

Southern California Swimming House of Delegates  
Culver City, Wednesday, November 11, 2009

1. SCS HOD meeting called to order at 7:38 pm by Jeri Marshburn (General Chair)

Attendees: Jeri Marshburn (General Chair), Mary Jo Swalley (Exec. Director), Stacy Clary (Secretary), Ed Ruth (Legislation), Omar deArmas (Review Chair), Ron Ross (Treasurer), Stacy Smith-Thornton (Planning Chair), Andrea Kropp (Athlete Rep), Jeff Julian (Coach Advisory Rep), Bill Voigt (Coaches Rep. Orange), Deanne Preyer ( CoacheRep. Pacific), Bill Rose (Open Water), Terry Stoddard (Sr. Vice Chair), John Dussilieri (Admin. Vice Chair), Jeremy Anderson (Age Group Chair), Sheri Stoddard (PASA), Bettie Williams (TORR), Neil Macready (Eastern Chair), Mike Lewis (MVN), Bob Hommel (Desert Rep Alina deArmas (Coastal Chair), Jon Carroll (TSM),), Bill Jewell (FAST), Scott Gainey (CCAQ), Shari Twidwell (ZAP), Mike Kauffman (TORR), John Ries (TCC), Tom Mirabella (Metro Chair), Julie Thorson (TORR), Tyler Storie (TORR), Teresa Pascuzzo (BSC), Joy Lim (CCY), Jason Schwarz (LASC), Gregg Wilson (SBAC), Mike Gautreau (Covina), Gyongyver Sovago (San Marino)

Moment of Silence taken to honor our Veterans.

Motion: Approve actions of 2009 Board of Directors S/C

2009 ConocoPhillips Service award presented to Bettie Williams.

Kevin Perry Memorial Coach of the Year Award presented to Bill Rose of Mission Viejo Nadadores.

Elections for 2010 Officers: Motion: nominations closed S/C. Motion: white ballot for unopposed candidates. S/C. Ballot required for Coach reps to Board of Review.

2010 Officers are:

Jeri Marshburn (General Chair), John Dussilieri (Administrative Vice Chair), Terry Stoddard (Senior Vice Chair), Jeremy Anderson (Age Group Vice Chair), Stacy Clary (Secretary), Ron Ross (Treasurer), Stacy Smith-Thornton (Planning Chair). At conclusion of meeting Jeff Julian elected Coach Rep by coaches.

2010 Board of Review:

Sherri Stoddard (coach), Mike Kauffman (coach), Dick Pierson (Coastal), Cheryl Pearson (Desert), Bryan Davis (Eastern), Teresa Pascuzzo (Metro), Lynda Julson (Orange), DeAnne Preyer (Pacific); At Large: Omar deArmas, Kim Hoesterey, Joke Schubert, Ellen Whalen; Officials' rep Bettie Williams.

2010 Appointed Committee Chairs:

Bob Swift (Disability), Marcellius Beard (Diversity), Ed Ruth (Legislation), Dick Pierson (Officials), Corey Stanbury (Safety), Judi Divan (Times Recognition), Bill Rose (Open Water)

Presentation by Carlos Monterrosa, LAPD Detective with Internet Crimes Against Children Unit. Clubs are urged to arrange a parent meeting on this topic. Clubs need to exercise caution re: any athlete information posted to a Club web site. To contact ICAC: 501 W. Ocean Blvd, Suite 7200, Long Beach, CA 90802. Direct contact: Detective Monterrosa, (562) 624-3988, 35698@lapd.lacity.org

2. Executive Directors Report – Mary Jo Swalley

- WR submitted
- Governing (school, city, park/rec districts are draining and abandoning pools. Clubs need to become partners with the districts, cities, parks and rec departments. Be part of a solution; most need help in funding maintenance.
- Registration report submitted

Committee	2009	2009 Season	2009 Total	2010
Coastal	2,764	555	3,319	<b>1,701</b>
Pacific	2,835	94	2,929	<b>1,277</b>
Eastern	3,631	588	4,219	<b>1,348</b>
Orange	5,071	1,461	6,532	<b>2,823</b>
Metro	2,287	456	2,743	<b>1,180</b>
Desert	1,043	48	1,091	<b>558</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>20,833</b>	<b>8,887</b>

- To date: 446 non-athlete members, 221 are current coach members. Only 38 clubs have completed 2010 membership

### 3. Report of Officers:

#### a. General Chair – Ms. Marshburn - WR

- Written Report Submitted.
- Thanked everyone for their help and support.

#### b. Administrative Vice Chair – Mr. Dussliere - WR

- Thanked Mary Jo Swalley and Carol Wilson for their hard work throughout the year.
- Conflict of Interest Statement will be required of Board and Committee members
- Acknowledged learning curve for new “on deck” registration deadline. Running of recon reports twice prior to meets has helped in solving issues prior to coaches and athletes getting on deck

#### c. Senior Vice Chair – Mr. Stoddard – WR

#### d. Age Group Vice Chair – Mr. Anderson - WR

- Committee age group reps asked to meet after HOD to schedule conference call to address issues.

#### e. Treasurer – Ron Ross – WR

- Motion to change signers on Bernstein account to current General Chairman, Executive Director and Treasurer S/C.

#### f. Secretary – Stacy Clary – NR

#### g. Geographic Committees

- Coastal – Alina deArmas – NR
- Eastern – Neil Macready – Admins providing teams with Timelines + Timing Assignments prior to meets. Holding new parent meetings 2-3 times during year. Have voted to raise meet fees to \$3.00 per event and \$6.00 surcharge.
- Metro – Tom Mirabella – NR
- Pacific – Jeff Julian – NR
- Orange – Devon Ames – NP – Bill Voigt carried: voted to increase meet fees to \$3.25 per event and \$5.25 surcharge.
- Desert – Bob Hommel - NR

### 4. Report of Committees

#### a. Adapted – Mr. Swift - NP

#### b. Diversity – Mr. Beard – NP

- Will be attending summit in Colorado Springs this weekend.

#### b. Athletes – Andrea Kropp -NR

#### c. Coaches – Jeff Julian – WR

#### d. Legislation – Ed Ruth – WR

#### e. Officials – Richard Pierson - WR

f. Open Water – Bill Rose –

- 1<sup>st</sup> in series of World Cup Competitions in 2010 will be in Brazil on 1/31, another will follow in Argentina. June 12-14 USA Swimming Open Water races in Long Beach.

g. National Time Verification – Judi Divan - WR

h. Planning – Stacy Smith-Thornton – WR

- Reviewed proposal to move Foothill Aquatics and Covina Aquatics into Metro section. Motion: move teams to Metro to improve competitive balance of committee size. Not a redraw of committee boundary lines. S/C

j. Review – Mr. de Armas – WR

- Please share written report with your committees/teams.

k. Safety – Mr. Stanbury – NP

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

- Request by John Ries for Age Group Committee to review separating relays at Age Group Champs in lieu of swimming combined and review award presentation procedures of Junior Olympics
- Motion to accept new events from YMCA regional meet in Jan. for the Spring Junior Olympics S/C.

7 Resolution and Orders –

- New teams: Apple Valley Aquatics, Waterworks Aquatics.
- Brea-Glenbrook is now a year round team

8. Adjournment 9:40

Respectfully submitted,

*Stacy A. Clary*

Secretary

To: Southern California Swimming  
House of Delegates  
From: Jeri Marshburn – General Chairman

## 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

2009 was a very interesting year in the world of swimming. Technology really came in to play in more ways than one this year and the area that impacted us the most was the technical advancement in suits. However, that was just the beginning of the fun – suits approved, suits banned, suits approved and finally suits banned.... It really kept us on our toes! Congratulations to our LSC Age-Group Committee for remaining true to age-group swimming by enforcing a ban on the technical suits that lead the way to other LSC's enacting their own bans.

Southern California Swimming was represented on all the USA Swimming International Teams by many of our athletes and coaches as well as 2 managers.

I wish to thank the LSC Board for all the help, support, time and effort you gave me this year. It is great to have so many people willing to volunteer and give back to the sport. I would like to say a special Thank You to Mary Jo Swalley for all the above and beyond time and effort that she puts in each week to make sure that the LSC runs smoothly. Lastly, I would like to thank Ed Ruth for all his guidance this past year and his patience in dealing with all my many questions!

2010 is shaping up to be a great year for SCS. Starting with the Long Beach Grand Prix in January, Grand Challenge, SMOC meet, Los Angeles Grand Prix and ending in Irvine this summer with Nationals, Junior Nationals and Pan Pacific Championships. There will be some major national international swimmers showing their "stuff" in Southern California this year! We will be the place to be this year.

Sincerely,  
*Jeri Marshburn*

## Executive Director's Report 2009

2009 was a banner membership year for USA Swimming with Southern California Swimming becoming the first LSC to exceed 20,000 members reaching 20,800+. Swimming's media visibility is up, and high meet attendance this fall indicates that interest in our sport remains strong. Such numbers raise several concerns not limited to the need to recruit and train more officials and the need to visit and revisit meet schedules and formats to serve all levels of swimming from novice to national.

2009 will most likely be remembered as the "Year of the Suit" with records tumbling by seconds not tenths and more time spent discussing suits than training. The controversy continues while the current resolution aligns all major swimming groups with standards strikingly similar to Southern California Swimming's age group rules set in 2000. Still it will take a year or two to level off how the 2009 suits affected rankings and time standards across the board.

In California we are being challenged as never before by the state's economic distress. Cities, park/rec districts and schools are all looking for revenue generation and cost cuts. Our Clubs must not be the passive "victims" of the situation. Every Club needs to identify its allies in government/school and make sure the Club (athlete, parent, coach) voice is heard as partners or potential partners to help the situation.

In 2010 Southern California Swimming will be participating in USA Swimming's LSC evaluation program (LEAP). Level One of the program seeks to ensure that an LSC meets basic legal and governance standards. Part of the process will include an SCS review and update of its by-laws. Board members and committees should be prepared to participate as needed. I would challenge SCS, as the largest LSC, to move on to Level Two and Three after the initial review.

As I complete 25 years working with all the great athletes, coaches and volunteers of Southern California Swimming, I reflect on the many friendships, adventures, tales to tell and changes observed. Our almost 21,000 athletes numbered just over 6,000 in 1985. Every one of you who serve a committee or the board of directors volunteer to keep Southern California a leader in USA Swimming. Thank you to all who have given time and effort to helping our athletes grow and achieve in swimming and in life.

On to London 2012 and then to Rio 2016.

Mary Jo Swalley  
Executive Director

Southern California Swimming  
Senior Vice Chairman  
2009 Report  
Respectfully Submitted, Terry W. Stoddard

The world of Swimming usually takes a dull turn after an Olympic Year but not so in 2009. Instead 2009 may go down in the History books as one of the more monumental years of all time. After the performance of Americans in 2008 at the Beijing Olympics the impact was felt with increased registration, increased participation and increased dreamers as a new version of “I want to be like Michael” dreamed young people to sleep. The increased number of enthusiasts also had the timeless experience of “Putting On The Suit” and achieving many of those dreams. World Records, Southern California Records, School Records and simply Personal Records became the standard at every competition. More swimmers achieved Senior Times and competed in Senior Meets then ever. This impact on Records and Time Standards may have a very “Long Lasting” Effect, but only time will tell.

The “Suits” took a “Roller Coaster Ride” in 2009. On again off again, literally, was on everyone’s mind as they checked the internet to see what was approved/denied by FINA/NCAA/NISCA/USA Swimming. June 19 will live in infamy as maybe the darkest day in swimming when FINA changed their mind regarding a February ban effective immediately, allowing the banned suits back in until January. The result of their action perhaps was 42 out of 43 World Records at the 2009 World Championships in Rome, Italy. It was fun to watch, and watch we did, Live on NBC, even on airplanes while traveling to the US Open in Seattle in August. Let me repeat that, we were watching Live Swimming on an airplane while flying to the US Open in Seattle! Wow!!! The beginning of much more exposure to swimming, we hope! The meet ended and the USAS Convention began with a discussion of getting back to swimming in a textile suit and get out of swimming in a plastic bag! The action taken means that the suits will end this year – Off Again! The Good News is that swimmers are looking on the internet of ways to train: harder – smarter – faster - stronger, therefore, again let the Dreams Begin!!!

Additionally, the legendary Southern California Coach and Mentor Mark Schubert, remaining in his role as USA Swimming's National Team Head Coach and Manager continued to get the following of this country’s Swimming Nation as he leads our country even further toward change, improvement and success with the “December Initiative”. In 2007 Short Course Nationals were held in December; in 2008 Short Course Junior Nationals was added to the December Championship Season and now in 2009 The Gold Sectional will be added, completing the “Hat Trick” of Championship Meets for the Calendar ending month. Mark’s effort, while maintaining the integrity of one of American Swimming’s greatest components – Short Course Swimming – lengthened the training period for Long Course swimming to help us on the International scene to say the least. The affect of this focus has created an evolution of Senior Swimming in Southern California Swimming. Today we finish the year with a vision looking forward but certainly our Senior Program is still a “Work In Progress”.

2009 also welcomes the Professional and Post Graduate Training Center that has been designated by USA Swimming and funded by the USOC, and has been placed within the FAST Swimming Club to Southern California Swimming.

In summary:

Textile Suits + Work Hard + SCY’s Championships in December + Longer LCM Training = Success for  
SCS

We are comfortable with that.

# Age Group Committee Report

## Championship Meets

The four Age Group Championship meets were a success. Winter Age Group Championship, Short Course Junior Olympics, June Age Group Invitational, and Long Course Junior Olympics were competitive and well balanced as far as the numbers and division of teams thanks to planning chair Stacy Smith. Our meet hosts are to be commended once again for their planning and execution of each of these meets. Thank you to the parents, coaches and administrators of Santa Barbara Swim Club and Las Vegas Sandpipers (Winter Age Group Championship), Golden West Swim Club (Short Course Junior Olympics), Buena Ventura Swim Club, Irvine Novaquatics, and La Mirada Armada (June Age Group Invitational), Canyons Aquatic Club, and Mission Viejo Nadadores (Long Course Junior Olympics). Your tremendous efforts did not go unnoticed.

## SCS All Star Festival

192 swimmers were selected to participate in the SCS All Star Festival. The teams were well divided and the scoring was close with the Yellow Team prevailing for the second year in a row. Thank you to Bettie Williams for providing logistical support as well as handling the Meet Administration. Thank you also to our volunteer coaching staff:

Red - Shari Twidwell - ZAP / Matthew Osmond - RST / Asami Uzawa - NOVA

Blue - David Prodanovich - FAST / James Bilbrey - RST / Mike Fernandez - NOVA / Federico Ricketts

Green - Kristine Quance Julian - ROSE / James Reynolds - WAC / Stephanie Furuno -

Yellow - Jan Lopez - MAX / Omar Torrez - COMM / Alex Nieto - NOVA

## Pacific Coast All Star Team

32 swimmers were selected to the SCS All Star Team to participate in the Pacific Coast All Star Meet in Federal Way. The team took second place, in a very close competition, to Pacific Swimming. Thank you to the managers and coaches who volunteered their time to attend. 11-12 girls - Victoriana Donnelly (CANY) 13-14 girls - Jennifer Tarazona (TCC), 11-12 boys - Soliman Eid (AZOT), 13-14 boys - Ken LaMont (NOVA). Team Manager was John Wang.

## North American Challenge Cup

80 swimmers were selected for the SCS All Star Team set to compete at the North American Challenge Cup in La Mirada against All Stars from Canada, Mexico, Pacific, and Pacific Northwest. SCS placed second for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, 9 points ahead of Pacific Swimming in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to our volunteer coaching staff - Head Coach Jeremy Anderson (CANY), 11-12 girls - Alex Tungland (TSM), 11-12 boys - Victoriana Donnelly (CANY), 13-14 girls - Joy Lim (CCY), 13-14 boys - JJ Jones (SBSC), 15-16 girls - Kristine Quance Julian (ROSE), 15-16 boys - David Prodanovich (FAST), 17-18 girls - Mark Tierney (ORCA), and 17-18 boys - Adrian Dinis (RTLRL).

Thanks for MANY years of volunteer service go out to our managerial staff of Georgiann Cruzat, Judy Divan, John Wang as well as first timers Steve Quan and Dr. Swinney. We would also like to thank La Mirada Splash Aquatic Facility and their incredibly supportive staff as well as La Mirada Armada and Fullerton Aquatic Sports Team and their parents for their collaborative efforts to bring this meet together at the last minute and keep it running smooth throughout. We could not have done it without the leadership of Brent Siemsen, Terry Merlihan and Don Garman. Finally, thanks to our volunteer officiating crew led by Richard Pierson, and our admin staff led by Beverly Pierson and her lovely assistant Betty Williams.

Applications were processed electronically this year via TeamUnify. This helped streamline the process. We were very happy with how this worked out.

## The Past Year in Legislation

- Approved invitation of Top 3 10 and under athletes in each event to the Top 10 banquet
- Approved move of SCS All Star Festival to February 28. Selection based on JO results. No Pacific Coast All Star Team athletes will be eligible.
- Approved change to All Star Travel Policy co-pay for Age Group All Star teams be based on \$50 per day or 1/2 of airfare whichever is greater.
- Approved legislation to use the national finals' scratch rule at all Heats/Finals meets in Southern California.

## The Future

The Age group committee will be reviewing the entire Age group program and schedule and making recommendations to update and revamp the meet schedule and championship formats.

Respectfully submitted

*Jeremy Anderson*

Age Group Chair

November 11, 2009

TO: Southern California Swimming  
2009 House of Delegates

FROM: Stacy Smith-Thornton  
SCS Planning Chair

RE: ANNUAL REPORT

This year, Planning has been focused on the balance of athlete numbers at our June and Winter Age Group Championship meets and continued efforts to make these meets the best environment for athletes and teams.

The evolution from two to three meets for June Age Group Championships has proven to be successful. I continue to recommend the same change for the Summer Long Course Junior Olympics, to three sites, to improve the quality of the meet, without dropping the qualifying times standards. Our LSC goal should be to build the base with new swimmers, and keep athletes in the sport. We need to have a minimum 15% of our athletes participating at the JO level, not losing them to other sports.

I would like to thank Judi Divan for the many hours of work she puts in to provide the statistics and times for evaluation, to assist in making the best possible decisions.

One planning goal for next year is Emergency Preparedness and Response information and education for teams and competitions.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stacy Smith-Thornton*

## Coach Advisory Report Submitted by Jeff Julian

Committee Coaches Representatives:

Coastal – Stacy Smith-Thornton; Desert – Currently vacant; Eastern – Jason Bradbury; Metro – Mark Johnson; Orange – Bill Voight; Pacific – DeAnne Twidwell-Preyer

This has once again been an outstanding year in Southern California Swimming. As you will see from the below rankings and achievements, the Coaches of Southern California Swimming strive to continue as force nationally and internationally. This past year had a couple significant developments that I think need to be highlighted.

First was the news of the University of California – Irvine cutting its Swimming and Diving program. This is an issue that needs to continue to be a focus for the swimming community as a whole. Athletic departments have been forced to look to cut programs (mostly men's, but in this case it was both), and that will start to take a toll on our sport if there are not opportunities to compete at the college level. The question is now, what can we do to stop this process? How can we be proactive, instead of reactive?

The second announcement came from USA Swimming, in naming FAST Swim Team as a "Professional and Post-Grad Training Center". This move immediately brought Coach Sean Hutchison to the Southern California area, as well as the first four swimmers in the program (Ariana Kukors, Margaret Hoelzer, Katie Hoff and Caroline Burkle). It is my hope that this added talent base in Southern California will only help continue to push Southern California Swimming on top of the swimming scene. We welcome them to SCS and look forward to the opportunity ahead.

The 2009 SCS Fall Coaches Clinic this year was conducted by Brian Goodell, and was an overview of the Pacific Institute's PX2 program. We had a tremendous turn out for the program and were able to offer something new to the coaches of Southern California Swimming. I hope that many of you were able to experience it firsthand.

### Toyota Virtual Club Championships



#### Short Course 2008-2009 Season: SCS Teams ranked in the Top 100

11<sup>th</sup> – Irvine Novaquatics; 14<sup>th</sup> – Mission Viejo Nadadores; 28<sup>th</sup> – Canyons Aquatic Club; 33<sup>rd</sup> – Boulder City Henderson Swim Team; 59<sup>th</sup> – Swim Pasadena; 72<sup>nd</sup> – Aquazot Swim Club; 76<sup>th</sup> – Rose Bowl Aquatics; 77<sup>th</sup> – FAST Swim Team; 82<sup>nd</sup> – Sandpipers of Nevada

#### Long Course 2008-2009 Season: SCS Team ranked in the Top 100

9<sup>th</sup> – Irvine Novaquatics; 15<sup>th</sup> – Mission Viejo Nadadores; 18<sup>th</sup> – Swim Pasadena; 20<sup>th</sup> – Canyons Aquatic Club; 26<sup>th</sup> – Boulder City Henderson Swim Team; 46<sup>th</sup> – Rose Bowl Aquatics; 53<sup>rd</sup> – FAST Swim Team; 63<sup>rd</sup> – Aquazot Swim Club; 82<sup>nd</sup> – Sandpipers of Nevada

### 2009 Club Excellence Program



Gold Medal Clubs – Mission Viejo Nadadores; Rose Bowl Aquatics; Santa Barbara Swim Club

Silver Medal Clubs – Redlands Swim Team; Canyons Aquatic Club; Swim Pasadena; Sandpipers of Nevada

Bronze Medal Clubs – CLASS Aquatics; Monrovia Aquatix; FAST Swim Team; Orange County Waves; Santa Maria Swim Club

## USA Swimming – Club Recognition Program



Level 3 Clubs – Santa Barbara Swim Club; Rose Bowl Aquatics  
Level 2 Clubs – Monrovia Aquatix; Santa Maria Swim Club  
Level 1 Clubs – Canyons Aquatic Club; CLASS Aquatics; Conejo Simi Aquatics; FAST Swim Team; Mission Viejo Nadadores; Orange Regional Competitive Aquatics; Piranha Swim Team; Redlands Swim Team; Riverside Aquatics Association; Sandpipers of Nevada; Swim Pasadena

### Coaches placing athletes on the National or Junior National Teams –

Bill Rose	National Team – Chad La Tourette, Deni Cullom, Chloe Sutton National Youth Team – Brock Redondo,
Dave Salo	National Team – Peter Marshall, Jessica Hardy, Whitney Sprague, Rebecca Soni, Keri Hehn, Lyndsay DePaul
Sean Hutchison**	National Team – Ariana Kukors, Margaret Hoelzer, Andie Taylor,
Gregg Wilson	National Team – Katy Freeman
Ron Aitken	National Youth Team – Cody Miller
Rick Shipherd	National Youth Team – Samantha Shellem

Special Recognition to those coaches who had World or American Record swims:

Dave Salo -	Rebecca Soni – American and World Record – 100 Breast - American Record – 50 Breast Jessica Hardy – American and World Record – 100 Breast - American and World Record – 50 Breast
Sean Hutchison** -	Ariana Kukors – American and World Record – 200 IM - American Record – 4x200 Relay member

### Coaches named to USA Swimming Staffs –

#### World Championships – Rome, Italy

Sean Hutchison**	Women’s Head Coach
Catherine Vogt	Open Water Head Coach
Bill Rose	Asst. Women’s Coach
Jeri Marshburn	Head Manager

#### National Junior Team – Jr. Pan Pacs - Guam

Bill Rose	Asst. Women’s Coach
Mary Jo Swalley*	Head Manager

#### National Youth Team – Vancouver

Rick Shipherd	Men’s Head Coach
Joke Schubert*	Head Manager
Adam Crossen	Asst. Manager

#### National Select Camp – Colorado Springs

Jeff Conwell	Asst. Women’s Coach
Ron Aitken	Asst. Men’s Coach

Immediately following the end of the meeting tonight Coaches will vote to select next years Coaches Advisory representative. I have been nominated for this position and I am interested in again serving in this position and we will also take all nominations from the floor at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Julian,*

Coach Advisory Representative

Southern California Swimming House of Delegates Meeting  
Officials Chair Report  
11-11-2009

Officiating in Southern California Swimming is currently very strong. We have over 170 registered officials with additional officials still being trained. This is a significant increase in officials; in 2007 we had 114 certified officials and 134 in 2008. We have completed a transition to the USA-S officials on-line tracking system which allows for the tracking of both officials certification levels (national and local), meets officiated, activities (Clinics and Tests) and registration status.

Age group swimming relies heavily on parents to step up and train as USA-S officials. Retention of officials will always be an issue since as age group swimmers move out of swimming their parents tend to move out of officiating. SCS clubs have done an excellent job this past year in identifying parents that would be good official candidates and bringing them forward to start the training process. The officials committee in particular and SCS officials in general are there to help. We are available to attend parent meetings and other functions where we can give information on the process and invite interested parents to join us on deck or in the admin tent to be able to get a sense of the life of an official and determine if they are interested in following that path. A potential new official can start the process and begin training without registering with USA-S; once the candidate decides that they want to pursue a certification then they will need to register with USA-S as a non-athlete.

This year our official's clinic moved to El Camino College and was reduced to one day. This proved to be an excellent venue which allow for informal discussions in a very comfortable environment. At lunch there was an optional YMCA cross over clinic given by Bettie Williams for those officials wishing to cross certify with the YMCA. I would like to thank those that helped at the clinic and the presenters including; Bettie Williams, Marilyn Bolton, Bev Pierson, Patti Garcia, Richard Davis, Omar de Armas, and Mary Jo Swalley.

I was fortunate to be asked to be the meet referee for this year's NACC meet when it was relocated to La Mirada. I believe it is one of the premier age group meets in the country providing true international experience for our athletes. I would like to thank the La Mirada Armada swim team and the SCS team managers for providing great support for the officials that attended this meet. I would also like to thank the SCS Officials who stepped up and volunteered their time including Bev Pierson, Bettie Williams, Paul Szuszkiewicz, Omar De Armas, and Jim Gonzales. These officials were joined on deck by officials from PC, PNS, and Mexico.

SCS also hosts the Swim Festival each year as an all star meet for SCS age groupers. This is another meet where our officials step up and volunteer their time. I would like to thank Michael Eldridge and Bettie Williams for being the meet referee and Admin referee for the meet. Michael and Bettie were joined by Tom Mirabella, Jim Gonzales and Scot Ranslem as our deck officials.

Southern California Swimming also sends an official to the National Official's Clinic each year. The clinic is designed for officials that are new referees or on the path to become a meet referee. Southern California Swimming also tries to identify an official that would be interested in pursuing national certification levels when selecting an official to send. This year Andy Chen from the Pacific Committee was selected to attend the clinic.

I would like to thank the Officials committee for their help and support over the past year. The committee includes Bettie Williams-Pacific, Jan Szuszkiewicz – Eastern, Darryl Molisee – Desert, Ellen Whalen – Metro, Omar de Armas – Coastal, Richard Davis – Orange. At Large members include; Marilyn Bolton –admin, Jack Argue, Mike McMinn, Ted Olivieri –Past Chair and Ed Ruth -Rules and Regulations.

In closing I would like to remind clubs that they are free to arrange for any official with the proper certification levels for the position to officiate at their committee meets. A list of certified officials is available from the official's chair that includes certification levels and contact information for our officials. The only meets that are assigned are Senior meets and SCS Championship meets (JOs, summer and winter AGC). These meets are assigned by the Official's Chair and when possible with concurrence of the host club.

SCS officials are considered volunteer officials; arrangement for any form of compensation is by private contract between the official and club.

Respectfully Submitted

*Richard Pierson,*  
SCS Officials' Chairman

Southern California Swimming  
2009 Board of Review Annual Report  
November 11, 2009

As in previous years, the most prevalent issue presented to the Board of Review has been checks returned for non-sufficient funds. Of those there were several that were repeat offenders. Everyone presenting payment to Southern California Swimming must ensure that their checks have the funds to cover them. While it is understood that these are hard economic times any coach taking on the responsibility of using a personal check must also take the responsibility to have the funds available to pay it.

As a reminder below is the SCS policy for returned checks:

*First returned check: \$50 fine, probation for three years (may continue to use team checks).*

*Second returned check (within three year period): double face amount of check (minimum \$50), extension of three year period from date of second check and requirement to pay by secured funds (ex: cashier's check or money order) for three years.*

*After three years without a returned check, a team may use team checks to pay for fees and start over on returned check policy.*

A protest for returned entries to a meet, which had reached its limit to stay within the four hour rule, was submitted. This issue was resolved by the meet referee by accommodating swimmers in another section meet.

There was also a protest presented for recruiting. Teams are reminded that recruiting swimmers registered with another team is strictly prohibited by the Code of Conduct. The restrictions against recruiting extend to parents of swimmers on a team. So each team must instruct parents on their teams about the Code of Conduct, especially those joining their team from another. Refer to the excerpt below or to the full rule in the USA Rules and Regulations Handbook Article 304.

.13 Action, other than through general advertising, by a coach, owner, officer, volunteer, representative, or employee of a swim club, or a USA Swimming or LSC employee, either through direct contact with an athlete or the encouragement of others, to recruit or otherwise encourage an athlete who is already a member of a USA Swimming member swim club to leave that club, unless the acting party receives prior written approval to recruit or encourage the athlete to change affiliation from the designated club representative of the athlete's existing USA Swimming-member swim club or contact is initiated by the athlete, the athlete's parent or authorized representative. General advertising includes any information that is: A Distributed to an identifiable general population where there is a reasonable expectation that the majority of that population are not current members of USA Swimming, or B Placed in or on any item that is sold. In the event of a violation of this section, a sanction may be imposed against any coach, owner, officer, volunteer, representative or employee of a swim club, or against any such club, or any combination thereof, as appropriate.

There was one additional protest against a coach for the use of abusive language towards a swimmer.

Summary:

Protests: 10

Protests for returned checks: 6

Respectively submitted,

*Omar de Armas*

Chairman, Board of Review