

**USA Swimming**  
2008 House of Delegates Meeting Minutes  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Saturday, September 27, 2008

**CALL TO ORDER**

The 2008 USA Swimming House of Delegates meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, in Atlanta, Georgia. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> United States Aquatic Sports Convention.

**AGENDA**

There were no additions to the House of Delegates meeting agenda, (*Attachment #1*).

**MEMORIAL PRESENTATION**

USA Swimming President Jim Wood asked for a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of the following USA Swimming members and associates who have passed away this last year:

12	Joyce Anderson	Coach, Wisconsin
13	Armin Arnd	Official, Inland Empire
14	John Bainbridge	Volunteer, Indiana
15	Chris Belcher	Athlete, Indiana
16	Gary Binfield	Coach, Georgia, 1988 Olympian (Great Britain)
17	Deborah Bullock	Coach, Gulf
18	William "Dirk" Combs	Official, Indiana
19	Melissa Coonce	Official, Indiana
20	Thomas "Mac" Crutchfield	Athlete, Florida
21	William "Buck" Dawson	Florida Gold Coast, USA Swimming Life Member, Recipient of the USA Swimming Award
23	Roberto DelRosario	Coach, Iowa
24	Dean Dillingham	former General Chair, Pacific, USA Swimming BOD 1980-1982
25	Benny Divita	Coach, Middle Atlantic
26	Jessica Ellis	Athlete, Oregon
27	Zachary Erickson	Athlete, Pacific Northwest
28	Melissa Eustice	Athlete, Georgia
29	Thomas Farrell	Official, Virginia
30	Paul Fortoul	Coach, Metropolitan
31	Ann German	Volunteer, Middle Atlantic
32	Fran Haslach	Official, Oregon
33	Dusty Hicks	Athlete, Kentucky
34	Howard B. Jones	Official, Oregon
35	Ian Kanegawa	Athlete, Middle Atlantic
36	Gene Keltner	Volunteer, Florida, USA Swimming Life Member, USA Swimming Board of Directors 1980-1984
38	Dick LaFave	Official, Pacific Northwest
39	Aleesha Lauver	Athlete, Snake River
40	Nicholas Lee	Athlete, Gulf
41	Elliot Linafelter	Official, Midwestern
42	Jeffrey Lowe	Coach, New Jersey
43	Robert Milkosky	Volunteer, New Jersey
44	Colleen Moore	Athlete, North Carolina
45	Ryan Olsen	Athlete, Metropolitan
46	Rhobie Parker	Volunteer, Oregon
47	Sara Peetz	Volunteer, Midwestern
48	Kevin Perry	Coach & General Chair, Southern California

49 Terry Peterson Coach, Middle Atlantic  
50 Jennifer Pokluda Peterson Athlete, Gulf, 1987 World University Games Team  
51 Carey Resnik Official, Georgia  
52 Zach Rose Athlete, Georgia  
53 Walter Rothenheber Coach, Connecticut  
54 Larry Shofe Coach, Florida, USA Swimming Life Member & Senior Dev. Com. Member  
55 Fred Siegrist Volunteer, Pacific, USA Swimming Life Member,  
56 Co-Chair, Credentials/Elections Committee,  
57 USA Swimming Board of Directors 1988-1994  
58 Petra Spence Official, Pacific Northwest  
59 Griffin "Finn" Terry Athlete, Oregon  
60 Char Tester Official, Hawaii  
61 Bill VanMeter Official, Iowa  
62 Chuck Weinkauf Official, Indiana  
63 Dick Williams Coach, Niagara  
64 Kyle Wilson Coach, Virginia  
65 Tricia Winn Athlete, Missouri Valley

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68 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

69 USA Swimming President, Jim Wood, spoke to the House of Delegates.  
70 (*Attachment #2*).

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73 **PRESENTATIONS TO LIFE MEMBERS**

74 The following USA Swimming members were presented with Life Memberships and honored with life  
75 membership cards and plaques:

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77 Charlene Cook (given to her by San Diego-Imperial Swimming)  
78 Phil Cook (given to him by San Diego-Imperial Swimming)  
79 David Cottam (SURPRISE – given to him by Pacific Swimming)  
80 John A. Harbison (Florida Swimming)  
81 Mark Hesse (SURPRISE – given to him by Indiana Swimming)  
82 Franchele M. Klaus (given to her by Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Klaus)  
83 Vicki R. Marsh (SURPRISE – given to her by Inland Empire Swimming)  
84 Terri L. Meeks (Minnesota Swimming)  
85 Michael Miao, M.D. (Southern California Swimming)  
86 Michael Seip (SURPRISE – given to him by Middle Atlantic Swimming)  
87 William J. Vargo (SURPRISE – given to him by Florida Swimming)  
88 Michael S. Walker (Arizona Swimming)

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91 **PRESENTATIONS TO PAST BOARD MEMBERS**

92 USA Swimming and the USA Swimming Board of Directors, express thanks and gratitude to the  
93 following past Board Members for their service to the sport and organization:

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95 Eric Nelson 2002-2007 – Central Zone Director  
96 Pete Gannon 2003-2007 – Eastern Zone Director  
97 Duffy Dillon 2003-2007 – Southern Zone Director  
98 Jamie Rauch 2002-2008 – Athletes' Representative

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
101 <u>Glenn S. Hummer Award</u>	<b>Bill Rose</b>	Sid Cassidy
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104 Established in 1978 and named for an Olympian and Coach, the Glen S. Hummer Award is given		
105 annually to the person or group making the greatest contribution to Long Distance Swimming.		
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107 <u>Female Open Water</u>	<b>Chloe Sutton</b>	Sid Cassidy
108 <u>Swimmer of the Year</u>	Award accepted by Bill Rose	
109 Established in 1985, the Open Water Committee Award is presented by the USA Swimming Open		
110 Water Swimming Committee to the person or group judged as making a major contribution to open		
111 water swimming the previous year.		
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113 <u>Male Open Water</u>	<b>Mark Warkentin</b>	Sid Cassidy
114 <u>Swimmer of the Year</u>	Award accepted by John Dusliere	
115 Established in 1984, the Open Water Swimmer of the Year Award is presented by the USA Swimming		
116 Open Water Swimming Committee to the swimmer judged as the most outstanding open water		
117 swimmer of the previous year.		
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119 <u>Adolph Kiefer Safety Commendation Award</u>	<b>Jim Reiser</b>	Allan Meier
120 Awarded to an individual or organization for demonstrating outstanding commitment to aquatic safety.		
121 Recipient selected by the USA Swimming Safety Education Committee; not necessarily awarded every		
122 year.		
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124 <u>Disability Swimming Service Award</u>	<b>Kiko Van Zandt</b>	Priscilla Davis
125	Award accepted by Cathy Casey	
126 The Disabled Swimming Service Award is presented to an individual (swimmer, coach, volunteer) who		
127 has made significant contributions to competitive swimming for athletes with a disability. Members of		
128 the Disabled Swimming Committee nominate candidates at the mid-year committee meeting. The vote,		
129 by all members of the Disabled Swimming Committee, also takes place at the mid-year meeting. This		
130 award originated in the year 2000.		
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132 <u>Disability Swimmer of the Year Award</u>	<b>Erin Popovich</b>	Priscilla Davis
133 <u>(Trischa L. Zorn Award)</u>		
134 The Trischa L. Zorn Award is presented to the swimmer (or relay team) with a disability with the most		
135 outstanding performances during the previous year. Anyone present at the USA Swimming Disability		
136 Championships may nominate a swimmer for the award. A screening committee comprised of a few		
137 members of the Disabled Swimming Committee selects finalists. The chairperson(s) of the Disabled		
138 Swimming Committee prepares a ballot, then all members of the Disabled Swimming Committee vote		
139 to determine the winner. The vote is conducted by mail. This award originated in the year 2000.		
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141 <u>Diversity Inclusion Award</u>	<b>Cullen Jones</b>	John Cruzat
142	Award accepted by John Cruzat	
143 Established in 2006, the Diversity Inclusion Award is presented to the person or group who has		
144 positively heightened the awareness of inclusion efforts through various modes and media resulting in		
145 the increase and successful participation of currently underrepresented groups in the sport.		
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147 <u>Kenneth J. Pettigrew Award</u>	<b>Bruce Stratton</b>	Jim Sheehan
148 This award was created to honor Ken Pettigrew, a swimming official who devoted over 30 years to the		
149 sport of swimming. Each year the recipient is chosen by the USA Swimming Officials Committee.		
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151 ASCA Coach of the Year Award **Bob Bowman**  
152 Awarded this year at the ASCA Convention in Las Vegas.  
153 The ASCA Award is 47 years old. The first one awarded was to James "Doc" Counsilman in 1961. It  
154 honors the American Coach who has done the most in the past 12 months to improve American  
155 International Swimming Performance. It is annually presented at the ASCA Clinic in early September.  
156 Twice in the past, it has been presented at the USAS convention, due to the timing of the Olympic  
157 Games, in 1988 and 2000.

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159 Developmental Coach of the Year Award **John Morse** Bill Rose  
160 The Developmental Coach of the Year Award is for coaches who develop athletes a step or two away  
161 from major national or international success. The winner of the award is the coach who places the  
162 most swimmers on the National Junior Team.

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164 Athletes Appreciation Award **Mark Henderson** Tyler Storie  
165 Award accepted by Tyler Storie  
166 Conceived by the USA Swimming Athletes Committee in 1983, the Athletes Appreciation Award  
167 recognizes the individual or organization perceived by the committee to have contributed most  
168 significantly to the Athletes Movement.

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170 ConocoPhillips Performance Award **Michael Phelps** Mark Schubert  
171 200 IM, 2008 Olympic Games  
172 This award is presented to an American swimmer who gives the single most outstanding performance  
173 during the year. This award is voted on by selected coaches, athlete representatives and members of  
174 the swimming media.

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176 USA Swimming Award (presented at USAS Banquet Saturday evening)  
177 **John Hildenbiddle,** Chuck Wielgus  
178 of Mutual of Omaha  
179 The USA Swimming Award was established in 1981 to recognize exceptional contributions to the sport  
180 of swimming. The award is presented each year to an individual or organization selected for financial,  
181 material or service contributions to USA Swimming. The award is a two-thirds life-size bronze sculpture  
182 of a swimmer mounted over a wave of marble.

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184 Athlete of the Year (presented at USAS Banquet Saturday evening)  
185 **Michael Phelps** Mark Schubert  
186 Accepted by Debbie Phelps  
187 The Swimmer of the Year Award is presented to the athlete judged by the USA Swimming House of  
188 Delegates as the most outstanding swimmer of the previous year.

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190 Outstanding Women in Swimming Award (presented at the Women in Sports Reception)  
191 **Helen Brown**  
192 Established in 1979, the Outstanding Women in Swimming Award is presented to a woman who has  
193 contributed years of outstanding service to swimming. There has been discussion about changing the  
194 name of the award to "Outstanding Women in Sports". This award will now be presented to an  
195 outstanding woman in swimming and also to an outstanding woman in one of the other aquatic sports.

## 196 **STATE OF THE SPORT REPORT**

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198 USA Swimming Executive Director, Chuck Wielgus spoke to the House of Delegates. (*Attachment #3*).  
199 Three short videos were also shown – Omaha Olympic Trials, Beijing Olympic Games, Oakland  
200 Undercurrents.

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Jim Wood gave a comparison report of 2007 and 2008 membership statistics.

**2007**

**Athletes:**

Year-round	251,547
(of this total, 3,010 are outreach members)	
Season 1 & 2	33,522
Individual Season	1,866
Open Water Single Meet	197

**Clubs:**

Year-round clubs/organizations	2,692
(new clubs – 132)**	
Season 1 & 2	120

**Non-athletes:**

Individual	24,147
Family (1&2)	4,142
Sports Medicine	65
Sustaining	4
Life – New	23
Life – from prior years	<u>314</u>
Total:	28,695

**2008\***

**Athletes:**

Year-round athletes	257,158
(of this total, 3,175 are outreach members)	
Season 1 & 2 athletes	31,156
Individual Season	2,381
Open Water Single Meet	179

**Clubs:**

Year-round clubs/organizations	2,701
(new clubs – 116)**	
Season 1 & 2	118

**Non-athletes:**

Individual	24,500
Family (1&2)	3,590
Sports Medicine***	0
Sustaining***	0
Life – New	14
Life – from prior years	<u>333</u>
Total:	28,437

\*The statistics for 2008 are as of September 5. These are not final statistics.

\*\*The new club counts are provided by the Club Development Department.

\*\*\* Sports Medicine and Sustaining membership types were discontinued in 2008.

**CREDENTIALS / ELECTIONS REPORT**

The 2008 credentials elections report was given by Clint Benton. Fred Siegrist, Co-Chair of this committee, passed away very unexpectedly a few weeks ago.

<b><u>Maximum Credentials</u></b>	<b><u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
LSC	354	354
AT-LARGE	235	233
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>587</b>

<b><u>Credentials Issued</u></b>		
LSC	256	289
AT-LARGE	179	187
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>476</b>

<b><u>Ballots Issued</u></b>		
LSC	246	279
AT-LARGE	167	173
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>452</b>

<b><u>Ballots Voted</u></b>		
TOTAL	394	440
VOID	4	1
<b>VALID</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>439</b>

The following Executive Committee Board of Director positions are being voted on this year:  
 President, Administration Vice President, Program Operations Vice President,  
 Treasurer, Program Development Vice President, Technical Vice President.

There being no nominations from the floor it was **MOVED** and **APPROVED** that nominations be close.

Four positions are running unopposed: Administration Vice President, Program Operations Vice President, Program Development Vice President, Technical Vice President. It was **MOVED** and **APPROVED** that the above unopposed positions be voted into office.

### **UNITED STATES SPORTS INSURANCE COMPANY (USSIC)**

*(Attachment #4).* Carol Zaleski, President of USSIC, reported to the House of Delegates. USSIC was formed in 1988 to provide insurance coverages and insurance services to insured members of USA Swimming. USSIC is a wholly owned captive insurer of USA Swimming domiciled in Barbados. It provides general liability, sexual misconduct coverage, and professional liability coverage to swimming organizations throughout the United States. May 2008 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> year of USSIC being formed.

### **2009 BUDGET**

USA Swimming Treasurer, Peter Carney presented the proposed 2009 budget to the House of Delegates. *(Attachment #5).*

**MOTION:** *To approve the presented 2009 budget. Second and open for discussion.* No items were pulled for discussion.

### **BUDGET APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** *To approve the 2009 USA Swimming operating budget as presented. Second. APPROVED.*

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee, Bruce Stratton introduced this year's legislation to the House of Delegates. *(Attachment #6).* Following are the final results:

	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
R-1	Substitute FINA wording for deliberate delay at the start	101.1.5	ADOPTED
R-2	Remove rule regarding long distance pool swimming from Open Water section and place in blue section	101.8 (new) 701.2.3	ADOPTED
R-3	Clarifies event limitations when prelims and finals are on different days	102.2.5 (new)	ADOPTED
R-4	Restriction on swimwear for Age Group competitors (to keep the cost down)	102.9.1	ADOPTED/AMENDED
R-5	Allow Referee to act as Starter; expand conditions of sanction to allow for contingencies	102.12.3 102.12.4 202.3.7	DEFEATED
R-6	Modifications made by a Referee under Article 105 at one meet do not set precedent	102.13.8	ADOPTED
R-7	Limits required information on a DQ slip to event, heat, lane, and infraction	102.15.3-.4	ADOPTED
R-8	Allow for 10 lanes to be used at Nationals	103.3.2A	ADOPTED
R-9	Clarifies language regarding lane lines	103.13.2	ADOPTED/AMENDED
R-10	Stresses pace clocks should be available in all warm-up areas; deletes obsolete language	103.17	ADOPTED
R-11	Allows for observed swims to be eligible for records	104.2.1C	ADOPTED
R-12	Must be able to represent the USA in international competition in order to set American record	104.2.2A	ADOPTED
R-13	Change pool measurement procedures to expand and update the database of pool certifications	104.2.1G 104.2.2C 202.3.5 202.4.11	ADOPTED/AMENDED

	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	ACTION
		206.2	
R-14	Update language to reflect current terminology regarding cognitive and visual disabilities	105.1.1 105.2.1-.2	ADOPTED
R-15	Coach/athlete must request specific modifications under Article 105	105.1.2A-B	ADOPTED
R-16	To clearly state that an athlete with a disability may not use aids for buoyancy or speed	105.1.3 105.5.2	ADOPTED
R-17	To discontinue mandated use of IPC ID cards at USA Swimming competitions	105.1.4	ADOPTED
R-18	To diagram the signal that indicates short whistles to the deaf	105.3	ADOPTED
R-19	Clarifies language regarding cognitive disability modifications	105.4	ADOPTED
R-20	Update and clarify language regarding physical disabilities modifications	105.5.1A-E	ADOPTED
R-21	Before an LSC may impose additional requirements and/or conditions of sanction/approval, those requirements or conditions must be approved by the LSC's House of Delegates	202.1	ADOPTED
R-22	Provide for short course Junior Nationals	207.4.1	ADOPTED
R-23	Limit approvals to non-member clubs/organizations only unless otherwise approved by USA Swimming Board of Directors	202.4.1	WITHDRAWN
R-24	To clarify 120-day rule relative to closed competition	203.3	ADOPTED
R-25	Allow Zones to offer a Zone Senior Championships	205.7 (new)	ADOPTED
R-26	Provide for scoring when 10 lanes are used at Nationals	207.12.9C	ADOPTED
R-27	Provide for awards for top 10 finishers in timed final events when 10 lanes are used at Nationals	207.13.2A	ADOPTED
R-28	Include names of awards (ind. high point & meet performance)	207.13.2A-D	ADOPTED
R-29	To change from Top 25 Combined Team Awards to Top 10	207.13.1	ADOPTED
R-30	Extend sexual misconduct provisions to include all members	304.3.5	ADOPTED/AMENDED
R-31	Expansion of Code of Conduct recruiting provision	304.3.13	ADOPTED
R-32	Clarification of Code of Conduct	304.3.15	ADOPTED
R-33	Clarification of Code of Conduct	304.3.15	ADOPTED
R-34	Adds illegal use of photography, video-taping, etc. of certain USA Swimming meets and events as a violation of Code of Conduct	304.3.11 (new)	WITHDRAWN
R-35	Requires that members of a club's board of directors hold individual memberships to USA Swimming	502.2.1C (new)	WITHDRAWN
R-36	Clarifies that an LSC may not impose additional membership requirements for clubs or individuals	502.2.1C (new) 502.3.5 (new)	REFERRED BACK TO RULES AND REGULATIONS COM.
R-37	Clarification that all coaches must satisfy membership requirements, not just club coaches	502.4.3 502.4.5	ADOPTED
R-38	Permits President to appoint a representative to serve on the Investment Committee in his/her stead.	506.5.1	ADOPTED
R-39	Changes requirement that athletes on Steering be former National Team members rather than Olympians	506.9	ADOPTED
R-40	Requires each LSC to complete LSC evaluation each quad	509.4 (new)	WITHDRAWN
R-41	Delete obsolete records from Rule Book and rules regarding obsolete events	702.1 703.1-.2 Records	APPROVAL
R-42	Prohibits Board of Directors from overriding a policy, program, or rule established by the HOD	LSC Model Bylaws 605.6/605.13	DEFEATED
R-43	Under certain conditions, mandate minimum age of 18 years for members of LSC Board of Review	LSC Model Bylaws 610.3.3C	DEFEATED
HK-1	Update language regarding Age Group Recognition; housekeep reporting requirements	104.2.1H(3) 104.2.3B	ADOPTED
HK-2	Delete obsolete language regarding members of Operations Committee	507.2.7	ADOPTED
HK-3	Correct reference regarding amendments	507.2.9	ADOPTED
HK-4	Reminder that some procedures for Open Water Championships are included in Article 207	704	ADOPTED
TF-1	Incorporate Article 610-T (Hearings & Appeals) from LSC Bylaws into Part Four of Rules & Regulations	Part Four of Rules & Regs	ADOPTED
TF-2	Reorganize Part Six of Rules & Regulations to incorporate important information heretofore included only in the appendices of the LSC Model Bylaws	Part Six of Rules & Regs	ADOPTED
TF-3T	Provides an introduction to the LSC Model Bylaws	LSC Model Bylaws	ADOPTED
TF-4T	Expands on instructions for LSC Model Bylaws	LSC Model Bylaws	ADOPTED
TF-5T	Eliminates much of 610-T from LSC Model Bylaws for inclusion in Rule Book	610 of LSC Model Bylaws	ADOPTED
TF-6T	Eliminates Tables of Concordance	Part 6-B of LSC Model Bylaws	ADOPTED
TF-7T	Eliminates Part 6-C of LSC Model Bylaws for inclusion elsewhere or because parts are outdated	Part 6-C of LSC Model Bylaws	ADOPTED

	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	ACTION
TF-8T	Eliminates Part 7 of LSC Model Bylaws for inclusion elsewhere or because parts are outdated	Part 7 of LSC Model Bylaws	ADOPTED

(Attachment #7) Details to the amendments to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations adopted by USA Swimming House of Delegates September 27, 2008 are included as an attachment.

### ELECTIONS AND RESULTS

**Zone Directors:** (voted in during Zone meetings)

**Western Zone** Brandon Drawz, Coach (Vicki Marsh – outgoing)  
**Eastern Zone** Marcie Callan, Coach (Ed Dellert–outgoing)  
**Southern Zone** Rich Pockat, Non-Coach (second term)  
**Central Zone** Paul Thompson, Non-Coach (Arlene McDonald - outgoing)

**Administration Vice President** Unopposed, John Wilson  
**Program Operations Vice President** Unopposed, Pat Lunsford  
**Program Development Vice President** Unopposed, Mary Jo Swalley  
**Technical Vice President** Unopposed, George Block  
**Treasurer** Tom Hasz  
**President** Jim Wood  
**Athletes Executive Committee Vice Chair** Tyler Storie

**MOTION:** To destroy the election ballots. Second. **APPROVED.**

### RULES AND REGULATIONS CHAIR

**MOTION:** To approve Bruce Stratton as the Rules and Regulations Chair. Second. **APPROVED.**

### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** To adjourned the 2008 House of Delegates meeting. Second. **APPROVED.**

The 2008 session of the USA Swimming House of Delegates meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Kathleen E. Parker  
Executive Coordinator

Jim Wood  
President

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**Attachments**

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