



International Masters' Speed Skating Committee

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Proposals for the 34th IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/The Netherlands 28 May 2011

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INTERNATIONAL MASTERS' SPEED SKATING COMMITTEE (IMSSC)

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Proposal SPAIN

Proposal re: 4th Distance at World Master Games All Round

Australia – Spain – Romania – possibly other countries

For those “lesser” countries with little or no ice time available, aside from the obvious technical disadvantages, usually traveling expenses are higher to take part at WMG all round. In order to have a truly international and participative “world championship”, we propose to modify the current limited system to one in which ALL participants who desire so be allowed to participate in FOUR races. As for the last 3 or 4 editions of WMG, we noticed that at least a third of the total amounts of participants usually are no-show for the last race. So if a 5k is not possible due to time restrictions, an alternative shorter race in quartets or a pack race should be implemented, as per the following motion:

Motion - That when complying with the competition rules regarding final distance and number of skaters, consideration be given to a competition of **inclusivity** for all competitors.

Execution - Giving consideration to time constraints, it is proposed that 'non-qualifying' participants for the final distance are offered an opportunity to compete in a 5000m event 'pack style', or a 1500m in quartets. In this event, different age groups may be combined so as to make this viable without major loss in time. From the recent WMG at Calgary, the following races may have taken place (with skaters missing the 4th distance):

- Race #1 & Race #2 - Total skaters from AG 30-55 was 44. These could be split into 2 groups, based on time seeding from the 3k times in their group. This would not be difficult to do. Name these 'A grade pack style 5000m' and 'B grade pack style 5000m', for instance.

- Race #3 - Total skaters from AG60-65 was 19. This could be the 'A grade pack style 3000m'.

Total time to run these events would be approximately an extra 45 min. We also believe that this would be an exciting event for the crowd as well.

These three events would be optional, and although they would not accumulate any points towards a championship, it gives us “lesser” skaters an opportunity to enjoy the spirit of the games by competing in a fourth distance if wished. We (the lesser countries) also offer to do all the seeding for these races as well as any other task required in order to diminish the organizers burden.

Conclusion: A time limit qualifying system proposed by the Dutch has been constantly rejected in the last several IMSSC sessions because the general impression was that such method would be DISCRIMINATING... Alas, it feels deeply discriminating for those of us watching from the stands while faster (and luckier) skaters who've paid the same entrance fee as we did are racing a fourth distance, later appearing with full points in the final classification (no samalog).

IMSSC Member SPAIN

Marcello Bresin

Proposal AUSTRIA

27.03.2011

Proposal 1

In Erfurt, at the Master Games, would be perfect opportunity to carry out tests and we could first experience. When we make 5 urin tests. I had a long conversation with the NADA in Austria (Mr Michael Mader). Below is my result.

1. Doping – Cost

- a. Urine test Euro 175,- (without VAT)
- b. Epo test (blood) Euro 405,- (without VAT)
- c. Shipping costs Euro 25,- (once)
- d. Material costs Euro 11,- per test

Travel expenses for two people (doping control team).

For example: If the doping control team is from Berlin, and the competition is in Erfurt, we will payed the travel expenses.

2. Doping Control

The tests are removed by certified persons (Doping Control Team) of the NADA. These persons will be request of each national NADA. For example: if the competition in Erfurt and the NADA will be look for persons in this city, therefore it's important to look at an early stage of doping control tests at the National NADA. In most cases, only the travel costs of the two people are paid because of the decrease normally ranges from a window of two hours.

3. Athletes and doping controls

Basically, all athletes who would be in an official competition of a national association (in Austria is this the ASSA), they must comply to the anti-doping rules. The ISU is indeed all other members, this includes also the IMSSG, the provisions for anti-doping, and so we must abide by these terms. Every athlete have a license of national association (ice speed skating or Inline speedskating), and all must comply the anti-doping rules.

4. Disclosure of positive tests

The WADA Laboratory will be informed the WADA, because they has the coding of the anonymous test. Subsequently, the ISU and the buyer (IMSSG) and the athlete will be informed. About the ISU should be informed the National Association of positive athlete. The national Association has the task to the athletes about locks, if the athlete accepts the positive test. The athlete who has the ability to have open his B-Test. It should be also tested positive, the national associaton can impose sanctions. If the consequences of the national association is not sufficient, could subsequently WADA, NADA or ISU act.

5. Complaint of an athlete

NADA Austria had told me, that is disputed as the first measurement. This has to be sued WADA Laboratory. WADA or NADA is very relaxed about complaints, because decades of the laboratory tests and procedures us to be a recognized. If blood or urine sample tested positive, then without doubt, a manipulation will be accepted. When the case was blocked Claudia Pechstein pronounced due to circumstantial evidence and not because of positive doping Control values! Here the problem is quite different, because no athlete has been discussed on the basis of circumstantial guilt.

I think the situation for make doping controls are not difficult and the costs manageable limits.

We would have done at least 500% more than in recent years! On the implementation or who should be tested, we can discuss you.

My proposal for five tests:

The fastest woman and the fastest man of the Overall-points. First places each of women and men of the Overall-Points. At fifth a competitor of dissolved from entry starting field of the Overall-Points.

We can use a total of Euro 1.500,- expect the doping tests, for 5 urine tests.

IMSSC Member AUSTRIA

Hubert Kreutz

1. Rule 2: Competitions

2.1.1. Masters' International Allround Games

My suggestion is to make change and supplements to the Men's program the Masters' International Allround Games.

The distances for the Masters' International All-round Games are:

Ladies 500m, 1500m, 1000m, 3000m (age groups 30-65)

Ladies 500m, 1000m, 1500m (age groups 70 and higher)

Men 500m, 1500m, 1000m, 3000m (age groups 30 and higher)

Men 500m, 3000m, 1500m, 5000m, (age groups 30 and higher)

Men 500m, 5000m, 1500m, 10000m (age groups 30 and higher)

Provide skaters the right to choose any type allround independent from age

Reason: A large number of skaters abilities to sprint likes a small allround.

Long distances are very popular in Netherlands, Norway, Russia, USA and other countries where competitions are held on a Big Allround and Long Distance Races on 5k. and 10k.

Then IMSSC Record List has Allround Small Men, Allround Men, Allround Big Men and we can see skaters from age groups 65,70,75.

2. Masters' International Long Distance Games

The distances for the Masters' International Long Distance Games are:

Ladies and Men: 3000m, 5000m (first day), 5000m, 10000m (second day)

Team's races (pursuit) : Men-8 laps, Ladies-5 laps. Marathon (mass start):

Men-80 laps, Ladies-50 laps (third day)

The Organiser of Masters' International Long Distance Games has the right to maintain Limit Times.

Reason: There are many skaters likes long distances in Netherlands Norway, Russia, USA and other countries.

The presence of the three typ World Games-Sprint,Allround,Long Distances that will be very democratic and fair and will give a large number of skaters to fully express themselves.

3. I propose to look again at the proposal of Bram de Vries-Limit Time.

From my point of view, his proposals is real sports principle.

Skaters must to have good enough preparation and it is natural to have some results for participate in the World Games (World Championship).

There are many other competitions in calendar IMSSC.

If we accept the position of the Limit Time, then the existence of quotas will be meaningless, availability of quota kind of discrimination.

IMSSC Member RUSSIA

Vladimir Tkachenko

Proposals GERMANY

11.04.2011

Proposal 1 (KAZ New IMSSC Member)

Azamat Ismailov is proposed as IMSSC Member for Kazakhstan. He skates at International Master Competitions and promotes the participation of other Master skaters from Kazakhstan at International Masters Competitions.

Proposal 2 (New IMSSC Member JAP)

Kenyi Takai is proposed as IMSSC Member for Japan, also by Andrew Love/IMSSC Member USA. He promotes the participation of a lot of Japanese skaters at International Master Competitions.

Proposal 3 (Change IMSSC Member SUI)

Our current Suisse Member Markus Ulmer proposes **Hans-Peter Ambass** as candidate for succession as Suisse IMSSC Member because of lack of time. The IMSSC has to decide upon this proposal.

Proposal 4 (Change IMSSC Member SWE)

As already discussed at the Formal IMSSC Meeting in Calgary in conjunction with the 20th Masters' Allround Games in February, the IMSSC should discuss again and decide if **Jan Landelius**, who is active skater at International Master Competitions, should be successor of the current Member Donald Drielsma, who would agree.

Proposal 5 (Change IMSSC Member RUS)

The Russian Skating Union proposes to appoint **Boris Repnin** as Russian IMSSC Member. Boris Repnin is an active Russian Master Skater at International Master Competitions. Because the IMSSC has already a Russian Member with **Vladimir Tkachenko** and every country can only have one IMSSC Member, the IMSSC has to discuss and to decide if Vladimir Tkachenko should be replaced by Boris Repnin.

Proposal 6 (Games Organizer: Club/Regional or National Association)

Rule 3.1.1 and Rule 3.1.2, sentences 2, Additions

“They may be organized by a speed skating club or a regional or national speed skating association.”

Reason: The organizer may also be a regional speed skating association, e.g. the Thuringian Ice Federation for the next Masters' Allround Games in Erfurt/GER.

Proposal 7 (Allround Games, Optional Programs)

Rule 3.1.1, § 5, Three-day competitions

It is proposed to add two programs H and K:

<u>Program:</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>K</u>
<u>Age Groups:</u>	<u>Men 30 – 60</u>	<u>Ladies 30 – 65</u> <u>Men 65 +</u>
<u>First Day:</u>	500 m	500 m
<u>Second day:</u>	3000 m	1500 m
<u>Third Day:</u>	1500/5000 m	1000/3000 m

Reason:

The proposed additional programs are practical and may help the organizer by planning the Allround Games at three or four days. They were already used at the 20th Masters' Allround Games 2010 in Calgary which were held on four days.

Proposal 6 (Sprint Competitions, Last Distance)

Rule 3.5, § 1, Addition

“... at International Sprint Competitions, with the exception that at Masters' International Sprint Competitions including Masters' International Sprint Games all competitors will be admitted at the last distance.”

Reason:

According to ISU Rule 242, § 2 b), only 24 skaters are admitted in the fourth distance. This rule does not fit for Masters' International Sprint Combinations with 5year age groups. This experience was made at the 3rd Masters' International Sprint Games in Berlin 2011. So this restriction was neither used for age groups (only some of them had more than 24 participants) nor for the 47 Ladies or 161 Men of the whole competition.

Proposal 7 (Sprint Competitions, Groups)

Rule 3.5, Addition at the end of § 1

“... Drawing at International Sprint Competitions. If there are more than 100 participants at Masters' International Sprint Competitions, including Masters' International Sprint Games, the 5year age groups shall be divided into 2 or more groups of 5year age groups. Every of these groups of 5year groups shall skate their two distances separate, so that the time between the two distances does not get too long.”

Reason:

At a Sprint Competition (4 distance combination on 2 days) the competitors have to skate two distances every day, 500 m and 1000 m. If there are more than 100 skaters, e.g. 200, as at the 3rd Masters' International Sprint Games in Berlin 2011, and all 200 competitors have to skate at first the 500 m and then the 1000 m, the time between the two distances is too long. Then it is an advantage if the competition is split in minimum into 2 groups of 5year age groups, because then the waiting time between the 2 distances will be acceptable.

IMSSC Member GERMANY

Volker Serini

Proposal 1–7 concerns the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations.
Proposal 8 concerns the standard model Announcement for Games.

Proposal 1

Modification of Rule 3.2: Entry (first paragraph)

Existing Text:

The official entry form of the competition is sent by fax, mail or email to the organizer or the National IMSSC Member (as required according to the announcement) by the competitor or through representation of the club/association the skater belongs to. The entry form may also be in electronic form which is sent by the electronic way per Internet to the organizer or the National IMSSC Member (as required according to the announcement). Every competing skater must be licensed in his/her own country.

Proposed Text:

The official entry form of the competition is sent by fax, mail, email or through a designated website to the organizer or the National IMSSC Member (as specified in the announcement) by the competitor or through representation of the club/association the skater belongs to. Every competing skater must be licensed in his/her own country.

Reason:

To make the paragraph shorter and clearer.

Proposal 2

Modification of Rule 3.6: Seeding at Masters' Single Distance Races

Existing text:

At Masters' Single Distance Races seeding of skaters is allowed according to their best times of the season, their best times of the last season or their estimated times. Generally the five year age groups are seeded individually. For practical reasons, such as creating equal pairs/quartets and saving time, several age groups may be joined together for seeding, drawing and speed skating. However final classification must be done separately in 5 year age groups independant of the number of participants in a 5 year age group.

Proposed rule name change to:

3.6 Seeding

Proposed addition before existing text:

On the first two distances of the Masters' International Allround Games and the Masters' International Sprint Games the skaters shall be seeded in three groups before drawing, according to their best times of the season, their best times of the last season or their estimated times as specified in the announcement. The seeding occurs per Age Group or per joined Age Groups.

Reason:

This will create more equal pairs before the ranking rules take effect from the third distance on. It allows time saving, and will avoid dangerous situations created by very different skills and speed. This is especially important by quartet starts.

Proposal 3:

Modification of Rule 3.7: Restrictions of Participants in the Last Distance

Existing text:

If the time schedule requires limitation of participants in the last distance of an Allround Competition, a minimum number of skaters of every five year age group must be allowed to skate according to the following rule: (and so on).

Proposed rule name change to:

3.7 Participants in the Last Distance

Proposed new paragraph at the end:

At a Sprint Competition all skaters that was accepted for the competition must be allowed to skate also the last distance.

Reason:

A limitation according to ISU Rules (24 skaters) will concern only a few participants, and little time is saved for the organizer. Thinking of the private money that the skater spends, e.g. in travelling from another continent, he/she should be allowed to skate the full program.

Proposal 4:

Modification of Rule: 4.2 Single Distances and Allround Competitions (last paragraph)

Existing text:

IMSSC Records will be registered by the IMSSC for the following single distances (times) and three and four distance competitions (grand total number of points).

Single distances: 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m, 10000 m (Ladies)
500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m, 10000 m (Men)

Three and four distances competitions (sum of points):
Ladies Allround Small 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m ... (and so on)

Proposed changes:

IMSSC Records will be registered by the IMSSC for the following single distances (times) and three and four distance competitions (points).

Single distances: 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m, 10000 m (Ladies)
500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m, 10000 m (Men)

Three and four distances competitions (total of points):
Ladies Allround Small 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m ... (and so on)

Reason:

We should use "Total of points" which is the term used in the ISU Rules.

Proposal 5:

Modification of Rule: 4.2 Single Distances and Allround Competitions (last paragraph)

Existing text:

IMSSC Records for 3 and 4 Distances Competitions (in points) at Masters' Single Distance Competitions will be recognized if the distances have been skated in the right order and at consecutive days according to IMSSC Rule 3.1.1.

Proposal:

The paragraph is moved to Rule 4.4.8

Reason:

Rule 4.4.8 is one of a series of provisions where this paragraph logically belongs.

Proposal 6:

Modification of Rule: 4.4.8

Existing text:

IMSSC Records in total points for Allround combinations over four distances can only be recognized if the competition is held over a maximum of three days, and the distances are skated in an order of sequence that is allowed option for ISU Championships (see ISU Rule 201 § 2 and § 7). Moreover the distances must have been skated in the order indicated in the announcement (see ISU Rule 221 § 4 c).

Proposed new text:

IMSSC Records in total of points for 3 and 4 Distance Combinations may be recognized from Allround and Single Distance Competitions if the distances have been skated in the right order and at consecutive days according to the IMSSC Rule 3.1.1.

Reason:

This combines all provisions for 3 and 4 Distance Combinations in one rule and removes a conflicting rule.

Proposal 7

Modification of Rule 4.4.11

Existing text:

Any competitor who equals an existing IMSSC Record shall have his name entered in the IMSSC Records' List (see ISU Rule 221 § 6).

Proposed addition at the end of the paragraph:

If records should be broken on the same day in different time zones of the world, the local time shall be used to determine who broke the record first.

Reason:

We had this discussion once when a record was broken in Hamar and in Calgary on the same day: should the skater in Calgary appear in the record list although the record in Hamar was

better and made several hours earlier? I think it is fair to consider the local time, or the skaters in North Amerika will always have a disanvantage (although it is not very likely to happen again).

Proposal 8

Modification of the standard model Announcement for the Games.

When there is a limitation of the participants, a text similar to the following has been inserted in the Announcement:

If the Quota of entries of one or more Nations is not filled until the Entry Deadline, the remaining free entries may be distributed among the Nations having more entries than quota in relation to their quota. (and so on)

Proposed new text:

If the Quota of entries of one or more Nations is not filled until the Entry Deadline, the remaining free entries shall be distributed among the Nations having more entries than quota in relation to their quota. (and so on)

Reason:

When the IMSSC introduced this rule, it was to ensure a fair distribution of the free entries. The existing text does in fact leave it up to the organizer whether he wants to use this distribution or not. The replacement of “may” by “shall” will secure our intention.

IMSSC Member NORWAY

Sven-Åge Svensson

Proposal 1 (ITA):

IMSSC Constitution and Regulation, Article 3.7, Restriction of Participants in the Last

Distance

It is applied for the insertion of the following modifications in IMSSC Rule 3.7: the modifications are shown by underlined (adding) or strikethrough (deleting) words here below.

3.7 Restrictions of Participants in the Last Distance

If the time schedule requires limitation of participants in the last distance of an Allround Competition, a minimum number of skaters of every five year age group must be allowed to skate according to the following rule: In the last distance 4 skaters of every five year age group are always allowed to skate. If there are more than 4 skaters in the five year age group, the rest of the skaters are divided by 2, and all full pairs are allowed to skate in addition to the basic 4; **if the number of pairs is odd then an additional pair is allowed to skate.** This will give the following number of skaters:

Number of skaters	Skaters on last distance
1 – 3	1 – 3
4 – 7	4
8 – 11	6 <u>8</u>
12 – 15	8
16 – 19	10 <u>12</u>
20 – 23	12
24 – 27	14 <u>16</u>
28 – 31	16 etc. 16

The “Number of skaters” refers to the number of skaters on the final Start List of the first distance for that Age Group.

Reasons:

1. The last distance in an Allround competition is normally raced with quartet starts so it is suggested to fill the quartet in those cases specified in current Rule 3.7 where there is only a pair (for example when the skaters are 8..11, the skaters on last distance are 6 that means one quartet and a pair) in order to give the possibility to skate the last distance to a larger number of skaters;
2. The time difference between a quartet race or a single pair race is less than 30 sec or in case of false start is less than 60 sec so the time difference is anyway negligible.

Proposal 2 (ITA):

Substitution of a skater in the entry list after the registration deadline

In those competitions where a deposit is requested for the registration, it is proposed the possibility to exchange the skater that paid the deposit and for any reason is not able to come and his decision comes after the registration deadline. The new skater can be chosen from a waiting list or suggested by the renounced skater. Till today if a skater paid the deposit and he has to renounce after the registration deadline, he lose the deposit itself. This proposal could be also extended to those competitions where it is not requested a deposit (reasons 1. and 2. not valid in this case).

Reasons:

1. It is not fair to lose the deposit if for any problems (injuries, illness, etc.) a skater is not able to come and he is not able to inform the Organizer before the registration deadline.
2. As stated in each announcement there is 15% of the skaters are not able to come for any reason so this assures the Organizer anyway to cash the deposit of those skaters and this is again not fair;
3. A substitution of the skater, that paid the deposit, after the registration deadline is a good compromise and an increase of the number of the skaters that participate: it is better to open than to restrict their participation;
4. For those nations where there is a skater selection, the substitution solves naturally the problem enabling the first skater on the waiting list to participate...again, open the participation instead to restrict it.

Proposal 3 (ITA):

Adding a requirement for the final banquet to the Organizer of a Master Games

It is proposed to add a requirement to the Organizer of a Master Games. The requirement refers to the organization of the final banquet where must be assured a suitable place for everyone, competitor or companion. The requirement is to assign places at the tables to each nation involved by means of a placeholder .

Reasons:

1. During the last Master Games Sprint in Berlin where a lot of people was present, some teams suffers difficulties founding places at the tables: in fact also half a hour before the beginning of the final banquet the tables where just occupied and only few places per table where free;
2. A more organized distribution of the places at the tables will results in a general satisfaction for all the people;
3. For those skaters and teams that have to skate the last distance very late in the last day, there will be no problem joining and found a suitable place at the final banquet.

IMSSC Member ITALY

Antonio Nitto

Proposals THE NETHERLANDS

16.04.2011 (delayed)

1. **To add to ART. 2:** The maximum age for a (candidate) member is 75 year. An elected member who reaches the age of 75 during his current term of membership is not disqualified by such fact from continuing to serve the current term.

Reason: To protect the board and the members and according ISU rule 14.3

2. **To add to ART.2, 3rd line:** for a term of four successive years. All elected members may not serve for more than 3 successive four year terms. As of the 2011 meeting every current member will be considered as serving the second year of his second term. There will be a member list with beginning- and ending dates of the term.

Reason: To renew the Board from time to time and according ISU rule 14.2.

3. **To add to ART. 2:** The assistant of the Board Member from The Netherlands, Norway, Germany, USA, Canada, Finland and Swiss will receive compensation of Travel Expenses. The compensation will be 75% of the Compensation for the Members.

Reason: It is a very good matter, that the larger nations have a experienced assistant at the time the member will quit or has to resign from the Board and it will be difficult to find somebody without compensation, while the Board member gets f.i. a 100% compensation.

4. **To add to ART. 2:** Voting about persons has to be done in writing, about other matters can be decided in the meeting.

5. **Rule 3.6 (Seeding)** has to be used for all Masters' Speedskating Competitions. Therefore all participants have to inform the organiser about their Season Best time not later than three weeks before the Competition date.

Reason: Again there was a lot of problems with very slow speedskaters in the same race with fast speedskaters.

6. **Rule 2.3.1.** (Addition)

The Organiser of an International Masters' Games has the right to maintain Limit Times.

Reason: Some speedskaters do not show any speed and are causing troubles for their fellow participants at the start and in the lanes.

IMSSC Member THE NETHERLANDS

Bram de Vries

Proposals USA

17.04.2011 (delayed)

1. Replacing IMSSC representatives

Proposal:

If an IMSSC member does not attend 2 sessions in a row. Then their seat may be declared open by a majority vote of the members. At this time, other individuals may be suggested & voted on by the new members. This new member would be able to vote immediately if they are in attendance, or an invitation may be offered.

Here is the additional text, *in red italics*, that should be inserted, in Article 2 in the regulations.

Members are expected to be active participants within an IMSSC committee, if a member misses 2 years worth of meetings in a row, and provides no satisfactory explanation, then a majority vote may be called at the beginning of next meeting, and the seat may be declared "open". Replacements may be considered immediately.

The replacement may vote immediately upon appointment, and does not need the 1 year period that new nations require before voting.

2. Reporting of IMSSC member activities

Our committee is a unique opportunity for members to learn from each other, and apply best practices to the difficult task of running races, organizing athletes, and growing masters Speedskating.

To begin our meeting, each member or deputy should spend not more than 5 minutes, roughly outlining their activities in the preceding year, and what is the "state of masters speedskating" in their country.

This is not a truly formal report, but more an informational exchange among peers.

This could be a description of coordinating trips to events, organizing events, assisting organizers, working with your national association, or connecting masters skaters together at rinks. This proposal contains no value judgement that some activities are more important than others, as the task in each nation is different.

After each report, a member may request if there are any questions from the committee as to their activities.

There should be a climate of honesty among our committee, this should be frank reporting, and an opportunity to ask for advice from other members who wish for all of us to succeed in growing and refining Masters Speedskating

If you are not doing anything worthy of reporting, to promote or organize speedskating in your own or other nearby countries, then why are you a rep?

In red italics, here is the suggested addition after the 4th paragraph of article 3.

After a secretary to write the minutes of a meeting is appointed, then each IMSSC rep shall take no more than 5 minutes, and describe their activities, challenges, and successes in the previous year.

There is no specified format or requirements to this report, as the specifics of organizing differ greatly from country to country.

After the report, other members may ask questions, or the reporting member may ask questions of their fellow committee members that relate to their activities.

The chair of the meeting may reasonably shorten conversation in the question & answer part of the discussion if a large amount of pending business requires efficient time management.

IMSSC Member USA

Andrew Love