

**American Water Ski Association
Board of Directors Meeting
The Riverside Hotel, 2900 W Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID 83714
Sunday, August 7, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

Agenda

- 1) Opening & Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Establishment of Quorum
- 4) Appointment of Parliamentarian
- 5) Opening Administrative Motions
- 6) Confirmation of Voting Roll *
- 7) Adoption of Agenda
- 8) Administrative items pertaining to 2016 National Championships *
- 9) Review and Approval of [Jan. 30, 2016 BOD Meeting Minutes](#)
- 10) Review of BOD Electronic Ballots since last Meeting *
- 11) Nominating Committee Report *
 - a) Officer Elections
- 12) AWSA President's Report & AWSA Executive Committee Report *
- 13) AWSA Treasurer's Report *
- 14) Special Committee reports
 - a) Membership Task Force (MTF)
- 15) USA-WS Executive Director's Report
- 16) Pan Am Region IWWF Report
- 17) International Activities Committee Report *
- 18) Athlete Advisory Council Report *
- 19) USOC Report
- 20) Other Committee Reports
 - a) Announcers Committee
 - b) Awards Committee
 - c) Boat Driver's Committee
 - d) By Laws Committee *
 - e) Judges & Scorers Committee *
 - f) Junior Development Committee *
 - g) Rules Committee *
 - h) Safety Committee
 - i) Seeding Committee
 - j) Skier's Qualification Committee *
 - k) Technical Committee *
 - l) Towboat Committee *
- 21) Regional Recommendations
 - a) East
 - b) Midwest
 - c) South
 - d) South Central
 - e) West
- 22) Old Business
- 23) New Business
- 24) Adjournment

* Supplemental information provided in Board Package

VOTING ROLL

AWSA BOD

Board of Directors

As-of:

18-Jul-16

<u>Members:</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Votes allowed</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Alex Lauretano	Ath Rep	AAC			
Brooks Wilson	Ath Rep	AAC			
Freddy Krueger, IV	Ath Rep	AAC			
Ellie Horton	Ath Rep	AAC			
Karen Truelove	Ath Rep	AAC			
Tonya Maurer	EVP	E			
Hutch Haines	Dir	E			
Jonathan Thacher	Dir	E			
Patrick Byrne	Dir	E			
Kate Knafla	EVP	MW			
Peter Dahl	Dir	MW			
Mike O'Connor	Dir	MW			
Dennis Downes	Dir	MW			
Bob Schouten	EVP	S			
Jody Seal	Dir	S			
Lyman Hardy	Dir	S			
Jim Jaquess	Dir	S			
Gordon Hall	EVP/COB ¹	SC			
Jerry Bautsch	Dir	SC			
Julie Krueger	Dir	SC			
Keith Lindemulder	Dir	SC			
Owen Letcher	EVP	W			
Barry Young	Dir/VP ²	W			
Richelle Muhlitner	Dir	W			
Laura Johnson	Dir	W			
Jeff Surdej	Pres ²				
Delaina Downes	Sec ²				
Robert Rhyne, III	Treas ²				

Total votes possible:

Majority:

¹ non-voting, unless vote could change outcome (tie-breaker)

² non-voting position

AWSA BOD
Electronic Ballot Voting Record
For the Period 1/31/2016 through 8/6/2016
As-of: 7/19/2016
Ballot #2016-2
Approve 2016 US
Jr. Team Q&P, Can
Am Challenge U14
Q&P, and Can Am
Fact Sheet
Ballot #2016-3
Approve Rule Book
changes to Jump
Ramp and Front
Flips
Ballot #2016-4
Approve Rule Book
changes to Jump
Ramp (only)
Ballot #2016-5
Approve Rule Book
changes to Front
Flips (only)

Board Members	Position	Region	Yea	Nay	Abst	No Vote	Yea	Nay	Abst	No Vote	Yea	Nay	Abst	No Vote	Yea	Nay	Abst	No Vote
Alex Lauretano	Ath Rep	AAC	X							X					X			
Brooks Wilson	Ath Rep	AAC	X					X								X		
Freddy Krueger, IV	Ath Rep	AAC	X					X								X		
Ellie Horton	Ath Rep	AAC	X					X						X				
Karen Truelove	Ath Rep	AAC	X							X				X				X
Tonya Maurer	EVP	E	X					X										
Hutch Haines	Dir	E	X				X											
Jonathan Thacher	Dir	E						X										
Patrick Byrne	Dir	E	X				X											
Kate Knafla	EVP	MW	X					X										
Peter Dahl	Dir	MW	X				X											
Mike O'Connor	Dir	MW	X				X											X
Dennis Downes	Dir	MW								X				X				
Bob Schouten	EVP	S	X					X						X		X		
Jody Seal	Dir	S	X					X				X				X		
Lyman Hardy	Dir	S	X					X				X				X		
Jim Jaquess	Dir	S	X					X				X				X		
Gordon Hall	EVP/COB ¹	SC								X			X				X	
Jerry Bautsch	Dir	SC	X				X					X				X		
Julie Krueger	Dir	SC					X							X		X		
Keith Lindemulder	Dir	SC								X				X		X		
Owen Letcher	EVP	W	X					X								X		
Barry Young	Dir/VP ²	W	X				X									X		
Richelle Muhlthner	Dir	W	X				X									X		
Laura Johnson	Dir	W	X				X									X		
Jeff Surdej	Pres ²																	
Delaina Downes	Sec ²																	
Robert Rhyne, III	Treas ²																	

Total votes possible:

25

25

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25

Required to pass:

13

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Result:

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9 11 0 5

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16 6 1 2

APPROVED
FAILS
APPROVED
APPROVED
¹ non-voting, unless vote could change outcome (tie-breaker)

² non-voting position

Ballot #2016-2 2/9/2016 Approve 2016 US Jr. Team Q&P, Can Am Challenge U14 Q&P, and Can Am Fact Sheet
 Motion by: IAC Cmte
 Second by: N/A

Ballot #2016-3 4/1/2016 Approve Rule Book changes to Jump ramp and Front
 Motion by: Rules Cmte
 Second by: N/A

Ballot #2016-4 5/16/2016 Approve Rule Book changes to Jump ramp (only)
 Motion by: H. Haines
 Second by: F. Krueger

Ballot #2016-5 5/16/2016 Approve Rule Book changes to Front Flips (only)
 Motion by: H. Haines
 Second by: F. Krueger

Nominations Report 2016 Summer BOD meeting 8-7-16

The slate of officers intending to run for the 2017 season are:

President: Jeff Surdej

VP: Barry Young

Treasure: Robert Rhyne

Secretary: Delaina Downs

COB: Gordon Hall

New HND's will be provided to vote on for the Winter meeting in 2017.

Thank you,

Barry Young (VP)

AWSA 2016 Summer President's Report

It's been one full year in office now. Overall I feel very happy with the direction and focus of the organization but I also feel behind on the progress of implementing the ideas we believe will evolve our sport into the future. I would have liked to implement a few more things this past summer to see how they worked or didn't work but simply did not get them off the ground in time. I feel that the end of next summer 2017 will be a milestone for AWSA to see if the changes we are making are growing our sport.

I continue to be impressed with the volunteer side of our organization and the hard work all our committees, board members, officials, and LOC's continue to put in to make our sport better. The dedication is outstanding and I only hope we can continue to find more of these up and coming volunteers to lead us into the future because many of those doing it now have been doing it a long time.

As president I'm finding out day after day how hard it is to dedicate enough time to implement ideas to grow our sport. This job could easily be a full time job for me and a staff of 4-5. My days are buried in presidential duties that I did not expect. Situations arise that take up a week of my time along with hundreds of emails and phone calls with questions from members. I know this is part of the job but it's frustrating not to have more time to dedicate to growing the sport at this time. Most of my hours are centered on IWWF stuff and the top 1% of our sport. So I task this organization to try and focus on the other 99% of our sport because if we do not we will be looking at more declines in membership yet again. New rules and ideas will be proposed over the next few years to evolve the sport and we have to stop shutting them down because it effects one person or because it's not the way we have always done it. We must adapt and evolve if we want the sport we love to make a comeback. Somethings might work, somethings might fail, but the definition of INSANITY is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

Below is an update on our 10 point strategic plan (I added an 11th)

1-BETTER MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE-USA WS has formed a membership task force similar to the insurance task force we saw last year. Discussions are being held to come up with an entire new membership package which focuses on much more than competition and will hopefully bring in tens of thousands of new members and increased revenue. A much simpler membership structure is being worked on with more "hooks" to attract some of the 9 million water skiers out there.

2-BETTER MARKETING OF USA WATER SKI-Once 1) above is done we can do this one.

3-THE MINI COURSE-This idea has more potential than I thought. I have gotten to see firsthand on my lake how a mini course can increase skiing participation. Recreational skiers on my lake are skiing 2-3 times a week instead of 2-3 times a year and have entered our tournaments knowing they could use the mini course and ski grassroots. We are currently working with the TC committee on an official dimension recommendation and I hope to have a mini course on every slalom course in the country by next summer. We are still working on a scoring system as well which will allow mini course skiers to compete using a mix of regular and mini course buoys.

4-OPEN SKI NIGHTS-This was one plan I was hoping to start this summer but did not get a chance. Access and cost to our sport are a huge hindrance. We need to find ways to allow access to our sport on public lakes but

also find a way to open our private doors a little to promote our sport. I realize not all clubs will endorse this but anything will help. The #passthehandle that the wakeboarders do is a good example of setting aside 1-2 days a summer to bring in new members.

5-SKIING FOR PLACEMENT NOT SCORE-I still think this has great potential to change our sport on the bottom and top of the pyramid. IWWF is converting from a rankings list of scores to a competition based system. Right now our skier qualification committee is playing with ideas on how we can evolve our current rankings list to increase excitement and participation.

6-REGIONALS/NATIONALS – No bids for the 2017 nationals. Still a lack of enthusiasm to attend Nationals. Cost and time are a factor for these events. No answers here yet but we need to rethink our reg/nat structure to bring excitement and number's back to these events.

7-ABILITY BASED DIVISIONS-This might end up being tied with 5) above. Ability based divisions are something for us to consider in the near future at least in some trial runs. Almost every single state is running some type of handicap or ability based point system in their states which brings evidence that this type of format gives skiers an ROI on their investment to attend tournaments.

8-TEAM SKIING-I couldn't ask for more on this one in 2016. Team skiing has been endorsed by all regions and the excitement is through the roof. We need to roll with this idea into the future. Virtual team skiing which will launch in 2017 will be an exciting concept as well.

9. OFFICIALS PROGRAMS-Floyd and the J & S committee are hard at work making dozens of changes here. Continuing education was a nice launch toward evolving the official program into the 21st century. Still lots of work to be done here to make it easier to maintain official's ratings- .

10. PROMOTE ELITE ATHELETES AND PRO SKIING-Pro skiing is back at the nationals and the pro skiers are working hard on forming an organization to get pro skiing back on the map.

11. Junior skiers-I have never seen so many junior skier pictures being posted on social media as I did this summer. I think the kids of generation X are finally getting to an age to start skiing so if we can get the kids hooked we back into the sport the parents that all left to pursue their careers. I feel like the timing is right to jump on this opportunity. We had several very successful and large Jr. clinics around the nation in 2016.

AWSA Exec Report

We had very little action for the exec. committee since the winter meeting. We had 3 discussions and email ballots since the winter.

- 1) Approval of our first “dummy sanction” for the Okeeheelee park record and bid dawg event
- 2) Approval of allowing 4 round sanctions (see rules report)
- 3) Approval of a 5 member investigative committee regarding allegations of cheating at one of our AWSA tournaments

The 2016 Exec meeting will be 12/10/16 in person

The below are open agenda items and action items from prior exec meetings along with updates on each item

Pending Action Items:

The New Membership button needs to be changed-this was moved up on the website no changes to design as of now

Mandate the number of days for nationals based on the number of lakes are bidding-this was sent to rules although right now we can't even find a bid let alone regulate the # of days but the idea here is to at least run Nationals in as little days as possible since expense and time were the #1 reason for lack of attendance

Need to be sure that we have back up plans for Dave Clark, Dave Allen, Mark Crone, Other key volunteers that we rely on behind the wizard curtain-Don't have any yet but the president is aware of this concern and will continue to keep an eye out for the future in these areas. Ideally if HQ can hire a full time programmer and web guy this would take the burden away from volunteers.

Why can't grass roots membership allow for jumping.-HQ has this request and will speak with the insurance company on this

Need to send out the letters to all membership solicited funds for the elite teams.-President will due this next year since elite worlds is in 2017

The Membership Fund will be approved annually, for 2016 we will put aside \$7,500. -No action on this yet but will be discussed between now and the end of year.

Go with auto-renew for our memberships-HQ is well aware of our concern for this to happen and is working towards a solution to allow auto-renewal of usawaterski membership

Ideas from EXEC Meeting:

Do we need a full time staff at HQ that does all the web design? Yes, HQ would like this if they could afford it

Go with an event planner for nationals since sites are willing to rent out their lakes. Could AWSa make more money this way, have more control, but is it even possible?

Self report and recording of officials credits-this has been sent to J & S. Interesting idea that would save hundreds of man hours at HQ and save a lot of expense towards officials programs and programming.

Continuing education - do the continuing education to get your credit / meet the qualification-DONE but more we can do with this idea

**USA WS American Water Ski Association
Budget vs Actual June 30, 2016**

	AWSA General		35+ World Fund (RTF)		Elite Worlds (RTF)		Junior Worlds (RTF)		U21 Worlds (RTF)		Physician		**Other Team Restricted Funds			
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Begin Balance 12/31/15		57070.63		2141.50		4581.54		498.35		350.00		5672.74		8968.87		79283.63
Income																
															0.00	0.00
Contributions				190.00		50.00				185.00				510.00	0.00	935.00
Unallocated Team	1500.00														1500.00	0.00
General Support	27000.00	27662.08													27000.00	27662.08
Interest Income	200.00	46.25													200.00	46.25
Indy Entry/Practice															0.00	0.00
National Entry Fee	12000.00														12000.00	0.00
Regional Support	1500.00														1500.00	0.00
Team Support															0.00	0.00
35+ Worlds															0.00	0.00
Can Am Team															0.00	0.00
Elite World															0.00	0.00
Juniors															0.00	0.00
Pan Am															0.00	0.00
U21 Worlds															0.00	0.00
Total Team Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	42200.00	27708.33	0.00	190.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	510.00	42200.00	28643.33
Expense																
Awards	5500.00														5500.00	0.00
Membership/USAWS	7500.00														7500.00	0.00
Directors Insurance	600.00	576.92													600.00	576.92
Officials Maintenance	2000.00														2000.00	0.00
Meeting Expenses	1000.00	800.00													1000.00	800.00
Travel	2000.00	600.00	1058.25				249.18						2282.35		5589.78	600.00
Scoring Website	1500.00	551.00													1500.00	551.00
Grassroots Basic Skill	0.00														0.00	0.00
Club Skills Days	0.00														0.00	0.00
Sanction Program	0.00														0.00	0.00
World Team Doctor	0.00										2000.00				2000.00	0.00
Open Worlds Team	25320.00										3000.00				28320.00	0.00
Special Project - Logo	0.00	499.00													0.00	499.00
Total Expense	45420.00	3026.92	1058.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	249.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	5000.00	0.00	2282.35	0.00	54009.78	3026.92
Net Income	-3220.00	24681.41	-1058.25	190.00	0.00	50.00	-249.18	0.00	0.00	185.00	-5000.00	0.00	-2282.35	510.00	-6809.78	25616.41
Ending Balance 6/30/16	81752.04		2331.50		4631.54		498.35		535.00		5672.74		9478.87		104900.04	

Notes:

****Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 6/30/16**

Can Am Team	4,564.69
MW Genl Team	2,300.00
World Games	549.13
U13World	1,575.05
U17 World	490.00
Total	9,478.87

**Donation to U13World \$410
**Donation to U17World \$100

***Budget \$2282.35 from Can Am
for Manager Travel

******Junior Development Funds held in AWSA Bank Accounts**

Balance Dec 31, 2016	15,887.84
Income	1,250.00
Expenses	(3,387.84)
Balance June 30, 2016	13,750.00

******Accounts Receivable**

\$300 from Warden - World's Entry
\$250 from East Region Jr Dev.
\$250 from SC Region Jr Dev.
\$250 from South Region Jr Dev.
\$50 from MW Region Jr Dev.

From: **Larry Meddock** Larry@wsia.net

To: Doug Robbins <d Robbins@teleplexinc.com>; Gordon Hall <gordon@lsfdev.com>; Jeff Surdej <j_surdej@yahoo.com>; Tim Cullen (timcullen1@charter.net); Kurt Schmelzer <kurtschmelzer@frontiernet.net>; Dave Clark (clark.dave@comcast.net); Samantha Hayes (samanthapinkerton@hotmail.com); Jim Grew <jimhgrewjr@cs.com>; Bob Crowley <bcrowley@usawaterski.org>; Taryn Garland <tgarland@usawaterski.org>

Date: Mon, Jul 18, 2016 at 5:20 PM

Subject: Membership Task Force (MTF) report to AWSA Board of Directors

Membership Task Force (MTF) report to AWSA Board of Directors

You may have heard that your USA-WS board, last January, requested that a Membership Task Force (MTF) be formed. The concern of the board was the loss of membership that plagues USA-WS in all sport disciplines in recent years. The MTF was formed with representatives from many of our current sport disciplines and is chaired by industry veteran Larry Meddock.

The MTF's objective is to create a comprehensive plan for membership growth without sacrificing the current programs or activities of any of USA-WS' sport disciplines.

A progress report is due to the USA-WS Executive Committee, in early December at the latest, followed by a report to all Sport Division Boards of Directors, with a final presentation expected at the January 29, 2017 annual USA-WS Board meeting.

Larry Meddock
Chairman, WSIA
larry@wsia.net

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

To: AWSA Board of Directors
From: Jeff Smith, IAC Chair
Date: July 16, 2016
Re: IAC Committee Report

The following teams have been selected (in accordance with published Qualifications and Procedures; see USA-WS website) to represent the USA at upcoming 2016 tournaments:

1. Can Am Championships (August 19-21, Canada)

Can Am U17 Team

Kristen Baldwin
Emma Morgan
Dylan Melnar
Garrett Stallings
Blake Keller
Hayleigh Blair
Alternates - Amanda Bryans, Alec Vaio

Can Am U14 Team

Kennedy Hansen
Caroline Parker
Zach Butterfield
William Roberts
James Bryans
Austin Collins
Alternates - Brooke Boskus, Edward Roberts

Bob Schouten is team manager and coach.

2. 35+ World Championships (September 15-18, Spain)

John Burris
Brandy Nagle
Tony Knight
Lori Krueger
Mitch Grau
Joy Kelley
Kelly Zoellner
Janie Fausold

35+ "wild card" entrants

Scot Ellis
Benny Lohr

Eric Kolb
Kim Contos
George Levien

65+ “wild card” entrants

Sarvis Bass
John Crane
Skip Dunlap
Joe Blair
Kay Kelly

Christy Kingsmill is team manager. The 2016 35+ Water Ski World Championships is allowing each national federation to enter five wild card competitors who are not currently qualified from the world rankings list or a member of the federation’s team. Along with these five wild card entries, the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation’s Tournament Council also is allowing each national federation to enter five wild card entries for the 65+ division.

3. The following teams have yet to be selected in accordance with published Qualifications and Procedures:
 - A. Pan American Championships Teams (November 14-20, Mexico)
 - a. Under 13 Team
 - b. Junior Team
 - c. 17-20 Team
 - d. Veteran Team
 - e. Note that the 2015 Elite Team members remain as the 2016 Elite Team for this tournament. All current Elite Team members have indicated that they will attend the Pan American Championships.
 - B. Junior World Championships Team (January, Chile)

The IAC will hold its next meeting on November 5, 2016. Agenda items will include finalizing the qualifications and procedures for 2017 teams, and selecting/nominating officials for 2017 international events. All regions are requested to encourage their athletes and officials to participate in the selection processes.

The IAC greatly appreciates the many contributions of the volunteers and USA-WS staff members who assist with these events and the team selection process.

AAC Report
July 11, 2016

1. AAC Meeting

- The AAC will be holding annual meetings again. The meeting will be held October 9th in Orlando, FL..

July 16, 2016

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Jeff Clark, Chair AWSA Bylaws Committee

Re: 2016 Summer Report, AWSA Bylaws Committee

The committee members Lisa Holland SCR, Bill Murbach MW, Brad Conger W, Steve Vincent E, Brenda Baldwin AAC, Brian Detrick AAC, and I would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to serve the organization.

The AWSA Bylaws Committee has not had any issues to consider since the winter meeting and do not have any issues for the Board of Directors to consider.

We remain open to the membership and the Board of Directors for issues to consider.

Judges' and Scorers Committee

Summer Report to Board

11 July 2016

The Judges' and Scorers Committee had had a very productive year thanks to all members and a lot of support from the general membership.

The committee members are:

Floyd McCreight	All	Chair*
Dean Rudy	E	Regional Rep
Ray Crenshaw	S	Regional Rep
Kelly Stumph	SC	Regional Rep
Kate Knafla	MW	Regional Rep
Tom Nathan	W	Regional Rep
Alex Lauretano	AAC	Athlete Rep
Nate Smith	AAC	Athlete Rep
Jim Grew	USA WS	Consultant *
Melanie Hanson	HQ	Consultant*

*non-voting

Major accomplishments as approved by the board in the Winter Meeting:

1. The Continuing Education Program has been formalized allowing all members to participate for free and those wanting Clinic credit to pay \$10 to HQ.
 - a. No minimum grade required
 - b. No approval required (from J & S Representative
 - c. Slalom, Trick, Jump, General Modules
 - d. Focus on Slalom and Jump BJ responsibilities
 - e. Update yearly for new rules and improvements.
 - f. This is always a WIP to make improvements dictated by experience/participation
2. The Policy Manual and the Requirements for Advancement and Renewal have been edited to eliminate a lot of redundancy, simplifying both documents. It is necessary to understand both to obtain a complete understanding of our officials' program.

3. Policy Manual has been released to HQ and placed on web site denoting significant changes in **red**.
 - a. Record Capability Tournaments- at the option of the CJ or ACJ, Assistant and other judges not assigned as event judges may receive credit by working with the actual event judge who is solely the responsible judge.
 - b. Clarified that judges and scorers working a GR tournament receive maintenance credit.
 - c. For judges working international tournaments, clarified documentation requirements, eliminating current confusion.
 - d. Identified the three types of clinics- In-person, On-Line (virtual/go to meeting) and CE for full credit in maintenance, advancement, and reinstatement.
 - e. Expanded the fast tracking of skiers and to a lesser extent non skiers.
 - i. Assistant – level 7 and up
 - ii. Regular- top half level 8 and up
 - iii. Senior- (not changed, i.e. level
 - iv. Those with a level 9 Overall ranking but in only two other events may fast track for the third.
 - v. Clarified that working as Chief Official more than the required 3 times can reduce the number of required tournaments.
 - vi. Formalized that 2 of 3 Regional Tournaments for advancement to Senior can be satisfied by significant E and L tournaments.
 - f. Clarified that test applicants and administrators must go through HQ to ensure they are **eligible to be advanced and that the correct test is given**.
 - g. Clarified that the grace period (through May) is good for correcting any deficiency, including clinic.
4. Requirements for Advancement and Renewal has been released to HQ and placed on the web site denoting changes in **red**.
 - a. Added requirement for tricks to demonstrate capability to call
 - i. 3,000 to 5,000 points for Regular.
 - ii. 6,000 to 9,000 for Senior(**Alex** has provided links to additional trick runs for this purpose)
 - b. Grass Roots allow credit for maintenance for officials
 - c. Clarified that a clinic also counts as tournament credit once every biennial period (two years).

- d. Reduced the number of tournaments for advancement to Regular judge from 8 to 5, mirroring Scorers requirement, and total from 10 to 7.
- e. Formalized that 2 of 3 Regional Tournaments for advancement to Senior can be satisfied by significant E and L tournaments.
- 5. Updated the Regular and Senior Scorer test. This effort led by **Dave Allen and with the great help Jeff Clark and reviewers Judy Stanford and Tina Linsey** has been released to HQ. We could not have found a more dedicated and better crew to undertake this effort.
- 6. Updated the Regular and Senior Judges test. **Ray Crenshaw**, our member from the South, continues to update these tests every year reflecting the new rules and necessary revisions.
- 7. **Dave** has also "volunteered" to head up creating the **CE module for scorers** (after the September timeframe). This will, similarly to the judge modules, use the Quiz Egg software.

Major items approved by the board still needing work Before Winter Meeting):

- 1. Result of action given to regional committee members and **board** to work directly with their judges and scorers who are in danger of being downgraded but lack only one requirements.
Discussion- emails sent out to each Regions in late February timeframe listing judges and scorers that are only lacking one item (membership, clinic or tournament credit). No way to track the success of these efforts. Will provide by meeting current list of judges by region and rating to provide some clue as to how we are doing in comparison to similar data in 2015.
- 2. Simply forgot when updating the Policy Manual to specify that for meeting requirements for advancement that the period for demonstrating this is anytime in the last year. Not sure what the current system uses. Melanie will advise.
- 3. Update and digitize the application for Assistants to eliminate hard copy and paperwork- this potentially requires a SW change at HQ (?)
- 4. HQ Data Base
 - a. "Official's Status" is currently available online to only the specific official and HQ. Make available to Committee Members and Officers. Note: may be easier to make available to all members as there is really nothing "proprietary" in an officials status for advancement or renewal (similar to the Ranking List).

- b. Advancement-individual and collective by discipline and rating for past year (on 1 Jan-and 1 August (?)). Needs to add same thing for number of officials by region in same periods, including total number of AWSA members.
- c. Judges and Scorers email addresses- to all Committee Members without going through HQ, primarily for group emails. Individual contact can be made through **link** in Official's Directory (specific address not provided).

Board actions from Regions at the winter meeting:

1. South Region (Jim Jaquess)- Come up with a new level of judge that can call 11,000.
- . Recommendation-Good dialog with several people on and off the committee, including Jeffry, Jim Grew, Kate, and Melanie. Although the committee sentiment (limited) seems to not want to pursue, recommend we continue this discussion to next Board meeting based on comments from Jim J and Jeffry with recommendation to pursue or not through formal vote. Include for discussion:
 1. Sharing rating with Pan Am who has some interest as would only apply to IWWF L and R using Senior and Pan Am judges
 2. Would require periodic retesting to ensure judges maintain their skill
 3. Would provide an avenue for other judges to demonstrate their skill (as opposed to "the normal" very dedicated judges selected for this level).
 4. Administration, including testing, would be difficult. Probably best to work outside current judges program/software (?). Similar to Pan AM
 5. Consult and work with top trick skiers in US and International, especially those living/going to school in USA. They seem to have a vested interest in good judges at this level
2. MW regional recommendation-Judges/Scorers – Eliminate maintenance requirements for judges/scorers. Instead of the maintenance requirements have the official attend a clinic (in person, virtual, CE/on-line) every 4 years which is already in place and have the official either take a test or complete continuing education to maintain their rating. Recommendation- Good discussion from Kate, Jeff S, Jim G and Melanie. - Continue to pursue through next board meeting.

3. South regional recommendations-.Lower the age requirement to become a regular judge below 18 as long as the official does not be a Chief Judge. There are a lot of dedicated judges under the age of 18 that are well qualified and active.
Recommendation- no discussion among committee. Recommend that we pursue this to next meeting, including Assistant Judge minimum age.
4. Work on more positive official's reports. i.e. how many new officials, how many upgrades, etc.

Recommendation- covered in current action to HQ discussed above

Senior Slalom Test Practical

Have made great progress thanks to a lot of help over the years from Kelvin Kelm (and daughter Grace, son Nathan operating tower video on a cold September day) and to Owen and Richelle on boat and gate video at this year's Cal Pro Am. Was ready to release but constructive comments from **Richelle, Gordon, Kelvin, Ray Crenshaw and from a "beta' test I successfully conducted** with a senior judge applicant has delayed release pending substituting videos. Primary difficulty is that some of the videos are so close that review of the video actually disagrees with what the tournament judges awarded. Yes, review is always easier without the time constraints and factors involved in the tournament. Still everything is there, just need to make substitutions. Fun stuff.

The National Junior Development Committee is comprised of one representative from each region. The committee raises funds in support of the National Junior Development Banquet, the Regional Most Improved Awards, the National Most Improved Awards, the All-Star Team as well as coaching stipends for the 12 Member National Team and the 24 Member Junior Development Team. The annual cost to run our programs is approximately \$12,000.

Selection of the 24 Member National Junior Development Team has been handled by Brenda Baldwin. I'm certain Brenda would like to find a replacement. HQ used to take care of this task. The qualifications and procedures format is attached for review. Selection of the 12 Member National Team is handled by the IAC.

Most Improved Awards

Calculations are made at Regionals and Nationals using season ending rankings list against rankings list coming into Regionals and Nationals respectively. Skiers must have skied in their respective division at least one year to receive the award. Slalom buoy count, trick score and jump distance determine the most improved.

All Star Team

All-Star Team selection takes place at Regionals. Each region selects a 6 member team and 1 alternate. One member from each division (B2-3, G2-3) must be represented. The balance of the team can be other B2-3 or G2-3. The team with the highest NOPS score for slalom, trick and jump wins the team event. No skier from the 12 member team is eligible to participate on the all-star team.

National Junior Development Banquet

Most of our time and energy is spent putting on this event. Because we only meet once a year, it's difficult to plan this formal event. Because we don't often know where the next National event is going to take place, we cannot plan accordingly. We want to recognize the skiers, distribute the awards, scholarships and feed the kids, all in a timely manner. Creating a unique, fun and affordable banquet can only be accomplished with the support of our families and vendors.

Raffle Items - Silent Auction Items

Each year, we ask the 36 team members to sell 10 raffle tickets. They receive the tickets in advance of the Regional tournament. Many of our raffle ticket buyers do not attend the National event. D3, Goode, GoPro, Masterline, Performance, Centurion, Nautique, etc have all contributed raffle items. Pro Skiers have donated private coaching days. Families have

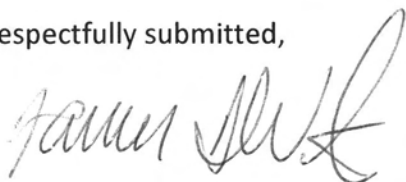
donated vacation homes. We need participation from each region, to come up with items we can auction off at the banquet.

Ultimately, I'd like to fund events for our 12 member and 24 member teams. Having a specific non-ski outing for the skiers would be a welcome change. This becomes difficult because the only time we are together is at Nationals. Not knowing where the next event is taking place makes planning impossible. Taking skiers away from the site is no easy task. Finding volunteers willing to chaperone is also a challenge. Qualifying for the all-star team, being selected to the 12 or 24 member national team is an honor. We should provide some sort of reward for the skiers for their success.

We've received mixed reviews with regard to basic skills camps and regional clinics. Coming from the west, we have more skiers than we can handle. Hosting basic skills camps with scoring and judging clinics for our junior skiers is something new. Hosting mini tournaments following basic skills camps is also something new. We are seeing improved camper turnout. Turning "campers" into a "tournament skiers" has been our biggest challenge. Once we meet in August, the committee will be able to report in greater detail, the actual skier count.

The committee agrees we should focus on camaraderie amongst our junior skiers. Creating lifelong friendships in a safe and fun environment for our kids is our goal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James DeVito", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JD

James DeVito

National Junior Development

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USA Water Ski/AWSA

2016 Junior Development Committee Report Summer 2016

Current Balance (06-30-16)	\$15,887.84
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2016 Budget Expenses

Regional and National Most Improved Awards	\$1,887.84
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All Star Team bags	\$585.30
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24 Member Junior Development Team Stipends	\$3,000
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12 Member National Team Stipends	\$1,500
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National Junior Banquet (food)	\$2,000
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National Junior Banquet (DJ Photo Booth)	\$1,295
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Raffle Item Purchase (GoPro, D3, iPod)	\$1,000
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TOTAL	\$11,268.14
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2016 Income (Budget)

Regional Fee (\$250 each)	\$1,250
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Raffle Ticket Sales	\$7,200
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Dinner Tickets (junior skiers) \$10 X 70	\$700
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Dinner Tickets (parents) \$15 X 80	\$1,200
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TOTAL	\$10,350
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2012 NATIONAL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM
Qualifications & Procedures
(Revised 11/22/2011)

Qualifications

To be eligible for the National Junior Development Team, a skier must:

1. be a U.S. Citizen,
2. be a member of USA Water Ski in good standing born after 1993,
3. competed in the Boys 2, Boys 3, Girls 2, or Girls 3 division in at least three (3) separate Class "C" or higher tournaments **in the 2011 Ski Year**, excluding those skiers who have aged up into M1/W1, and
4. not be a member of the 12 member National Junior Team.

Note: Any junior with dual citizenship who chooses to represent a country, other than the USA, on an international team or by competing in that country's National Championships, Team Trials or similar events as determined by the AWSA National Junior Development Committee is ineligible for the National Junior Development Team and any funding associated with that team for the year in question and the following year.

Selection Procedures

1. A team of at least 24 individuals will be selected to be designated as the National Junior Development Team. This Team will train together, but will not necessarily represent the U.S. at any time in international competition.
2. "Ranking score" shall be the average of the best **three** slalom, tricks and jump tournament performances (as calculated in the National Rankings list using one score per tournament) **in the 2011 Ski Year**. "Event score" shall be calculated using the 1000 point system for each age division -- Boys 2, Girls 2, Boys 3, and Girls 3. "Overall score" shall be the sum of all 3 "event scores." "2-event score" shall be the sum of the skier's two highest "event scores." The top 14 skiers based on "overall score" will be selected first. The 14 top overall skiers will be limited to eight of one gender.

Examples:

$$\text{Susie's "Event Score" in Girls 2 Slalom} = \frac{\text{Susie's Slalom Ranking Score} \times 1000}{\text{Top Skier's Slalom Score for Girls 2}}$$

$$\text{Joe's "Event Score" in Boys 3 Tricks} = \frac{\text{Joe's Trick Ranking Score} \times 1000}{\text{Top Skier's Trick Score for Boys 3}}$$

$$\text{Jim's "Event Score" in Boys 2 Jump} = \frac{(\text{Jim's Jump Ranking Score})^2 \times 1000}{(\text{Top Skier's Jump for Boys 2})^2}$$

Note: Since there is already a six buoy offset between G2/B2 and G3/B3 with the use of zero based scoring, it is no longer necessary to subtract buoys from the published scores for G2/B2 as was the case prior to ZBS.

3. The 15th through 24th skiers will be selected on the basis of "two event score" provided that there must be at least two Boys and two Girls among the ten.
4. The two highest "event scores" in each of the three events, Boys and Girls combined, will be determined. If this procedure results in more than two skiers in each event, the skiers representing each event shall be determined as follows:
 - a. First, any skier who is already among the 24 tentatively selected skiers will be eliminated.
 - b. If there are still more than two skiers representing any event, the tie in that event will be broken by the "highest score" making up the averaged "Ranking Score." When two or more slalom skiers are tied and they represent different age divisions (i.e. B3 and G3), the highest buoy count at the shortest line length will break the tie.
5. Once the highest "event scores" have been reduced to two skiers in each event (six skiers), substitution shall be made as follows:
 - a. Eliminate any of the six skiers who are already among the 24 tentatively selected skiers.
 - b. Substitute the remaining skiers for the skiers in the 19th through 24th positions, unless such substitution replaces a skier with the highest "event score" in any of the three events and eliminates an athlete from substitution under the provisions of 4(a,b) or 5(a).
 - c. If such substitution substitutes for a skier with the highest "event score" in any of the three events, then the substitutions shall be made for the lowest of positions 19 through 24 which will meet the requirements of 5(b).
 - d. If no combination of substitutions among positions 19 through 24 will meet these requirements, then the substituting skiers will be reduced by two by eliminating the skiers whose "event scores" exceed by the smallest amount that of any of the 24 tentatively selected skiers. If this does not eliminate the problem, this process can be repeated. No skier above position 19 shall be substituted for in any case.

Invoice

Powers Awards

41-700 Corporate Way
Suite C
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Date	Invoice No.
6/17/2016	132995

Name / Address
USA Water Ski

Ship To
Jim DeVito 619-293-3800

P.O. No.	Ship Via	Rep	Terms	Due Date
	UPS Ground	AA	COD	7/1/2016
Description		Qty	Rate	Amount
A) Topmost#G57VA - 5 x 7 Vertical Rectangle Glass		80	15.75	1,260.00T
B) Topmost#G8201L - 10" Beveled Circle Glass		16	30.50	488.00T
Logo		96	0.00	0.00T
*(Logo)				
*2016				
A) Regional Most Improved				
Boys One				
5) Slalom				
(See Attached List)				
B) National Most Improved				
Boys One				
1) Slalom				
(See Attached List)				
Phone #	Fax #	E-mail	Subtotal	\$1,748.00
(760) 346-6926	(760) 346-0343	orders@powersawards.com	Sales Tax (8.0%)	\$139.84
Please Pay This Invoice			Total	\$1,887.84



Sales Order

Watersports Warehouse
101 North Park Dr.
Anderson, SC 29625

Phone (864)222-6860 Fax (864)222-8066

Order #:	52659
Date :	07/11/2016
Require Date :	07/15/2016
Terms	CCard
Purchase Order	US WATERSKI

Customer # 102577

Bill to: James DeVito
USA Waterski
3945 Idaho St
San Diego, CA 92104

Phone (619)884-3801

Ship to: Charlene Brown
USA Waterski
83295 North Shore Dr
Indio, CA 92203

Phone

Items Ordered:

Item#	Description	Quantity	UOM	Unit Price	Price
Order # :	52659				
DB3	Roll Top Vinyl Dry Bag, 12.5"x28"	35	ea	15.58	545.30
	YELLOW				
ART1	One Time Only Set Up Fee	1	ea	40.00	40.00

Order#:	52659
Quote #:	23575
Shipping Method :	FED EX GRD
Order Submitted:	Bryden, Allyson
Account Representative:	,

Subtotal:	585.30
Total Due :	US\$ 585.30

Preseason: ASAP
Ship By Date: ASAP
Art: Stars

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7 each shipped to locations attached:

**AWSA Rules Committee Report
National BOD Meeting
August 7, 2016**

Rules Committee action items for Summer meetings:

Our committee has been very active and I continue to overload their emails. Between the discussion regarding Jump configurations, Front Flips, 4 round tournament options and Mandatory Level 10, we are keeping busy.

There has been discussion that ability based formats be used for AWSA tournaments. Also requests from all divisions to use ZBS. These will continue to be discussed.

Recommendations/Action items from prior meeting:

Return to the practice of only having the rules committee meeting every 2 years. As we saw from the amount of rule changes and the time frame of IWWF, it would be too confusing to only have a meeting with changes every other year.

Mirror IWWF Rules for 4 rounds:

The committee felt that it didn't need to be limited to IWWF only and if the LOC wanted to put on a 4 round tournament then that option should be there.

4 Round tournaments:

The below wording was approved by the Rules Committee per Jeff Surdej's request.

Rule 1.09C ROUNDS PER TOURNAMENT: There shall not be more than three rounds per tournament unless subsequent rounds after the third round are elimination based or sanctioned as Class X. ***Alternatively, one tournament may be held with four rounds over two or more days.*** Also, see Rule 13.01.A.

13.01A The tournament may consist of either two or three rounds of competition in each event scheduled. The announcement must state the number of rounds. Tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of three rounds of any one event on days specified in Rule 1.09 ***unless using the four round over two or more day option***, except as provided for in 13.02.A.

13.02A Rounds: The tournament shall consist of no more than three preliminary, non-elimination based rounds and no more than six total

rounds. Scores obtained in all rounds shall be included in the ranking list in the same manner that non-elimination based tournaments are included (i.e. generally the best round score). **(or see 1.09C)**

15.02F4. At USA-WS/AWSA sanctioned tournaments rounds are limited to three per sanction ***per day unless sanctioned for two or more days.***

Items requiring a vote of the BOD:

Junior Proposal: Extend the optional junior format through the next ski year, if feedback was good from season.

Discovered that this really isn't "optional" every junior was scored with this method in a Class C tournament. It started out a little confusing but between discussions and the "mini" clinics online more and more families are understanding the format and options.

ZBS for all divisions?

We continue to gather feedback and would like to evaluate during our Regional Tournaments. We will have a recommendation at the Summer BOD meeting regarding extending juniors and also for all divisions.

Future discussions:

Mandatory Elite:

The committee continues to review this option, but there are a lot of areas that we haven't quite found the best solution. One of the major pluses of this would be to extend the level 8 skiers to let a few more skiers on the bubble into that tier. If the higher level "10" skier's scores are not factored into the ranking, then the percentiles will be lower. Is the BOD still in favor of continuing this discussion? Rules would like to advise the AAC to review and define "pro vs amateur".

Level 10:

Should there be a distinct level for those skiers in the top 3% of level 9 called level 10. Maybe by putting this into the rules elite skiers who ski in

age divisions would not impact those rankings and extend the amount of level 8 skiers. Then once the AAC or Rules implements any mandatory elite rules level 10 will already be established.

Committee Member Changes:

Most of the committee members will remain. Ruth Johnston is stepping down and Sara Lemley will be taking over for her since she moved from the Eastern Region to the Southern Region. Dave Allen has agreed to take on the task of our committee for the Eastern Region, guess he is bored!! Thanks to Ruth for stepping back into the committee and also to Sara and Dave for filling the open slots.

Respectively submitted,

Richelle Muhltnr
AWSA Rules Chair

Skiers Qualification Committee Report
Summer 2016

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Brandy Nagle
Chair, Skiers Qualification Committee

The updated Skiers Qualification Methodology presented at the winter meeting was implemented on the ranking list and has been used for this ski year and the 'last 12 months' calculations. Please note that for all divisions that are part of a pool to qualify for an elite division the top 3 percent of skiers were removed from the calculations to determine the qualifications levels for level 8 and below. We propose continuing with this same methodology into 2017.

We also plan to update the NOPS calculator for the 2017 season as soon as possible after Nationals. We propose to continue with the same methods for calculations that are currently in use.

There have been extensive discussions in regards to alternate formats for our ranking list. The challenges include the varying sizes of the divisions locally and nationally as well as devising a system that will encourage participation both at a local as well as national level. We are trying to find a way to capture the spirit of competition, where everyone feels their performance is important and competitive, and finds value in getting it on the list. Other challenges include keeping the system simple enough to understand and implement as well as realistic to implement considering the limited resources of the organization. We will continue to work on this throughout this year.

In addition, there are plans to display level 10 (97th percentile) on the ranking list. Displaying it will take more time than originally anticipated and work is continuing on this project.

This report from the AWSA Tech Control Committee is to update the Board on items the committee has been involved with since the last board meeting. **There's no action that requires the BOD to evaluate at this time.**

Special thanks to all Record Review Board Members, and USAWS Headquarters- Melanie Hanson and Scott Atkinson

2016 Nat'l Records (Calendar Yr): Received 3 Records for 2016 Calendar Year. 1 Approved, others in review.

2016 TCs Bi year for renewal.

2016 Tech Issues:

Video Incorrect Setup: With new DVRs that are being used to capture video, especially Slalom EC, it was been noticed that the resolution and fps have not been setup correctly at some of the sites. All capture device/DVRs used for Slalom EC should be at a minimum of 640x480 (most are 704x480) at 30fps. The files are required to be converted/changed to avi if being submitted as record. In-addition, video recording quality must be selected in DVRs and should be set to the highest quality.

Jump Surface-NO issues, new rule in place. Jump surface deviation and location being recorded on the TC Report.

Slalom ropes- With all the different slalom ropes being made; how do we know that the slalom rope being used at tourn meets the AWSA/IWWF Requirements. Not feasible to verify at the site/tournaments. Masterline has submitted a Lab Test Report. Chief TC and JUDGE, ensure that the rope manufacture states that it meets the AWSA/IWWF specification.

TC vs site owners- The purpose of the Tech controller is to ensure that the site meets all the requirements (same for everyone). How do we maintain a check and balance for site owners who performing the technical duties at their own tournaments? Conflict-of Interest rule. Looking at a rule (IWWF) that requires someone other than a TC who is a site owner/club members come in once a year and verifies that the site meets all Technical Rules. This could be another TC coming in just in day and validating everything. This would allow the TC who is a site owner/club member being the Chief TC for tourn when unable to get another TC.

2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AWSA TC Web Page –Tech Controller Resources: Scott Atkinson has been keeping this updated, and we continue adding additional information. We have added an equipment list. If any specific equipment that is used, please forward make/model/etc to be added.

TC Test: We have updated the TC Test, that's similar to other region (IWWF) Homologation Test.

TC Manual: *Still need to update:*

AWSA TC Co-Chairs: Peter Dahl/Jerry Jackson

Towboat Committee Report

August 2016

August 2016

To: USAWS Board of Directors
AWSA Board of Directors

From: Will Bush
George Lindy

INFORMATION ONLY – NO ACTION ITEMS

Promotional Towboat Program

- Event organizers are experiencing a diminishing number of towboats available for tournaments.
- Manufacturers are spending a considerable amount of time and resource supporting the program and are questioning the value of pulling more than the 20% requirement to participate in the Regionals and ultimately the National tournaments.

The AWSA President has asked the Towboat Committee to develop a 3 to 5-year plan to address these issues.

The Chairs are discussing these issues with each of the approved towboat boat companies to identify their specific concerns and suggestion regarding their promo boat program and tournament support.

This will be the key item for discussion at the Towboat Committee meeting with the Manufacturers at the Nationals – Monday, August 8.

The Committee will develop a course of action and report back to the President and the Board.