

ATHLETES' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:55pm on Friday, September 28, 2018, by Van Donkersgoed, immediate past chair of the Athletes' Executive Committee, with the following committee members present:

Bergen Davis  
Van Donkersgoed  
Madison Lash  
Annie Norris  
Janelle Nguyen  
Ellery Parish  
Ty Seymour  
Jake Simmons  
Nick Smagula  
Jack Swanson

Also present: Davis Tarwater, representing the Board of Directors' athlete members; Anthony Ervin, the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council representative; Lucinda McRoberts, USA Swimming's Legal Counsel; and Cathy Durance, Member Services Director and staff liaison to the AEC.

Not present: the chair of the National Team Athletes Committee (to be elected) and Natalie Hall, USOC Athletes' Advisory Council representative.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The first order of business was to elect the AEC officers, all of whom will serve a two-year term on the committee.

MOTION MADE/PASSED/SECONDED: To conduct the elections under the following protocol – nominations will be accepted from the floor, people may self-nominate, there will be a vote to close nominations, voting will be conducted using paper ballots, the results will be tabulated and announced by legal counsel.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Chair – Nick Smagula  
Vice Chair – Madison Lash  
Leadership Chair – Ty Seymour  
Programs & Events Chair – Janelle Nguyen

MOTION MADE/PASSED/SECONDED: To destroy the ballots.

One of the athlete reps elected to the Board of Directors will also serve on the AEC. Those athletes were elected by the Athletes' Committee earlier in the day. Congratulations to Natalie Hall, Maya DiRado and Davis Tarwater.

**SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The Leadership Sub-Committee, which can have up to 8 members, will include the four athlete zone reps:  
Sara Gaston (Eastern)

Brad Jacobs (Central)  
Annie Norris (Southern)  
Maria Davila (Western)

The Programs & Events Sub-Committee will be named later.

#### **TRANSITION TO OPERATING COMMITTEE**

Van explained to the committee that this is a transition year during which staff liaisons will play a greater role in the national committee structure. There are standing committees that report directly to the Board of Directors and operational committees that report directly to staff leaders. The AEC is an operating committee and reports to Cathy Durance, Member Services Director. Cathy asked the committee members to copy her on group emails and issues that affect committee goals, objectives and programs. There are corporate policies regarding purchases, travel, reimbursements, etc., that need to be followed by committee members and staff. USA Swimming has a large staff that is available to make purchases, plan workshops and meetings, and offer expertise to the committee as needed. Communications that need to be sent to the entire Athletes' Committee will be sent by Cathy via Constant Contact.

#### **ATHLETE REPRESENTATION ON U.S. AQUATIC SPORTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

United States Aquatic Sports (USAS) is asking each NGB to assign an athlete rep to the USAS board prior to its next meeting in May 2019. This item was tabled until the next committee meeting.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The AEC will meet quarterly via conference call, in person twice a year (one of those will be at convention). Dates to be determined.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Durance  
Member Services Director  
AEC Staff Liaison