

USA Swimming – Central Zone

January 2007 Meeting Notes of the Central Zone Directors

The following are meeting/conference call summaries from January of 2007:

Central Zone General Chair Conference Call – Wednesday, January 17

- In addition to the previously appointed representatives from OK, MN, OH, LE, MV, IA, and IN, Basil Hicks (Arkansas) has agreed to serve on the advisory committee for the 2008 Central Zone MegaZone meet in Indianapolis.
- By the consensus of the General Chairs of the Central Zone, both 2009 Central Zone Championship Meets will be held the weekend of August 7-9. Potential bidders at the 2007 USAS Convention should plan their bid information using those dates.
- Items for convention discussion should include why the Zone struggles to find hosts for our annual championship meets.
- Discussion highlights from the November 2006 USA Swimming Board of Directors meeting included:
 1. More training is planned for the LSC Financial Chairs
 2. The Foundation's focus will include Learn to Swim and Water Safety programs and support of the National Team.
 3. Center of Excellence
 4. More research is being done on insurance coverage with respect to sexual misconduct.
- Convention: Changes to the convention schedule and calendar for September 2007 were discussed. Feedback from the general chairs' convention workshop indicated that the GCs prefer some combination of dissemination of information from BOD/staff plus "sharing." The question was raised if there really needs to be a GC workshop in addition to the convention workshops.
- Announcements:
 1. Summer sectional has been moved away from Columbus, OH, because of facility issues.
 2. A list of upcoming National events in the Central Zone was provided. CZ teams are encouraged to support these events.
 - A. 2007 Grand Prix: University of Missouri; February 16 – 18 (LCM)
 - B. 2007 Women's and Men's NCAA Championships: University of Minnesota - March
 - B. 2007 Grand Prix: University of Michigan; May 17-20 (LCM)
 - C. 2007 ConocoPhillips National Championships: Indianapolis; July 29 – August 4
 - D. 2007 USA Swimming Open Water Grand Prix (10K): Indianapolis – August 5
 - E. 2007 Speedo Junior National Championships: Indianapolis; August 6-10
 - F. 2007 Grand Prix: University of Minnesota; November 9-11 (SCY)
 3. Pre-sale tickets for the 2007 ConocoPhillips National Championships & Speedo Junior National Championships in Indianapolis are now on sale. There is a \$10 savings on all-session tickets purchased by May 1, 2007. Ticket ordering information can be found at www.allgreatracers.com
- Discussion of January BOD Agenda:
 1. Bob Merchant requested notification of the FINA Referee appointment.
 2. Governance Task Force Discussion with respect to regional representation on the USA Swimming BOD: The Central Zone believes that regional representation on the National BOD is vital. There needs to be a communication mechanism for information to "trickle down." The Zone Directors are the only BOD members who have an active constituency from which to solicit feedback and input. There is not a great number of BOD members still involved at the "grass roots level" besides Zone Directors.