
History and Archives

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Introduction

The mission of the History and Archives Committee (HAC) is to advance, promote, sustain and expand the recognition, appreciation, presentation, preservation and study of United States Masters Swimming history; to stimulate and to facilitate research and other scholarly activities on this subject; to enhance our resources for this endeavor; and to incorporate the study and appreciation of swimming history of adults.

The History Committee works on oral histories, physical preservation, and developing digital archives. They also work on policies related to records management and the collection of materials. The history and archives committee are a group responsible for collecting, preserving, and providing access to historical materials for a specific organization, community, or field. Its core function is to manage an archive, which can include documents, records, and other primary sources like letters, photos, and minutes, ensuring they are kept for future research and historical documentation

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

The committee continues to perform detailed work on the tasks of collecting and preserving the history of the USMS organization and its membership. Many of their recent projects include reviewing, factchecking, and submitting biographical and other historical information for publication on the USMS web site.

Past Projects Completed

In Memoriam - this is no longer a project of the committee.

Relay Top 10 - this project is completed. At this point, there isn't sufficient accurate data to keep this open as an ongoing project. Should more information be brought forward, it can be sent to the Records and Tabulations committee for review and verification.

All-American Relay Achievement Project - this project is completed. A request was made to adjust the database to show this; no further action is needed.

National Record Chronology - this is no longer a project of the committee. Should more information become available, it should be brought to the records and tabulations committee for review and verification

USMS Rule Book Project - this project is completed. Missing rule books are in the capable hands of the national office, and they will manage the next steps

Physical/ Digital Archives & Records Repository - this project is completed. Any relevant materials should be sent to the national office for archiving and safekeeping until ISHOF has been reorganized.

Action Items

Updating/ Supporting Olympian List -

- This year, the committee will be tasked with reviewing the need to support this list and whether it promotes the values and mission of USMS. They will provide a detailed rationale for keeping this as an ongoing project.
- The committee will set rigorous standards for who should be included on the Olympian list, with clear criteria that show that the names listed have achievements compared to USMS or swimming as a whole.
- This year, the committee will be tasked with creating a submission form for the public to fill out to request an addition to the Olympians list. The submission form should outline all relevant criteria to show how adding this person highlights an achievement of a USMS member.

USMS Website History Page - (writing style/narrative/stories/Professional Staff)

1. This is the main priority of the committee this year
2. Each member will be assigned for 5 years during which to write a narrative history of the organization that includes:Key roles and biographies of those who filled the roles during that time period
 - Interviews and Stories from individuals who round out the atmosphere and activities of the organization during that period
 - Any related cultural or world issues that affected the organization during that time period
3. One person will be tasked with creating a narrative of the adult swimming landscape and the opportunities for USMS.
4. The committee will work together to complete and craft these Eras of USMS into a format that is easily and enjoyably digestible for all interested in learning about the history of USMS.

USMS Historian

5. The committee will continue to explore potential individuals to fill the role of USMS Historian.
 - Physical storage of documents/materials

Agenda

1. Continue to refine the list of individuals and reach out with questions to create a living biography of United States Masters Swimming, Inc.

History and Archives Committee Meeting

[Thursday, August 13th, 2026 8:00pm-9:00pm EST| Zoom Registration Link](#)