

USA SWIMMING  
2006 HOUSE OF DELEGATES MINUTES  
Detroit, Michigan  
September 15 -16, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER**

The 2006 USA Swimming House of Delegates meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on Friday, September 15, in Detroit, Michigan. This is the 27<sup>th</sup> United States Aquatic Sports Convention.

**AGENDA**

There was one addition to the House of Delegates meeting agenda.  
(*Attachment #1*).

Louisiana Swimming – Ed Kelly

**MEMORIAL PRESENTATION**

USA Swimming President Ron Van Pool asked for a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of the following individuals who have passed away this last year:

<b>Hank Arakaki</b>	Official, Hawaii
<b>Charles Bittick</b>	NCAA Champion 1960-61, Southern California
<b>Laurie Bratten</b>	Athlete & Coach, Iowa
<b>Katie Bryson</b>	Athlete, Snake River
<b>Michelle Collier</b>	Athlete, San Diego Imperial
<b>J.C. Ferguson</b>	Life Member, Louisiana
<b>Brian Fitzpatrick</b>	Athlete, Middle Atlantic
<b>Larry Frost</b>	Times Tabulator, Connecticut
<b>David Gibson</b>	Athlete, New Jersey
<b>Chris Givens</b>	Coach, Oregon
<b>Bob Granovsky</b>	Official, Minnesota
<b>George Haines</b>	Coach, Pacific Olympic Coach – 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972
<b>Dee Hollar</b>	Official & former General Chair, South Texas
<b>Daniel Jaekel</b>	Athlete, Illinois
<b>Douglas Jiang</b>	Athlete, Metropolitan
<b>Thomas Kingston</b>	Official, Florida
<b>Sally Kujat</b>	Coach, South Texas
<b>Kevin Kwan</b>	Athlete, Metropolitan
<b>Philing Kwan</b>	Parent Volunteer, Metropolitan
<b>April Lao</b>	Athlete, Metropolitan
<b>Dan Lunger</b>	Athlete, Colorado
<b>Barton McManus</b>	Athlete, Connecticut
<b>Paula McManus</b>	Volunteer, Connecticut
<b>Ron McVicker</b>	Coach, Ohio
<b>Katina Mendieta</b>	Athlete, Illinois

<b>Olive Mucha</b>	1936 Olympian, 1st General Chair of Oregon Swimming
<b>Ted Mullin</b>	Athlete & Coach, Illinois
<b>Eric Namesnik</b>	Coach, Michigan Olympian, 1992 & 1996 Board of Directors, 1997 to 2002
<b>Heidi Oquist</b>	Coach, Minnesota
<b>Kelly Ostler</b>	Coach, Snake River
<b>Fran Porter</b>	Life Member, Central California
<b>James Roberts</b>	Official, Metropolitan
<b>Will Sarosdy</b>	Athlete & Coach, South Texas
<b>Kathy Seebeck</b>	Volunteer, Minnesota
<b>Tom Smach</b>	Official, Florida Gold Coast
<b>Roger Smith</b>	FINA Bureau, Australian Swimming Federation

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

USA Swimming President, Ron Van Pool, spoke to the House of Delegates.  
(*Attachment #2*).

### **PRESENTATIONS TO LIFE MEMBERS**

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

<b>Jeremy J. Anderson</b>	Southern California Swimming
<b>Robert Broyles</b>	Inland Empire Swimming
<b>Lyle D. Campbell</b>	Pacific Northwest Swimming
<b>Roberta K. Culpepper</b>	Georgia Swimming
<b>JoAnn Faucett</b>	Adirondack Swimming
<b>William R. Forrester</b>	Georgia Swimming
<b>Willard (Bill) A. Geiszler</b>	Virginia Swimming
<b>Kim T. Jew</b>	Pacific Swimming
<b>Larry Johnson</b>	Montana Swimming
<b>Pat Kaplan</b>	Maryland Swimming
<b>Jodi L. Peretti</b>	Montana Swimming
<b>Dia C. Rianda</b>	Pacific Swimming
<b>Denny Ryther</b>	South Texas Swimming
<b>Richard C. Scott</b>	Colorado Swimming
<b>Jessica R. Simons</b>	Virginia Swimming
<b>Ron Van Pool</b>	USA Swimming

### **PRESENTATIONS TO PAST BOARD MEMBERS**

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

<b>John Kinney</b>	2001-2005 – Western Zone Director
<b>Tom Wilkens</b>	2005 – Athletes' Representative

**AWARDS**

**RECIPIENT**

**PRESENTER**

Open Water Female Swimmer of the Year

**Erica Rose**

Dave Johnson & Denny Ryther

Established in 1985, the Open Water Committee Award is presented by the USA Swimming Open Water Swimming Committee to the person or group judged as making a major contribution to open water swimming the previous year.

Glenn S. Hummer Award

**Greg Cross**

Dave Johnson & Denny Ryther

Established in 1978 and named for an Olympian and Coach, the Glen S. Hummer Award is given annually to the person or group making the greatest contribution to Long Distance Swimming.

Open Water Male Swimmer of the Year Award

**Chip Peterson**

Dave Johnson & Denny Ryther

Established in 1984, the Open Water Swimmer of the Year Award is presented by the USA Swimming Open Water Swimming Committee to the swimmer judged as the most outstanding open water swimmer of the previous year.

Disabled Swimming Service Award

**Pam Redding**

Kiko Van Zandt

The Disabled Swimming Service Award is presented to an individual (swimmer, coach, volunteer) who has made significant contributions to competitive swimming for athletes with a disability. Members of the Disabled Swimming Committee nominate candidates at the mid-year committee meeting. The vote, by all members of the Disabled Swimming Committee, also takes place at the mid-year meeting. This award originated in the year 2000.

Disabled Swimmer of the Year Award

(Trischa L. Zorn Award)

**Jessica Lang**

Kiko Van Zandt

The Trischa L. Zorn Award is presented to the swimmer (or relay team) with a disability with the most outstanding performances during the previous year. Anyone present at the USA Swimming Disability Championships may nominate a swimmer for the award. A screening committee comprised of a few members of the Disabled Swimming Committee selects finalists. The chairperson(s) of the Disabled Swimming Committee prepares a ballot, then all members of the Disabled Swimming Committee vote to determine the winner. The vote is conducted by mail. This award originated in the year 2000.

Adolph Kiefer Safety Commendation Award

**Eric Fucito**

Priscilla Davis

Awarded to an individual or organization for demonstrating outstanding commitment to aquatic safety. Recipient selected by the USA Swimming Safety Education Committee; not necessarily awarded every year.

Kenneth J. Pettigrew Award

**Mike Saltzstein**

Carol Zaleski

This award was created to honor Ken Pettigrew, a swimming official who devoted over 30 years to the sport of swimming. Each year the recipient is chosen by the USA Swimming Officials Committee.

ASCA Coach Award

**Eddie Reese**

Awarded at the ASCA Convention

The ASCA Award is 39 years old. It honors the American Coach who has done the most in the past 12 months to improve American International Swimming Performance. It is annually presented at the ASCA Clinic in early September. Twice in the past 12 years, it has been presented at the USAS convention, due to the timing of the Olympic Games. (1988 and 2000).

Developmental Coach of the Year Award

**Bill Rose**

John Dussliere

The Developmental Coach of the Year Award is for coaches who develop athletes a step or two away from major national or international success. The winner of the award is the coach who places the most swimmers on the National Junior Team.

Athletes Appreciation Award

**Eric Namesnik**

Ryan Berube

Award received by Kirsten Namesnik and Jon Urbanchek

Conceived by the USA Swimming Athletes Committee in 1983, the Athletes Appreciation Award recognizes the individual or organization perceived by the committee to have contributed most significantly to the Athletes Movement.

ConocoPhillips Performance Award

**Michael Phelps**

Ron Van Pool

This award is presented to an American swimmer who gives the single most outstanding performance during the year. This award is voted on by selected coaches, athlete representatives and members of the swimming media.

USA Swimming Award (presented at USAS Banquet Saturday evening)

**Audrey Birkliid**

The USA Swimming Award was established in 1981 to recognize exceptional contributions to the sport of swimming. The award is presented each year to an individual or organization selected for financial, material or service contributions to USA Swimming. The award is a two-thirds life-size bronze sculpture of a swimmer mounted over a wave of marble.

Swimmer of the Year (presented at USAS Banquet Saturday evening)

**Brendan Hansen**

The Swimmer of the Year Award is presented to the athlete judged by the USA Swimming House of Delegates as the most outstanding swimmer of the previous year.

Outstanding Women in Swimming Award (presented at the Women in Sports Reception)

**Leanne Spletzer**

Established in 1979, the Outstanding Women in Swimming Award is presented to a woman who has contributed years of outstanding service to swimming.

The Friday, September 15, 2006 session of the House of Delegates meeting was recessed at 8:30 p.m.

The Saturday, September 16, 2006 session of the House of Delegates was reconvened at 8:10 a.m.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Pam Cook gave a comparison report of 2005 and 2006 membership statistics.

### 2005 - Final

<u>Year-round athlete</u>	<u>249,182</u>
<u>Season 1 &amp; 2 athletes</u>	<u>34,621</u>
<u>Individual Season</u>	<u>1,628</u>
<u>Open Water Single Meet</u>	<u>71</u>
<u>Year-round clubs / organizations</u>	<u>2,724</u>
<u>New clubs</u>	<u>122</u>

New club counts are statistics produced by the Club Development Division.

Season 1 & 2 clubs 107

### Non-athletes

<u>Individual</u>	<u>23,293</u>
<u>Family (1&amp;2)</u>	<u>4,188</u>
<u>Sports Medicine</u>	<u>64</u>
<u>Sustaining</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>Life – New</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Life – Brought Forward</u>	<u>279</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27,847</b>

### 2006 - as of Sept. 9, 2006 – not final

<u>Year-round athlete</u>	<u>249,292</u>
<u>Season 1 &amp; 2 athletes</u>	<u>33,315</u>
<u>Individual Season</u>	<u>1,726</u>
<u>Open Water Single Meet</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Year-round clubs / organizations</u>	<u>2,712</u>
<u>New clubs</u>	<u>119</u>

New club counts are statistics produced by the Club Development Division.

Season 1 & 2 clubs 95

### Non-athletes

<u>Individual</u>	<u>23,791</u>
<u>Family (1&amp;2)</u>	<u>4,224</u>
<u>Sports Medicine</u>	<u>72</u>
<u>Sustaining</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Life – New</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>Life – Brought Forward</u>	<u>292</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>28,406</b>

## LOUISIANA SWIMMING

Ed Kelly spoke for a few minutes and thanked everyone who has called their LSC expressing their concern and best wishes. He praised the athletes, and coaches highly for their ability to maintain and continue with their programs. USA Swimming was also thanked.

## UNITED STATES SPORTS INSURANCE COMPANY (USSIC)

Carol Zaleski 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.

Members of USSIC are: Pat O'Connor - President, Ryan Berube, Vere Brathwaite, Barney Favaro, Jeff Gudman, Lee Jamieson, Ron Van Pool, Carol Zaleski,

Mike Saltzstein - Ex-Officio, Paul Sigfusson - Ex-Officio, Carol Burch – Staff Liaison.

## **CREDENTIALS / ELECTIONS REPORT**

Convention / Elections Committee Co-Chair Fred Siegrist presented the 2006 credentials report. Judy Siegrist is also co-chair of this committee.

<b><u>Maximum Credentials</u></b>	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>
LSC	354	354
AT-LARGE	244	241
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>595</b>

<b><u>Credentials Issued</u></b>		
LSC	288	275
AT-LARGE	199	188
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>463</b>

<b><u>Ballots Issued</u></b>		
LSC	267	0
AT-LARGE	184	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>0</b>

<b><u>Ballots Voted</u></b>		
TOTAL	447	0
VOID	1	0
<b>VALID</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>0</b>

## **ELECTIONS AND RESULTS**

### **Zone Directors:**

- Western Zone - Vicki Marsh, Coach (second term)
- Eastern Zone - Ed Dellert, Coach (second term)
- Southern Zone – Richard Pockat, Non Coach (Dan McAllen outgoing)
- Central Zone - Arlene McDonald, Non-Coach (second term)

**President** - Jim Wood (outgoing Ron Van Pool)

**Administration Vice President** - John Wilson (outgoing Mary Jo Swalley and Jeff Gudman; previously Local Administration and National Administration)

**Program Operations Vice President** - R. Patrick Lunsford (outgoing Mike Saltzstein)

**Treasurer** - Peter Carney (second term)

**Program Development Vice President** - Mary Jo Swalley (outgoing Leanne Spletzer)

**Technical Vice President** - George Block (outgoing Jim Wood)

**Athletes Executive Vice President** - Trent Staley (outgoing Bryan Jones)

**Athletes Executive Vice-Chair** - Linda Riker (outgoing Trent Staley)

## STATE OF THE SPORT REPORT

USA Swimming Executive Director, Chuck Wielgus spoke to the House of Delegates. An outline detailing the speech is attached. (*Attachment #3*).

## 2007 BUDGET

USA Swimming Treasurer, Peter Carney presented the proposed 2007 budget to the House of Delegates. (*Attachment #4*).

**MOTION:** *To approve the 2007 USA Swimming operating budget as presented.*  
*Second. APPROVED.*

After their restructuring, the USOC is now observing the NGBs. It is possible that in the future the USOC will ask USA Swimming to change rules to have the Board of Directors approve the budget instead of the House of Delegates. This is brought forward as an informational item at this time.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee, Bruce Stratton introduced this year's legislation to the House of Delegates. (*Attachment #5*).

Anneliese Eggert has stepped down as secretary of the Rules and Regulations Committee. Bruce thanked her for her years of dedicated service. He also thanked Carol Burch as staff liaison.

No.	Description	Location	Action
R-1	Defines "should"	Glossary	<b>Adopted</b>
R-2	Deletes outdated term (National Time Verification)	Glossary	<b>Withdrawn</b>
R-3	Removes words "unfair advantage"	Preamble to Part 1	<b>Adopted</b>
R-4	Re-orders Part 1	101	<b>Adopted</b>
R-5	IM – changes "one-fourth" to "prescribed distance"	101.5	<b>Defeated</b>
R-6	Adds 4x100 relays for 10-Un	102.1.2	<b>Defeated</b>
R-7	To allow for consolidation of all events at LSC discretion	102.1.4	<b>Adopted</b>
R-8	Clarify composition of relays	102.4.6 -7	<b>Adopted</b>
R-9	Clarify seeding after a swim-off	102.5	<b>Adopted/Amended</b>
R-10	Provide seeding for 4-lane pool	102.5.3	<b>Defeated</b>
R-11	Clarify placement when there is a DQ in a finals heat	102.7.6	<b>Defeated</b>
R-12	Specify failure to make honest effort as unsportsmanlike	102.10	<b>Defeated</b>
R-13	Require that a meet jury be appointed prior to competition	102.11.2	<b>Withdrawn</b>
R-14	Specify minimum number of officials	102.12.3	<b>Defeated</b>
R-15	Clarify notification for false start	102.14.5	<b>Adopted</b>
R-16	Allow for inadvertently recalled false start to be disqualified	102.14.5	<b>Defeated</b>
R-17	Clarify when to hold swim-offs	102.16.4	<b>Defeated</b>
R-18	Substitute "Top 16 Reportable Time" for "National Reportable Time"	102.16.4/ Glossary	<b>Adopted</b>

R-19	Clarifies when to hold swim-offs	102.16.6	<b>Defeated</b>
R-20	Delete outdated requirement regarding Clerk of Course	102.17	<b>Adopted</b>
R-21	Provide additional technical rules for 150 IM	105.5.4	<b>Defeated</b>
R-22	No longer require marshals to be members of USA-S	202.3.3	<b>Postponed</b>
R-23	Eliminate ability of member clubs and LSCs to host approved meets	202.4/ Glossary	<b>Tabled</b>
R-24	Clarify wording about observed swims	202.5	<b>Adopted</b>
R-25	Remove designated date ranges for Sectionals	204.9	<b>Adopted</b>
R-26	Changes spring sectional meets to be more like Junior Nationals	204.9/207.4	<b>Defeated</b>
R-27	Eliminate cost limitations on awards	205.5	<b>Defeated</b>
R-28	Re-establish a short course national championship	206.1/206.4	<b>Adopted</b>
R-29	Update terminology for SWIMS Time Module Policy Manual	207.8	<b>Adopted</b>
R-30	Swimmers must enter at best time or slowest non-conforming time	207.10.8	<b>Withdrawn</b>
R-31	Reword section on relay entries for clarity	207.10.13	<b>Adopted</b>
R-32	Eliminate Sports Medicine & sustaining categories	207.12.4/ 502.3	<b>Adopted</b>
R-33	Changes seasonal membership from 150 to 120 days	302.2.3	<b>Withdrawn</b>
R-34	Disallows seasonal clubs from being represented at or above Zone Championship level	502.2.1	<b>Adopted</b>
R-35	Requires background screening for coach members	502.4.3	<b>Adopted</b>
R-36	Establishes permission to use member's participation as a condition of membership	502.4.8	<b>Withdrawn</b>
R-37	Allows for alternate athletes to Board of Directors	504.3	<b>Adopted</b>
R-38	Expands specifics regarding vacancies on committees	506.1	<b>Adopted</b>
R-39	Clarifies definition of special meeting	506.1.13	<b>Adopted</b>
R-40	Ease restrictions and increase membership of Governance Committee	506.7	<b>Adopted</b>
R-41	Bring LSC HOD membership into compliance with Amateur Sports Act (20 % athlete representation)	604.1.2-.3	<b>Adopted</b>
R-42	Allow LSCs more flexibility in defining "quorum"	605.12	<b>Adopted</b>
R-43	Bring LSC Boards of Review into compliance with Amateur Sports Act (20% athlete representation)	610.3.2	<b>Withdrawn</b>
R-44	Allow LSCs more flexibility in defining fiscal year	615.2	<b>Adopted</b>
HK-1	Change order of listed relays to be consistent	102.1.2	<b>Adopted</b>
HK-2	Clarify wording	102.5.6	<b>Adopted</b>
HK-3	Reorder listing of relays	104.2	<b>Adopted</b>
HK-4	Eliminate references to 150 IM	104.2	<b>Adopted</b>
HK-5	Clarify transfer procedure	203.5	<b>Adopted</b>
HK-6	Update references and terminology in LSC Bylaws	Part 6	<b>Adopted</b>
HK-7	Changes to greater than .30	102.16.5	<b>Adopted</b>

## USA SWIMMING LIFE MEMBERSHIP - RESOLUTION

Wells O'Brien brought forth the following resolution in regards to USA Swimming life memberships:

*"WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 502.3.3 of its Bylaws, United States Swimming, Inc. has as one of its individual membership categories a Life Membership; and*

*WHEREAS, the membership fee for a Life Membership has been \$750.00 for a number of years; and*

*WHEREAS, the House of Delegates at its 2002 meeting did not review this fee during its membership dues increase considerations; and*

*WHEREAS, in light of the benefits offered to life members, the current fee of \$750.00 does not align with the other current membership fees; and*

*WHEREAS, the House desires to increase the fee for Life Memberships;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT, effective September 1, 2007 the fee for a Life Membership in United States Swimming, Inc. will be \$1,000.00." **APPROVED.***

## VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION

Technical Vice President Jim Wood presented the following:

***MOTION:** That the time standards for the 2007 Spring Championships remain the same as they were for 2006. **APPROVED.** (Attachment #6)*

## OLD BUSINESS

Murray Stephens presented the Background Screening Implementation Task Force recommendations to the House. (Attachment #7)

***MOTION:** To accept and approve the recommendations. **APPROVED.***

## NEW BUSINESS

***MOTION:** To recommend Bruce Stratton as the continuing Rules and Regulations Chair. **APPROVED.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *To adjourned the 2006 House of Delegates meeting. Second.*  
**APPROVED.**

The 2006 session of the USA Swimming House of Delegates meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Kathleen E. Parker  
Executive Coordinator

Ron Van Pool  
President

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**Attachments**

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