

NEWS *from* WORLD PROFESSIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING FEDERATION, INC.



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Greetings!

The annual meeting of the Federation was held at Roberval, Que., on August 8, and here is a report on the business session. Present officers will continue in office through December 31, 1965. On January 1, the following officers, elected at the August 8 meeting, will take over the following posts:

President: Carlos Larriera, organizer of the Rio Coronda, Argentina, Marathon. Vice President: James McCormack, organizer of the Northumberland Straits, Canada, Marathon. Secretary: Joe Grossman of Washington, D.C. (re-elected). Swimmers' Representative: Herman Willemse (Castellumlaan 78, De Meern, Holland). Trustees: James P. Toomey of Atlantic City; Lois Fournier of Havre St. Pierre, Que., Canada; Gustave Gagne of Roberval, Que., Canada; Raymond Noreau of Rimouski, Que., Canada; Jacques Belanger of La Tuque, Que., Canada; Harry Rizzo of Atlantic City, N.J., USA, and Enrique D. Sors of Parana, Argentina. It was further decided that as of August 8, the Secretary and Swimmers' Representative of the Federation will be voting members of the Federation Council, along with one voting member from each of the member swims.

In the future, the Federation will have Regional Representatives, whose function will be to represent the Federation in regard to recruiting new members and to assist in whatever manner possible in the creation of new marathon swims. The Regional Representatives, who will be responsible to the Swimmers' Representative, are: For the Middle East -- Nabil El Shazly (7 Midan Saad Zaghloul, Alexandria, U.A.R.); For the United States -- Dennis Matuch (2845 S. Trumbull, Chicago 23, Ill.); For Canada -- John LaCoursiere (1023 6th Ave., Pointe Aux Trembles, Montreal 5, Que., Canada); For South America -- Carlos Larriera (Talcahuano 7876, Santa Fe, S.F., Argentina); and for Europe -- Herman Willemse (address above).

The following resolution was adopted and sent to Robert Cossette, president of the Chicoutimi swim: "The Federation does hereby urge the Club de Natation du Saguenay, Inc., to continue its present policy of accepting only swimmers as entrants who have not been winners of major professional marathon races AND TO EXTEND THAT POLICY TO EXCLUDE FROM PARTICIPATION ALL SWIMMERS WHO HAVE BEEN WINNERS OF PROFESSIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING RACES HELD ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD."

It was noted that the International Long Distance Swimming Federation, which had in 1964 requested us to consider merging our two federations, has not provided us with a copy of their Constitution, as agreed upon at our 1964 meeting and, therefore, no consideration can be given to such a merger until the 1966 annual meeting, provided a copy of the ILDSF Constitution is received prior to that meeting.

Another Bulletin will be issued in the fall.