

General Chair Convention Report  
September 2007

- General Chair meetings

The main topic of the General Chair meetings was the changing role of the LSC's. With increased dues has come increased services and programs from the National Office. The expectation from National is that the LSC's will be the conduit to the membership for those programs and services. Attached is a flow chart labeled: **LSC Guidelines for Success**, which is a template for what LSC's can use to guide them in making sure they are meeting their duties/responsibilities required by law and LSC Bylaws. It also provides a check list of areas that LSC's can use to help expand or enhance their membership services and programs. The Wisconsin Board of Directors will be discussing this flow chart and will share its thoughts with the membership in the coming months about possible changes in services, which are not currently being provided.

There was also talk on how hard it is to get and keep good volunteers working for the LSC. It was further mentioned that many LSC's have gone to more paid staff, or paying for work that is done for the LSC.

In the attached letter you will note the legislation that was passed amending the Bylaws to comply with the Ted Stevens Amateur Act. This Act requires an athlete representative on all Board of Review committees or panels.

- Senior Committee Meetings.

Discussion focused around the National meets being too large, and how those athlete numbers were stressing the facilities' ability to run a good meet. Most notably was the poor air quality that plagued Nationals at Indianapolis this summer. Not allowing relay-only swimmers was brought up as a possible solution. The committee did not want to cut out relay-only swimmers, and it was felt that with the new and faster time standards (see attachment of time standards), the number of individual and relay-only swimmers would drop significantly, thereby alleviating the numbers problem.

Also, attached is the next Quad planning calendar.

- Central Zone Meetings.

The report by the Central Zone Observer of the Topeka Kansas Zone meet seemed to cast somewhat of a different picture than what was reported by many of the Wisconsin and Minnesota swimmers and coaches that passed on their vies to their LSC's representatives. My suggestion for next year is that we have a formal written evaluation completed by our coaching and zone staff right after the meet. The evaluation should be and submitted to me so I may follow up with the Central Zone Committee and observers before next year's convention.

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Current Rule: (passed 9/17/04)

*At the discretion of each section, the sectional meet may be opened to swimmers from outside the Central Zone at whatever qualifying times they so designate. No section shall accept into its meet any swimmer registered in the Central Zone who is from an LSC not assigned to its section.*

\* Proposal to be added to current rule:

*In an Olympic year, swimmers with US Open cuts may participate in another Central Zone sectional if that sectional is designated as an Open Sectional meet.----PASSED.*

*The Sectional meet held at Indianapolis that will be swimming Long Course will be open to swimmers from any Sectional who have at least one US Open cut, they then may swim any event that they have the Indianapolis time standards in.*

- General Information.

Each year at the convention there are many work shops and informational seminars. This year I attended the Board of Review work shop that stressed the importance of first attempting to resolve the issues before it gets to a Board of Review. It was also stressed that if it does result in a Board of Review matter, that all members be fair and judicial, as if they were on a jury, and that good notes be taken even if that means having a court reporter on hand to transcribe the meeting.

In another seminar I attended, **Shoulder Stretching for Competitive Swimmers Helpful or Harmful? George T. Edelman MPT, OCS, MTC**, I can firmly state it was one of the best I have ever have attended. Please read the attached information. I believe everyone will find it very informative.

Finally, it was very helpful to have a variety of people from our LSC to be at the convention and I hope everyone gets a chance to read or hear what they have brought back from the convention both in their experiences and the information they found meaningful.

Respectably Submitted  
Drew Walden

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Proposal to be added to current rule:

*In an Olympic year, swimmers registered in the Central Zone who have at least one short course national cut may participate in another Central Zone sectional if that sectional is designated as an Open Sectional meet.*

