



**Masters Council | Regular Meeting | April 24, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Location: Meeting held remotely

Present: Gwen Chamberlin, Melissa Dougherty, Aimee Everett, Carlos Hernandez, Mira Kwon Gracia Tom Sroka, Robert Takano

Staff Liaison: JP Nicoletta (Dir. Sport Development)

BOD Liaison: Michael Choi (At-Large Director)

1. **Call to Order.** JN called the meeting to order at 7:03 am MT and welcomed the new members of the council. A general summary of the meeting plan and updates on progress from recommendations made by the Masters Task Force was delivered. Discussed conflict of interest disclosure as a governance good practice.
2. **Open Discussion:** An open discussion was held to flesh out key Masters related issues and perspectives to guide future direction of the council. Three high level focus areas were identified; delivering consistency of experience to ensure Masters feel valued equally by USAW, building Community with unity across all of USAW, and international pathways and relations for Masters.
 - a. On international events, the group acknowledged the blocked pathway from USAW to IMWA events and the long-term viability of UMWF as issues for members. Options for addressing were discussed.
 - b. Emphasized working to improve what USAW can control at this time noting the importance communication and visibility.
 - c. Recommendations on the council's future makeup (staggered elections, term limits etc.) will be developed.
 - d. Discussion on USAW's commitment to anti-doping at Masters events and inclusion with some Q&A following the recent Masters Nationals in Reno. JN reiterated USAW's commitment on these topics.
 - e. Agreed to a monthly meeting cadence set for the second Wednesday of each month. Additional gatherings could be added if the need arises. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th.
3. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm MT.