



Southern California Swimming

29000 S. Western Ave., Suite 304, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 8:15PM Pacific Time

Zoom Meeting Virtual Teleconference

MEETING MINUTES

Presiding Officer: Stacy Smith, General Chair

Recorder: Forest Riek, Secretary

Meeting Called to Order: 8:18PM Pacific Time

Board Members (Voice/Vote) in Attendance

General Chair	Stacy Smith	Admin Vice Chair	Carol Cracchiolo
Coach Rep	Matthew Cervantes	Secretary	Forest Riek
Senior Vice Chair	Ron Aitken	Age Group Chair	Chris Barber
Planning Chair	Mohammad Khadambashi	Treasurer	Ron Ross
Open Water Chair	Alex Moothart		
Officials Co-Chair	Omar de Armas	Officials Co-Chair	Leanne Colvin
DDEI Co-Chair	Virgil Chancy	DDEI Co-Chair	Kristeen Gracia
Coastal Co-Chair	Steve Reardon	Coastal Co-Chair	Alina de Armas
Desert Co-Chair	Thomas Farrell	Eastern Chair	Steven Tatgenhorst
Metro Chair	George Young	Pacific Vice-Chair	Iman Khadambashi

Board Members (Voice/No Vote) in Attendance

Governance Chair	Lynne Akasaka-Riek	Operational Risk Coordinator	George Young
Immediate Past Chair (Ex Officio)	Terry Stoddard	Executive Director	Steve Roush
Office Manager / Registration Coordinator	Nicole Hendry		

Board Members (Voice/Vote) Absent

Finance Chair	Karen Shipherd	Safe Sport	Sheri Stoddard
Desert Co-Chair	Peter Mavro		
Athlete Representative	Katelyn Fong	Athlete Representative	Minna Tan
Athlete Representative	Leo Du	Athlete Representative	Hannah Goudz

Board Members (Voice/No Vote) Absent

Times & Recognition, Sanctions	Judi Divan		
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Guests – Cami Stein (Board of Review/ARB), Richard Shipherd, Jason York

Approve Meeting Agenda –



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REPORTS/UPDATES:

Submitted Reports from Officers, Divisions, and Committees are posted.

Executive Director – Steve Roush

- May 4th, Top 10 / Top 3 for 10 & under Banquet in Anaheim Keynote speaker Elizabeth Beisel.
- May 15th International Water Safety Day. Partnering with USA Swimming, LAUSD, LA Parks and Recreation. Schedule session at John Argue swim stadium. Also working on in-service at LAUSD schools, schedule is not finalized. Will be sending out to SCS Clubs information about participating.
- When the dates are finalized for the summer of 2026 meets, the bid process will be released, an expected timeframe in about two months.
- Waiting for a letter from CIF Sacramento that will clear up the exemption issue for spring age group championships.
- New sponsor, Cedars-Sinai Sport Medicine Clinic. This is a three-year deal, focusing on education on injury prevention.
- Swim Symposium, shifting to support those who want to attend the ASCA World Clinic, 2025 Reno Nv and focusing on the Swim Festival Coaches Clinic that will be at the end of January 2026.

Office and Registration – Nicole Hendry

- Membership registration update, current total membership (as of 3/26) is 20,528, with 19,097 Athletes and 1,431 Non-Athlete members.
- Club registration update, current total registered clubs is 145, with 2 new clubs, Eastern Committee Hydro Aquatics Club and Pacific Committee Kosatka Swimming Academy. There are 4 new teams in process with USA Swimming

Board of Review/ARB – Cami Stein

- Proposal before the board, Policy Notification Requirements. Any and all policies voted on by the Board of Directors (BOD) or at the House of Delegates (HOD) will be posted and distributed within 3 business days.
 - **MSC – (In Favor 16, Opposed 0, Abstained 0)**
- Update on issue presented to ARB in January, clarification on when the House of Delegates (HOD) meeting is to be held. Per our Bylaws (4.6) it states, “in the Fall”. The clarification is for “Fall”, is defined as the Autumnal Equinox, and occurs on September 22nd, 2025.

ACTIONABLE ITEMS:

Senior Vice Chair – Ron Aitken

- Proposal before the Board, New Developmental Meet: “Our Rising Tide”. This meet is to focus on supporting the developmental needs of athletes transitioning from Age Group to Senior Swimming and will be designed for athletes aged 16 years and younger, with an entry standard of AGC to entry cap on the Futures 18 & Under time cuts. The meet would span three to three and a half days and would not include relays in the late October timeframe 1-2 weekends before the Legends Meet.
 - **MSC – (In Favor 16, Opposed 0, Abstained 0)**



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- Proposal before the Board, Club Support Policy Adjustments. The proposal is to balance the budget. The proposed fundings changes are to the US Olympic Trials, Futures, Junior Nationals, Para Nationals, Toyota US Open and Speedo Winter Juniors. It also is to enforce the funding request timeframe of 30 days from the last day of competition.
 - **MSC – (In Favor 16, Opposed 0, Abstained 0)**

Age Group Vice Chair – Chris Barber

- Proposal before the Board, Changes to all Age Group Championship Meets. Make one distance event and you qualify for both distance events, 800 free/1000 free and the 1500 free/1650 free. All WAG/JAG time standards would be slower or equal to the Summer Champs time standard reflecting a progression to Summer Champs. Changes to the WAG/JAG meets, Prelims/Finals for all ages (10 and Under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18). Top 16 make it back for JAG and Top 20 make it back for WAG. Timed Final for 11-12 500 Free/400 Free. Only offering the 1000 Free/800 Free at this mid-season meet (No Mile swims). Only offering the 200 Free Relay and 200 Medley Relay at this mid-season meet (No 800 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay or 400 Medley Relay). New event order to even out the timelines.
 - **MSC – (In Favor 16, Opposed 0, Abstained 0)**

Disability, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Virgil Chancy

- Proposal before the board, Approval for lectures/guest speakers for the Athlete Representatives.
 - **This proposal did not receive a motion**

Officials Chair – Omar de Armas

- Proposal before the board, Reimbursement Policy Revision. The purpose of this revision is to standardize costs and transparency. If not reimbursed by someone else, you must work a minimum 50% +1 number of total sessions. Maximum for any meet (level 3 and above) outside of the LSC - \$750. National (level 3 and above) Meets within the LSC (over 100 miles from home) - \$400. Sectional meets within LSC - \$25 per day (if work 4 sessions or more)
 - **MSC – (In Favor 16, Opposed 0, Abstained 0)**

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposal before the board by Chris Barber, move the Board of Directors (BoD) elections which are held at the House of Delegates (HOD) meeting from November to September. There was a motion to postpone the proposal to the next Board meeting.
 - **MSC – (In Favor 16, Opposed 0, Abstained 0)**
- Ron Ross – Treasurer, brought to the board's attention that USA Swimming's Block Parties are severely cutting into the splash fees for Senior Swimming. The impacted loss for the first quarter was \$16,000 and projected to be upwards of \$30,000-\$35,000 for the year for the Senior Club Support Fund.



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Meeting Adjourned: 9:45PM Pacific Time

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 14th.

SCS Board Meeting