, Nadine Bowen, Zena Courtney, Lisa Wilson, Mary Lippold, Charlotte Davis, Marion Mueller, Pat Matthiesen, Maxine Carlson, and Helen Schuchart. Keep up the good work.

PNA Champs in Bellingham was great! I particularly enjoyed the meet because I wasn't helping to put it on. It's nice to be able to swim and not worry about the details. Until you put on a meet, you just can't realize all the effort that goes into one. Thanks to everyone involved with making this year's Champs a success.

Thanks also to the PNA Board for the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Hugh and me. We are honored to have been given the award and plan to enjoy our trip to Whidbey Island.

Jane Moore



## PNA COMPUTER APPLICATIONS REPORT (April 12, 1998)

Greetings to all from Saudi Arabia. From what you all have told me, everything went well with the PNA Championships. Congratulations, and good luck to everyone who is going to Zones, Nationals, and the Worlds.

The PNA website (<http://www.whidbeynet.net/frosty/pna/pna.htm>) was accidentally shut down from about March 26 until April 6. My ISP upgraded the web server with new software that inadvertently changed the access permissions of some of the subdirectories, including the one where the PNA website resides. This caused browsers to the PNA website to receive either a message saying that they were not permitted access to view the page, or to receive a dialog box querying for a username and password. The problem was identified, and the PNA website was back on-line on April 6. My apologies for the inconvenience.

My thanks to Walt, Jeanne, and Lee for providing the meet results, Long Course Zones meet information, and team representatives listing for the website. They were uploaded before my departure.

If anyone has items to be added to the website, you may e-mail them to me at my desert e-mail address [desert-frost@yahoo.com](mailto:desert-frost@yahoo.com), and I will post them when I return.

Finally, I did not get around to asking the Bellingham Masters if they were willing to post the PNA Champs results on their website, either on a temporary or permanent basis. I can post them on the PNA site when I return, but I figured that there might be demand to have them posted sooner than the end of June.

Sincerely,  
Dan

## PNA Board Meeting March 24, 1998

Vice President Lee Carlson, in Jane Moore's absence, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. at the Federal Way Library. Carolyn Behse, Lee Carlson, Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, Tom Foley, Dan Frost, Jan Kavadas, Suzie Ness, Frank Newquist, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, and Jeanette Vallandigham attended. Teams represented: Bellevue Club, Federal Way, Fort Steilacoom, GLAD, OOPS, ORCA, Mercer Island Redwoods, North Whidbey, and Tigers.

**MINUTES:** The February minutes were approved as submitted. (Colman Pool was misspelled in previous reports.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** USMS Short Course Nationals earned net income of \$17,481. This is below original estimates mainly due to taxes totaling \$3,594 (449% of anticipated). The 3K/6K Postal Championships netted \$719 (\$1,790 revenue - \$1,071 expenses). The Long Distance Committee's evaluation

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will determine the amount of the meet bond to be returned. The PNA Balance Sheet indicates total assets of \$29,007 including the Wiggin Fund's \$2,572. The Board accepted Jeanne's report as presented.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**A. Membership:** Current membership is 716 (versus 778 at this time last year, with Champs through and Nationals looming). Twenty-one teams have registered (versus 16 or 17 last year). Steve Peterson and Walt Reid will assist Lee Carlson in assigning teams by size to three divisions for Champs.

**B. Meets:** Green Lake's bid to host the LCM Zone meet (July 25 - 26) at the King County Aquatic Center was MSA'd. Suzie Ness reminds hosts to return meet contracts to her expeditiously. To Sally Dillon's question about additional officials to work the Champs meet, Jan Kavadas said she has three certified officials in Bellingham. Suzie Ness reviewed officials certification requirements (the Referee must be certified as a stroke and turn judge, starter, or referee per Article 103.2). Tom Foley reported Bob Dorse's inquiry into Seattle pool fees: rentals over four hours require 10% of gross income (\$100 min) plus \$15/hour for one staff person. King County advertises a dual rate structure: \$50/hour private party and \$30/hour plus \$8.50/hour for staff person and lifeguard. Suzie Ness will use this for meet planning purposes. The Washington State Games (August 6 - 9) will include a one-day swim meet at Evergreen State College, Olympia. Masters age bracketing will apply. Information on events is forthcoming.

**C. Records/Top Ten:** Walt is preparing SCM Top Ten and All Americans for the next *WetSet*.

**D. Publicity:** No report.

**E. Newsletter:** Edmonton sent a video promoting the '98 Canadian Nationals. Sally Dillon volunteered to complete the *WetSet* reader survey (to add responses arriving after Gary's initial review). Jeanne Ensign suggested that a sub-committee scan our membership for likely individuals to replace editor Gary, since no candidates have stepped forward. Tom Foley and Suzie Ness offered to assist Jeanne (after tax season). Lee Carlson will prepare a request to hand to team reps at Champs. Meanwhile, Dan Frost and Sally Dillon volunteered to serve as interim co-

editors.

**F. Awards:** \$129 was collected from the Anacortes and Bangor meets for awards (25 + 43 medals, respectively).

**G. Social:** Jett Vallandigham is soliciting Champs goodies from local Bellis Faire merchants. Items may be provided by Sylvia's Swimwear (Bellevue), J.D. Pence, and ByGeorge!

**H. Officiating:** Revised stroke rules went into effect just before the Bangor meet. Jan is in charge of officials for the National Junior Wheelchair Championships, June 29 (6 - 9 P.M. and July 3 (9 - 12N) at Bellevue Aquatic Center. Volunteer timers are needed.

**I. Fitness:** Bellevue Club is hosting a Triathlon Clinic for novice women triathletes (same weekend as Champs). Great presenters! (see *WetSet* ad). Dan Frost says more USMS Fitness Committee information will be appearing on the USMS Home Page.

**J. Computer Applications:** Dan will add registration for LCZones to the PNA website. Bellingham will post Champs results on their website.

**K-P. Constitution, Safety, Ad Hoc Open Water, Ad Hoc Coaches, At-Large Reps, Team Reps:** No reports.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**A. Meet Fee Surcharge:** Dan Frost stated that fee exemption criteria should apply uniformly to membership, awards, and meet fees. Sally Dillon offered that Masters already presents a relatively low-cost recreation expense. Jan Kavadas proposed postponing changes so Suzie can send out the meet bid package. Tom Foley reiterated his team's concern that some Seniors who view fees as high might slip away from PNA rather than speak out. Jan moved that next year we retain current LMSC and Timing surcharges but make individual event fees optional for Seniors (over 64) - MSA'd. A motion to examine membership demographics to determine whether additional age groups and income levels should be granted meet or registration fee discounts was also MSA'd. Should the Wiggin Fund be used to compensate PNA for the cost of any discounts taken, based on information collected over the coming year?

**B. Other:** None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Coaching Clinics:** Lee Carlson re-

minded the Board that USMS offers \$500 seed money to sponsor clinics.

**B. USMS Convention:** Sally Dillon asked if the list of delegates likely to attend Convention is due.

**C. '98 SCM Zones:** A motion to support North Whidbey's bid for the '98 SCM Zone meet was MSA'd.

**D. PNA Service Award:** Steve Peterson proposed a new "PNA Distinguished Service Award" to acknowledge exemplary service to the PNA -- MSA'd. This award would complement the Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer award, but be presented irregularly. A motion to select Jane and Hugh Moore as initial recipients for award at Champs was MSA'd, with up to \$80 for a plaque plus up to \$250 for a getaway weekend retreat. (The Board also thanks Hugh and Jane for both being absent this one meeting to simplify award coordination.)

#### NEXT MEETINGS:

Tuesday, May 26, at Lee Carlson's (Mercer Island)

Tuesday, June 23, at Jan Kavadas' (Edmonds)

Vice President Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:18 P.M. in the parking lot.

## PNA Meritorious Service Award

The Pacific Northwest Association Board of Directors has determined that a special service award should be established and provided to those who meet the following criteria:

- Providing organizational leadership to further the goals of the PNA.
- Willingness to "carry the load" by taking on significant -often thankless-assignments.
- Commitment to strengthening United States Masters Swimming in general and the Pacific

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