

Southern California Swimming
Governance Committee Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2023 @ 8:00 PM – via ZOOM online meeting

Call to Order – 8:00 p.m.

Present: Lynne Akasaka-Riek (Chair/Coastal), Virgil Chancey (Eastern), Carol Cracchiolo (Pacific), Hannah Goudz (Athlete Rep), Teresa Wilson (Orange), Phil Yoshida (At-Large), George Young (Chair/Metro)

Not Present: Brian Federov (Athlete Rep), Shay Kirby (Desert), Eleanor Mashkovich (Athlete Rep)

Motion and approval of the September 11, 2023 meeting minutes, with correction noting Phil Yoshida as present.

Proposed agenda for the October 2, 2023 meeting approved.

Closed Session: The committee went into a closed session from 8:04 p.m. to 8:13 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Upcoming SCS Election Information:

- Election information was up on the SCS website under “News,” but was pulled down and is no longer there. We can ask that the information be placed under “Governance” coupled with a general news item up front referring readers back to Governance
- At least one person is interested in each position, all are incumbents except one
- Last date for nominees is November 15, 2023
- Need to get information sheets to all people running so the vetting process can begin. Need Governance volunteers to form a group to vet the candidates, with at least one athlete.

Highlights of the September 27, 2023 SCS Board of Directors Meeting: Lengthy meeting, no news.

SCS Board of Directors New Officer Orientation:

- Goal: Improve orientation.
- Discussion re conducting orientation via ZOOM or in-person? Problem is the technology to allow distance people to come into the in-person meetings via ZOOM, i.e. hybrid, is not available to SCS at the moment. Will investigate further.

- New members need to have the basics beforehand (knowledge of the bylaws, job descriptions, D&O insurance, for example), so that the conversation at the orientation becomes about *application* not *education*.
- Will have a working document for comment in the next 2-3 weeks.

Old Business: The November Governance Committee meeting is regularly scheduled for November 6, 2023. Agree to move the meeting to November 20, 2023, to take place *after* the SCS House of Delegates meeting which is set for November 15, 2023. Will decide the necessity of a December Governance meeting at a later date.

New Business: A bylaw change has been proposed. The Committee recommends to forward the proposal to Robin Smith/SCS Secretary so that the proposal may be timely posted and voted on at the SCS House of Delegates meeting. To avoid any confusion, George Young will advise/remind the proponent of the bylaw change, Ted Olivieri, that if passed the bylaw will not become effective until 2025. George will also contact the Officials' Chairs about the proposed change prior to posting, as the proposed change affects the Officials' Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Next regular meeting scheduled to take place Monday, November 6, 2023, 8:00 p.m. via ZOOM online meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wilson
Governance Committee

Agenda for 10/2/23 Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approve meeting minutes
3. Reading of the "NEW" Mission/Vision Statement
4. Highlights of the Sept 27 BoD meetings
5. Election updates & timeline
6. SCS Employment Manual
7. SCS Orientation planning

8. Old Business
9. New Business---Proposed By-Law amendment
10. Announcements
11. Next GOV meeting Nov. 6, 2023