**Policy & Procedures Manual**

**Wisconsin Swimming, Inc.**

# Policy 24: Annual and Regular Wisconsin Swimming House of Delegates Meetings

Effective Date: *Upon adoption and approval of April 2023 Bylaws changes*
Last Revision Date: *10/25/2022*

***Scope:*** *Effective September 1, 2014, the mandatory Annual House of Delegates Meeting for Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., will commence. At the Annual Meeting, the following will occur: election of Officers of Wisconsin Swimming, voting on the Fall/Winter Meet Schedule and LSC Championship meets, participation in relevant education sessions regarding LSC and Club administration.*

* 1. **Annual and Regular Meetings**
		1. The annual meeting of the House of Delegates of Wisconsin Swimming, Inc., shall be held in the spring of each year, or as determined by the Board of Directors. Reasonable efforts will be made to avoid swimming-related scheduling conflicts with the date selected for the Annual Meeting.Regular meetings of the House of Delegates may be held in accordance with a schedule adopted by the Board of Directors.
		2. At the annual meeting, the following LSC business shall be conducted:
1. Election of the Officers and the Committee Chairs/Coordinators listed in LSC Bylaws Article 6 Officers and Directors, and Article 7 Divisions, Committees and Coordinators.
2. Voting on the Fall/Winter Meet Schedule and all LSC Championship Meets for the following year.
3. Announcement of the Annual athlete scholarship recipients and the selection of the annual ConocoPhillips Outstanding Service Award.
4. Relevant education sessions that may include but are not limited to athlete education/clinic, coach education, official’s education and LSC/Club administration.
5. Other business relevant to the function of the LSC.
	* 1. Effective January 1, 2015, the annual Wisconsin Swimming, Inc. club registration fee shall be raised to $500, of which up to $300 will be refunded to the club if a duly appointed Group Member Representative for the club attends the annual meeting, and based on the inclusive club registration dates as follows.
			1. September 1st - September 30th = $300
			2. October 1st - October 31st = $200
			3. November 1st - November 30th - $150
			4. No refund after November 30th
		2. Refund eligibility requirements:
6. The Non-Athlete Group Member Representative shall attend the annual meeting, including the HOD meeting and the applicable educational opportunities provided at the annual meeting, in person.
7. The Athlete Group Member Representative in person attendance is not required, but strongly encouraged.
8. If any Group Member Representative cannot attend the annual meeting, a substitute may be sent with the following conditions:
	1. Written notice must be sent to the Operations Manager two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
	2. Substitute must meet all requirements to function as a Group Member Representative.
	3. **Annual Meeting Committee**
		1. Chair: Admin Vice Chair
		2. Composition: minimum four (4) others
	4. One (1) athlete
	5. Three (3) others, may be non-board members
	6. LSC Staff Liaison
	7. **Annual Meeting Planning Timeline**
9. Annual Meeting Date selection by September 1
10. Determined by the Board of Directors
11. Reasonable efforts shall be made to avoid swimming-related scheduling conflicts but this cannot be assured.
12. Site Selection by September 1
13. Determined by the Board of Directors
14. Rotate between Southeast, West and North Regions of the LSC
15. Swimposiums shall be held in Southeast Wisconsin due to airport access for USA Swimming speakers. Swimposiums are to be applied for every three (3) years, or as USA Swimming allows
16. Agenda and General Format
17. Determined by the Board of Directors, the General Chair, and the Annual Meeting Committee, and to include:
	1. Board of Director’s meeting
	2. House of Delegates’ meeting
	3. Election of Athlete and Coach Representatives
	4. Athlete Clinic
	5. General Education session(s), followed by choice of education tracts
	6. Wisconsin Swimming shall offer a Swimposium in the years for which it is eligible through USA Swimming Policy and Procedure.
18. A “Consent Agenda” shall not be utilized.
	1. **Annual Meeting Fees**
19. There will be no fee for the registered Group Member Representative and the

Athlete Representative who attend the Annual Meeting.

1. Additional attendees from the Club will be charged a reasonable amount as determined by the Board of Directors.
	1. **Hotel Accommodations**

24.5.1 A block of hotel rooms with reduced rates will be obtained and made available on a first come/first serve basis.

**24.6 Annual Awards Banquet**

24.6.1 Location, date and details of the Annual Awards Banquet to be determined by the Board of Directors with the advice of the Athlete and Coaches Representatives.

**24.7 Regular Meetings of the House of Delegates**

24.7.1 Regular meetings of the House of Delegates may be held in accordance with a schedule adopted by the Board of Directors at their meeting coinciding with the LSC Annual HOD meeting.

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| Date of Revision | Policy Section(s) | Changes Made |
| June 3, 2015 | 24.2 | Housekeeping: Format Rule consistent with other Rules |
| June 28, 2022 | Multiple |  |
| October 25, 2022 | 24.1.1 modified, and new article 24.7 added | Dependent upon LSC Bylaws change proposed for adoption at LSC Annual HOD meeting in April 2023. |