



USAW Masters Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 22, 2026

Platform: Zoom

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Participants

- **Present:** Gwen Chamberlain, Mel Doherty, Aimee Everett, Tom Sroka, Bob Takano, JP Nicoletta (staff liaison), Mike Choi (board liaison)
- **Absent:** Carlos Hernandez, Mira Kwon

1. Call to order:

- **Time:** 9:07 PM (ET)
- **Facilitator:** Mike Choi
- **Conflict of Interest Disclosures:**
 - MD: Coach, Athlete, TO
 - BT: Coach and National TO
 - GC: Athlete, Coach, WSO committee, TO
 - AE: Coach, Athlete
 - TS: Coach, National TO

2. Discussion Topics

Masters Council Election

- JP updated on election timing noting that council term staggering will be addressed in a future USAW bylaws revision.
- Proposed election timeline:
 - Nominations open April 28
 - 1 week vetting period
 - 7-day voting window
 - Target completion: mid-May
 - Skip May Masters Council meeting for election procedures

2027 Nationals and Worlds, other international Competitions

- No formal update on locations for 2027 Masters Nationals or Worlds. Host cities are close but not ready to announce.
- MC commented it is unlikely UMWF will pursue a continental or regional championships (i.e. UMWF Pan Ams).

Masters Nationals

- Discussion and feedback from USAW Masters Nationals in SLC. The event was well received overall: overall organization, quality of lifting, and combined event with University Nationals. Medal ceremonies and last sessions were flagged as an area for improvement.

New Business:

- GC requested a Masters Hall of Fame application update. MC also mentioned there is an athlete who has a website (in beta) that could be used to update MHOF points.

3. Adjournment

- Time: 10:00 PM (ET)