# Pacific Northwest Association of Masters Swimmers <u>Annual Meeting</u> Minutes – King County Aquatic Center Banquet Hall Saturday, April 12, 2025

Board Members Present: Brent Barnes, Kim Boggs, Kathy Casey, Linda Chapman, Bob DeWard, Sally Dillon, Diana Hermanson, Lorraine Masse, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, Dave Scott. and Dan Underbrink.

Call to Order and Introductions: President Sally Dillon called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

### A. Officer Reports

1. <u>President's report</u>: Outgoing President Sally Dillon welcomed 57 attendees to the Annual Meeting – Social – Awards event. She introduced the members who worked with her to organize the banquet: Kim Boggs, Bob DeWard, and Steve Peterson.

Sally also thanked recently retired editor of *The WetSet*, Lucianne Pugh, who prepared the annual highlights slideshow. Lucianne's *nine years* at the helm set a record as PNA's longest running newsletter editor. PNA is looking for her replacement and Sally asked that interested members contact her.

Sally introduced the officers for the 2025-2027 term elected via online vote last month:

President: Linda Chapman
Secretary: Steve Peterson
Treasurer: Brent Barnes
At Large Director: Dave Scott
Kathy Casey

Sally also introduced these Appointed board members:

Appointed Directors: Bob DeWard

Dan Underbrink

Club Director: Kim Boggs
Meets chair: Lorraine Masse
Coaches chair: Diana Hermanson

Sally stated that she has enjoyed leading the LMSC the last two years and knows that Linda Chapman will do an outstanding job during the coming term.

- 2. <u>Approval of March 11 meeting minutes</u>: Tabled to next regular meeting.
- 3. Financial report: Tabled to next regular meeting.

## **B.** Coordinator/Committee Reports

Membership: PNA currently has 1,584 members and 14 clubs. PNA's only regional club, Puget Sound Masters, has 20 workout groups with a total of 1,053 members. Incoming president Linda predicted that PNA may well exceed 2,000 members this year. The 2024 total was 1,925 and PNA is ahead of schedule at this point.

Last fall, PNA paid the \$70 USMS registration fee for all workout groups and clubs that had at least 5 members in 2024. This is the second year the LMSC has done this. The objective was two-fold: to provide financial assistance to the clubs and WGs, and to assure that they were registered by November 1 when registration for 2025 opened for individual members.

PNA Voting Board Members	
President	. Linda Chapman . Bob Moore . Steve Peterson . Brent Barnes . Sally Dillon . Kathy Casey . Dave Scott . Jim Davidson . Lorraine Masse . Linda Chapman . Jim Davidson . Dan Underbrink
Appointed Director Club Director	
Club Director Club & Team Dev	. Doug Jelen
Coordinators	
Awards Coaches Fitness/Clinics	. Diana Hermanson
Historian Newsletter Editor	. Walt Reid
Officiating Records/Top 10 Social Media	.Doug Jelen
Virtual events Webmaster	. Sally Dillon

#### C. Old Business

1. 2025 Summer Nationals: Sally asked attendees to "stand up" if they are planning to attend the 2025 USMS Summer National Championships, which are being hosted by our LMSC. Very few attendees were left sitting! The event runs August 6-10 at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center. Since October, the organizing committee has met monthly on the 2nd Thursday via Microsoft Teams. There are 20 committee members who represent the following workout groups and clubs: Bainbridge Masters, Bellevue Club Masters, Bernardo's All Stars, Blue Wave Aquatics, CG Sports Management, Orca Masters, Lake Washington Masters, Team Walker International Masters, and Puget Sound Masters. Sally encouraged others to join the fun and participate on the committee. She would like to add representatives from the clubs and workout groups that are not currently involved.

The National Office has posted Summer Nationals information online, with much more yet to come. Committee members are working individually or in groups on hotel arrangements and a myriad of other details. PNA will donate \$800 per 5-hour shift to groups willing to provide timers for all 8 lanes. Three groups have indicated their interest already. Sally asked the audience: "If you know a group of individuals who would be interested, let her know and she will connect them with the volunteer coordinators." There were no questions about the national meet.

#### D. New Business

- 1. <u>Club Awards</u>: Prior to COVID, the PNA board had voted to provide virtual awards to the top three teams in each division at the PNA Champs meet. This was not a cost-saving decision. We'd been aware of a long-standing problem with many physical awards (plaques) not being picked up at the end of the meet. The board thought a virtual award (using the meet's logo) could be posted on team websites and Facebook pages for all to see. The pandemic, however, delayed implementation for a couple years. Sally shared a pennant that BERN created, incorporating their virtual award for relatively little expense. The team attaches these to their team banners. Diana Hermanson offered to share the information.
- 2. <u>Annual PNA Awards</u>: PNA's two annual awards were presented. The winning individuals were selected by the respective committees from several nominations submitted to each. Steve presented the *Dawn Musselman Inspirational Swimmer* award to **Dan Underbrink** of the Team Walker International Masters workout group. Sally presented the *PNA Coach of the Year* award to **Pete Colella** of the Cascade Masters workout group. Descriptions of these two awardees' accomplishments have been posted on the website's Awards page.

Pizza, salad, and dessert were served along with a variety of beverages. Door prize drawings were conducted both before and after business. Each adult received a ticket at check-in. Prizes included PNA license plate frames, a t-shirt from the weekend's meet, and the candy jars that decorated the tables (and what was left of the candy!).

#### E. Looking Ahead:

1. Next regular BOD Meeting: Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Sally Dillon's, Issaguah

MSA to adjourn at 3:35 pm

Minutes prepared by Steve Peterson, Secretary