

USA Swimming Board of Directors – January 2006 Meeting Summary

The January meeting of the USA Swimming Board of Directors was held in Colorado Springs on January 20 & 21. A brief summary of the meeting follows:

- LSC Financial Reporting: All LSC's must be in compliance by submitting 990's and financial statements to USA Swimming or risk losing their USSIC coverage. All LSC's will be contacted regarding these requirements.
- Background Screening Task Force: The task force submitted its recommendation for BOD approval. Initially the groups to be screened will be all coach members and prospective coach members, all non-athletes traveling with national teams and working with USA Swimming sponsored camp and travel programs, all USA Swimming Board members, All candidates for office at the Annual Convention, and All USA-S staff members. The task force recommendation was approved by the Board.
- Outreach Task Force: The task force submitted an outreach camp program proposal that was approved by the Board. Dates of the camp, to be held at the US Olympic Training Center, are April 27-30, 2006.
- Approval of Task Forces: The following task forces and chairs were approved by the Board: Governance Legislation Implementation (Julie Bare, Chair), Athletes Leadership Development (Andy Knox, Chair), Membership Marketing (Michael Lawrence, Chair), and ISHOF (Peter Carney, Chair).
- Executive Director Chuck Wielgus submitted an extensive report which included the following topics: World Cup in NY, Golden Goggles, USOC relations and funding, USA Swimming Foundation updates, meeting with FINA leaders, and business development (business plan and staff, Splash magazine research, Splash website, water safety campaign, family travel program, makeover for national championships, TV, sponsorships, slip turn project), business operations and member services (flume renovation update, Top 16), club development (consulting statistics for 2005, diversity coordinator, online coaching clinic, virtual club championships & club recognition program,), National Team (Pan Pac Head Coaches, open water program and technical planning, open water financial impact).
- Staff reports: Everett Uchiyama gave an extensive report on open water planning relative to its inclusion in the 2008 Olympics. Matt Farrell presented a detailed report on ideas to enhance national championships.
- 2006 USAS Convention: The opening night reception has been changed to Wednesday evening.

The next USA Swimming Board of Directors meeting will be the weekend of April 28-30 in Colorado Springs.