

General Chair Report

Convention Election Results

National

President: Jim Sheehan (NJ)

VP Administration: Robert Broyles (Inland Empire)

VP Program Development: John Bitter (Pacific)

VP Program Operations: Dan McAllen (North Texas)

VP Technical: Tim Bauer (Gulf)

Athlete Executive VP: Kelley Otto (Indiana)

Athletic Executive Vice Chair: Michael Kleuth (Michigan)

Athlete Executive Committee Vice Chair of Recruitment and Leadership:
Nick Smagula (NJ)

Eastern Zone

Coach Director: Ed Dellert (NJ)

Eastern Zone Board of Review

Each LSC within the EZ was asked to provide the names of three individuals who will serve as panel members to hear complaints regarding the sanction of meets within the LSC that comprise the Eastern Zone. The three candidates should include a coach, official, and an athlete who was a post graduate (college student or older). The two candidates previously selected were Bud Rimbault and Judy Sharkey. The athlete originally proposed is now registered with the Maryland LSC and ineligible to be a NJ representative. Nick Smagula who attends George Washington University is registered as an NJS athlete and was appointed to this position rounding out the NJS trio.

Legends Meet Series Approved

In my June report I spoke about this proposal that would be presented at the USAS Convention. I am happy to report that this series of three LC meets was approved beginning during the 2015 LC. These meets will be held concurrently with the Junior National meet in August. NJ will be assigned to the meet held in Greensboro, NC. This meet was instituted to provide a level of competition to athletes that did not achieve Jr. Nat cuts but were much faster than sectional times.

Times and Recognition

The SWIMS database has been modified to include the date the time was achieved. So that a performance set on the third day of the meet commencing on the 17th of

the month would include the 17th and the 19th within SWIMS. Also inquiry capability within SWIMS has been enhanced.

Analytics and swimtoday.org

These were two of the hottest topics in the meetings I attended. Analytics is a tool that can be utilized by people with admin privileges within the LSC and team portals. USA Swimming has developed a dash board using the SWIMS data base from 2005 to the present to create administrative and demographic reports. These are available now. Beginning at the end of December performance reports will also be available, so that clubs will be able to see time improvements measured over different time horizons since all the times from 2005 are available. Users will be able to slice and dice the data in various methods and be able to drill down to obtain the information they want to see.

The second is a program that works in coordination with the “Swimming is the Funnest Sport” campaign. The web site that has been developed (swimtoday.org) has applicability to all swim programs not just USA Swimming clubs. Even the USA Swimming. It educates parents about the sport, questions to ask about the club, the equipment needed and what to expect at your first meet. In conclusion it directs parents to local clubs in their area by use of a zip code.

From a club perspective it provides promotional items which can be customized with information concerning your team. Some of these are free while others have nominal charges. The site is fairly easy to navigate and urge you to take a spin.

I have posted some information regarding both of these programs along with this report on the NJS website.

Committee Changes

Eric Schott has resigned from the Finance Committee. We thank Eric for his years of service on this committee.

Bruce Petersen has been named as the Chair of the Finance Committee replacing Ed Miller who requested to step down from the chair position but will continue to serve on this committee.

Martin Scheidl has been named to the Web Site Committee.

Jim Sheehan has stepped down from the LSC Parliamentarian position since being elected as President of USA Swimming. We thank Jim for his years of service in various positions on the NJS BOD.

Scholastic All-American (SAA) Program

This award is given to applicants who have maintained a minimum a 3.5 GPA during the academic year and have attained a 2011 bonus Junior National cut time in at least one event during the SC or LC season. Other performance criterion which qualifies for this award would be an athlete who swam at one of the Disability Championship meets or the National Open Water Championship.

Within USA Swimming this was the largest class ever to receive this award. Sixty-eight NJS athletes attained this honor with nine who have won the award a maximum of three successive years and fifty-one with a GPA of 4.0 or greater. Awards acknowledging this accomplishment will be sent by USA Swimming directly to the honoree by October. Letters of congratulations were mailed to each of the athletes by NJS.