

Hello T & R Committee,

Special welcome to our new members: Re-appointed were Jay Thomas, FG and athlete Ryan Littlefield, GU; New member Trish Mitchell, SE, and new athlete member Morgan Kimminau, CO. Attached you will find the updated committee listing for 2009. If there are any contact information changes, please let me know.

This will be a quick update as the holidays make for very busy times for all of us. Here's a quick synopsis of where our committee duties are right now:

- SAA
 - Marvin and Joyce Lanphere have sent out the certificates for the 2007-08 SAA Teams with the assistance of Larry Herr, staff liaison, and Christine Schemmel, USA Swimming staff member. Christine has shipped the clocks for the 3-timers as well.
 - Committee member Betty Kooy, a long time volunteer for the SAA program, has revised the SAA application for 2008-09 which is attached for your review. The application should be posted on the USA Swimming web site by January 1, 2009. Please get any comments or suggestions to Betty as soon as possible.
 - Although the application process cannot be completed until the end of the school year, we should try to publicize the SAA program as much as possible during the spring months so that all our USA Swimming members are fully aware of the program and know how to apply.
- Records
 - NAG - Isabelle Fraser has received a number of applications for new NAG records already this year. Please see the attached Excel sheet of record swims thus far in the season. Isabelle will be revising the NAG Record Listing to be posted on the USA Swimming web site.
 - World, American, U.S. Open - Also attached is the revised copy of the Rule Book Records which reflect all World, American, U.S. Open record swims up to 12/12/08. This record listing will also be posted on the USA Swimming web site.
 - The committee will work with Dale Petranec and Dave Thomas to get the Long Distance Swim Records current and to provide an application similar to the ones developed by the committee (Jim Holcomb) for NAG and American/U.S. Open records.
- Age Group Recognition
 - Larry and Christine have also shipped all the certificates for the Age Group Top Ten Times for 2007-08 to the LSCs. There were a few corrections to the final list (put on supplemental lists and certificates provided). We may have to say a list is "final" next year to get our LSC tabulators to do the review that will catch the errors that cannot be found from a national standpoint! Obviously they don't pay attention till we say the list is final.
 - Lists for the 2008-09 year are being posted bi-weekly on the web site. The committee recommended that we include age 18 in the single age group recognition program for 2008-09. As of now the "Top 16 Report" function in SWIMS has not been re-configured to reflect age 18 so the list cannot be run as

the 11-17 lists are tabulated. Additionally, the name of the report needs to be changed. There is a problem with using age 18 (which is why we originally did not choose to recognize age 18) in that freshmen in college are 18 and their swims in college meets are being reflected in the lists. (There are a few 17 year olds where this also holds true on the LSC level if not the National level.) The SWIMS Enhancement Task Force will need to take a look at how this can be manipulated to exclude the collegiate swim times. We do recognize high school swim times in the program as the athlete is essentially still with their club team; we do not recognize collegiate swim times for the age group program. We added age 18 at the request of the Senior Swimming Committee who felt that we needed to do more for our "undergrad" swimmers.

- SWIMS
 - The Enhancement Task Force under Jay Thomas will get going again after the new year. There are a number of small projects that need refining and the Times Recon feature must be addressed this year.
 - I continue to work with our LSC SWIMS officers in the loading of meets - sanctioned, approved, and observed.
- ConocoPhillips Reimbursement - USA Swimming staff covered the reimbursement duties at the Short Course National Championships in Atlanta. I will be receiving the applications (also posted online with the FINA World Ranking list) and compiling the requests for reimbursement from the top 100 world ranked swimmers which will be sent to the athletes in January.
- Pool Measurement Issue - the Task Force (George Breen, Jim Holcomb, Pat Lunsford were members) completed its work and legislation was passed at convention to bring the certified pools in the LSCs up to date. The committee has been asked by Bruce Stratton, chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee, to re-address the issue of measurements for NAG Records. That part of the legislation was removed in order to secure passage of other recommendations. We will need to look at that in the new year in order to make a recommendation should we wish to promote legislation for the 2009 convention.

For our new members, I recommend that you go to "Times/Time Standards" on the left menu bar of the USA Swimming web site and then click on T & R Committee. Under that link you will find all kinds of information and minutes from conference calls. You should also peruse the other links under Times/Time Standards to see the areas which fall under T & R jurisdiction. We will get together by conference call in early January and Larry and I will let you know the logistics of the call. Thanks to all returning members for great work in 2007-08! Welcome to our new members and we look forward to putting you to work in one of our interest areas! We are a real working group and there is lots to be done for sure!

Have a wonderful holiday season with your families! Thanks again for your service to our athletes, coaches, and parents! If you have questions or concerns, please let me know. Larry Herr remains our capable and diligent staff liaison - he gets our thanks daily!

Suzanne Heath
Chair, T & R Committee