**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors** Wednesday, July 9th, 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**

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| General Chair | Stacy Smith | Admin Vice Chair | Carol Cracchiolo |
| Finance Chair | Karen Shipherd | Secretary | Forest Riek |
| Coach Rep | Matthew Cervantes | Age Group Chair | Chris Barber |
| Planning Chair | Mohammad Khadambashi | Treasurer | Ron Ross |
| Open Water Chair | Alex Moothart | Safe Sport | Sheri Stoddard |
| Officials Co-Chair | Omar de Armas |  |  |
| 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 |
| Athlete Representative | Katelyn Fong | Athlete Representative | Leo Du |

**Board Members (Voice/No Vote) in Attendance**

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| 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 | Office Staff | Hannah DiMeglio |

**Board Members (Voice/Vote) Absent**

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| Senior Vice Chair | Ron Aitken | Officials Co-Chair | Leanne Colvin |
| Desert Co-Chair | Peter Mavro |  |  |
| Athlete Representative | Hannah Goudz | Athlete Representative | Minna Tan |

**Board Members (Voice/No Vote) Absent**

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**Guests –** Cami Stein (Board of Review/ARB)

**Approve Meeting Agenda** – **MSC – (Unanimous Consent)**

**Approve March 26th, 2025 Meeting Minutes** – **MSC – (Unanimous Consent)**

**REPORTS/UPDATES:**

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

**General Chair – Stacy Smith**

* USA Swimming has been reviewing our meet results. During this review, it was discovered that non-registered swimmers were allowed to compete. This is a major issue as it nullifies the USA Swimming insurance at the competition.
* Working on ensuring that non-registered swimmers are scratched from meets.
* Working with ARB to create written policies which will be brought to the Board for review and approval.
* GeoCommittee’s need to work with teams ensuring that members are in good standing before submitting entries.
* SCS is preparing for the USA Swimming’s Annual Summit (Business Meeting) which is scheduled for September 24-27

**Executive Director – Steve Roush**

* Presented 2026 Meet Calendar
  + **MSC – (Unanimous Consent)**
  + Meet Bid to be released tomorrow (Thursday July 10th)
* Proposing replacing the Swim Symposium with ASCA World Clinic in Reno, NV. (September 2-5). SCS has secured 30 spots, where SCS will pay $250.00 and the coach attending will pay $100.
* The 30 spots will be on a first come first serve basis. GeoCommittees can use their funds to assist with travel and hotel. If there is higher demand, SCS would go up to 40 spots. This is below the cost of last year’s Swim Symposium.
  + **MSC – (Unanimous Consent)**

**Office and Registration – Nicole Hendry**

* Membership and Club fees have been programed for the 2026 season. There is a $2 increase for Premium, no changes to Flex or Outreach. Club renewal is $325. The fees will be posted on the SCS Website.
* New Club fees will be in the $700 range, with new additional requirements to form a club. This should reduce/stop the current trend of small splitter clubs forming.
* Membership registration update, current total membership (as of 7/9) is 23,711, with 21,935 Athletes and 1,776 Non-Athlete members.
* There is a growing issue with Coaches not being in good standing. As with swimmers not being in good standing, this will affect USA Swimming insurance. Unfortunately, there was an incident at a championship meet where none of the coaches were in good standing, forcing the swimmers to be signed over to another team.
* Looking to develop a policy to prevent a team from entering a meet if the coaching staff is not in good standing.
* Team should be reviewing non-athlete members and moving anyone who is no longer associated with the team to unattached status. Even if they are no longer associated with your team but show not in good standing, it will affect your team status.

**ACTIONABLE ITEMS:**

**Governance Chair – Lynne Riek**

* Proposal to confirm two (2) ARB Committee members to backfill open positions. Nicole confirmed that the two (2) proposed committee members are in good standing with USA Swimming.
  + **MSC – (In Favor 20, Opposed 0, Abstained 0)**
* Presented updated job descriptions for board positions in preparation of nominations for the HOD meeting. For DDEI clarified what was meant by senior. For Finance Vice Chair, updated to have equivalent experience with a nonprofit, this was done to broaden the scope to be able to look outside the LSC. No changes to Age Group Chair, Vice Chair, and Safe Sport Chair. For the Officials Chair, clarified what a senior official and N2 certifications
  + **MSC – (In Favor 20, Opposed 0, Abstained 0)**
* We will be hosting an orientation for all the athlete reps on the board. Currently scheduled for July 20th.

**Age Group Vice Chair – Chris Barber**

* Age Group is looking to separate the meet applications for Pacific Coast All Star Meet and the Swim Festival. For the Pacific Coast All Star Meet, the application deadline will be November 1st, with time considerations through November 12th. This will allow Age Group to make the team selection by the 15th or 16th of November. For the Swim Festival, the application deadline will be December 1st, with time considerations throughout December 15th (or the end of WAG meets). Team selection would be completed by 20th or 21st of December. The purpose of this is to give coaches, athletes and families about a month and half of preparation.
* Update on the changes to the JAG meet format. Age Group is evaluating the meet results. For the most part, things went well. There is some clean-up work that needs to be done on the meet forms. Just some numbers on the number of swimmers: La Mirada had over a thousand swimmers, Riverside and Irvine both had over eight hundred swimmers. This appears to have been the largest attendance in the last four years. There were some complaints from families and teams that removing the middle session made it more expensive, especially for young swimmers/families. The expense for teams was not being able to have one coach covering the middle session and additional hotel costs.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* With the Olympics coming to LA in 2028, pool time will be impacted by Olympic teams looking to rent for training. Several facilities have already been contacted. They would be looking to train in LA months prior to the actual Olympic events. The LSC needs to be on top of this as teams in some areas could be locked out facilities. This will also have an impact on our meet calendar.
* Terry Stoddard – Immediate Past Chair, brought to the board’s attention that at the upcoming USA Swimming House of Delegate meeting that there will be a proposed Bylaw to ensure coach representation for all LSC committees. Also at the upcoming HOD meeting, there will be three (3) tracks for coaches. The Coach Advisory Council has reached out to every coach representative. A quick update on the CEO search, still moving forward with the hope to have someone in place in the 3rd quarter.
* Sheri Stoddard – Safe Sport Chair, apologized that her report was submitted late, the secretary will forward it out after the meeting. The LSC website has updated links for Safe Sport information and materials. If an individual or team has a Safe Sport question, they can contact Sheri. She has unfortunately been contacted about USA Swimming registration issues these need to be directed to Nicole in the office.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:19PM Pacific Time

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**