Minutes of IMSSC Session 49E, virtual

November 8, 2026

Minute Taker: Mark Nolan (USA)

Attendance: 18 Applicable Votes: 12

Members:	Voting Attendees
ESP - Marcello Bresin (MB), Statistician	V
FIN - Seppo Saarinen (SS)	V
GBR - Peter Carr (PC)	V
GER - Thomas Rumpf (TR)	V
ITA - Silvia Tassara (ST)	V
JPN - Kenji Takai (KT), President	V
KAZ - Leila Utegulova (LU)	V
NED - Kevin van Cleef (KC)	V
NOR - Ragnvald Naess (RN)	V
SUI - Hans-Peter Ambass (HA)	V
SWE - Nils Larsson (NL)	V
USA - Mark Nolan (MN), Secretary	V

Non-Members:

GBR - Keith Wright, (KW), VP - ST
GBR – Andi Thornton (AT), TD-ST
ISU – Corne Lepoeter (CL)
NED - Leen van den Heuvel (LH), TD - LT
USA - Andrew Love (AL), VP - LT
USA – Kathy Feinberg (KF), Deputy

Apologies/Absence:	
AUS – Frank Anderson (FA)	V
AUT – Hubert Kreutz (HK)	V
CAN - Randy Plett (RP)	V
FRA - Olivier Chailloux (OC)	V
ISU – Rafal Tataruch (RT)	
MGL – Oyuntsetseg Nanjid (ON)	V

NED - Azamat Ismailov (AI), Treasurer
RUS – Andrey Neverov (AN) V

KT opened the meeting at 16:03 CET.

1) **MAG and MSG 2027 update**

MN stated that MAG2027 Registration and announcement will be posted Nov. 15 at 08:00 Mountain Standard Time.

KC advised that Netherlands has interest from 58 skaters for MAG. No meaningful change in expected participation from other countries. **MN** will contact the Utah Olympic Oval to see if quota can be raised to 220-225.

NL stated that Registration has begun for MSG2027. The first event of this season in Ruddalen Rink (Gothenburg) took place last week and M500m track record, 36.62 was set.

KT stated that he will be visiting Gothenburg soon and will provide a report. He is concerned about transportation to the venue from the Host Hotel.

2) **MIST Confirmation**

KW advised that 143 skaters have been officially accepted to participate in MIST2027 and registration is now completely closed. This field has representation from 20 Countries and has the largest number of women skaters to ever participate in a MIST.

3) **ISU liaison attendance at MSG & MIST**

KT announced that ISU liasons Corne & Rafal plan to attend MSG and MIST.

Corne shared some comments from the recent ISU meeting in Lausanne and noted that the entire ISU Council supports Masters. Corne will represent the ISU at the World Masters Sports conference.

4) **AIN (Individual Neutral Athletes) update**

MN provided an update on the status of AIN submissions to the IMSSC. The IMSSC has received two Acknowledgement forms which have been submitted to the ISU. One of the AIN skaters has already registered for MSG2027. Participating AIN skaters are to be identified as belonging to either AIN 1 or AIN 2. To be confirmed: AIN 1 = Belarus and AIN 2 = Russia. AIN skaters can not wear skinsuits identifying their home country or any other country. No standard AIN skin has yet been established.

5) Tribute for Iichi Marumo

KT paid tribute to Iichi who recently passed away at age 98! Iichi was liked by all, skated until age 95 and his age group records still stand. Iichi had a large presence in Japan and was well liked by skaters all over the world.

6) Other

HA reminded everyone that country representatives are responsible for verifying time standards have been met by their skaters who enter IMSSC events.

ST noted that Italian skaters have little or no access to ice in order to make qualifying times. This is due to construction and limited Masters use at Baselga and Collalbo.

KC asked if the IMSSC had any engagement with the World Winter Master Games 2028 Organizing Committee and if we should invite a Representative to a meeting. **KT** and **LH** shared their knowledge of the event as related to speed skating. At this present time, WMS (World Masters Sports) has not been in collaboration with IMSSC and FSA (Finnish Skate Association) to make it as mutual event in 2028 like the past events.

KT will be meeting with Alexander Kibalko in Japan this month and attending the Obihiro World Cup. **KT** also has a meeting with the Japan skating Federation in support of Masters for the potential Masters Games in Japan.

7) Select Date for next meeting

Next meeting, Session 49F, will be held Sunday Dec. 27, 2026, as a virtual session. An in-person session may be held in Gothenburg in conjunction with the Sprint Games depending on the number of Representatives present. **CL** stated that the ISU has a similar practice. There was also discussion regarding Session 50. No decision was made while MN stated that date selection should follow the C&R timing requirements related to notices and proposals.

*** Next online meeting: Dec. 27, 2026, the same time (16:00 CET) ***

Meeting adjourned at 17:20 CET