



Current OKS By- Law states:

ARTICLE 604
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

604.1 MEMBERS - The House of Delegates of OKS shall consist of the Group Member Representatives, the Athlete Representatives, the Coach Representatives, the Board Members designated in Section 605.1, and the At-Large House Members.

- .1 GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES - Each *Group* Member in good standing shall appoint from its membership *a* Group Member Representatives and one or more alternates *for each*. The appointment shall be in writing, addressed to the Secretary of OKS and duly certified by the chief executive officer or secretary of the appointing Group Member. The appointing Group Member may withdraw *one or more of* its Group Member Representatives or one or more of its alternates and substitute *a* new Group Member Representatives or new alternates by written notice, addressed to the Secretary of OKS and signed by the chief executive officer or secretary of the appointing Group Member.

Explanation Non-Athlete At-Large Representative(s)

- .2 NON-ATHLETE AT-LARGE HOUSE MEMBERS - Up to ten (10) non-athlete members of the House of Delegates may be appointed as At-Large House Members by the General Chair with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. At-Large House Members shall hold office from the date of appointment through the conclusion of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates following such appointment or until their successors are appointed to the House of Delegates.

Explanation Athlete Representative(s)

.3 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES -

Four (4) Athlete Representatives (2 Junior and 2 Senior) shall be elected, 2 each year for a two-year term, or until their respective successors are elected. At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must (a) be an Athlete Member *or a Seasonal Athlete Member* in good standing; (b) be at least sixteen (16) years of age or at least a sophomore in high school; (c) be currently competing, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by OKS or another LSC; and (d) have his or her place of permanent residence in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term (other than periods of enrollment in an institution of higher education). The election of *the* Athlete Representatives shall be conducted annually during OKS's **Long Course LSC State** swimming championship, or other regularly scheduled meet designated by the Board of Directors. The balloting shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose by the Senior Athlete Representative *or the Athletes Committee*, or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. The Athlete Representatives elected shall be determined by a majority of the Athlete Members *and Seasonal Athlete Members* in good standing present and voting who are thirteen (13) years of age or older.

Explanation: Coach Representative(s)

.4 COACH REPRESENTATIVES - One Coach Representative shall be elected, in even numbered years for a two-year term, or until a successor is elected. The election of the Coach Representative shall be conducted during OKS's **Short Course LSC State** swimming championship, at a meeting timely called by the Coach Representative, *or the Board of Directors*, and determined by a majority of the Coach Members in good standing present and voting or, failing that, at a time and place and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors.

Clarification of voting status at OKS House of Delegates:

GROUP MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES are representatives from each of the registered clubs in good standing with Oklahoma Swimming. This includes parent owned, coach owned or institutional clubs. Booster organizations are not included in the “group member category”. Each “group member” organization may appoint from its “group member” membership representatives to attend and vote at HoD. These representatives are NOT required to be registered members of USA-Swimming/OKS in order to vote. Each organization must notify in writing to the OKS Secretary prior to or at the time of the HoD meeting a list of the representatives of the group member. The organization shall certify in writing by either the CEO or Secretary that the representatives are current members. The organization may remove or revise its list of representatives at any time as long as notification and certification is provided to the OKS Secretary.

The OKS Secretary shall maintain a record of group member organizations, and representatives attending HoD meetings.