The Board of USA Swimming is proposing 2 new membership categories:
  o Jr. Coach certification same requirements as Coach membership except for background check. When Jr Coach achieves their 18th birthday then they are automatically required to have a background check.
  o Athlete Flex membership – this membership permits the athlete to swim in 2 non-championship meets within 1 calendar year. The target for implementation is April 2018.

The LSC By-Law template will be simplified. The structure of a LSC will be determined by the size of LSC and its budget

There is a new vendor for background checks for coaches and officials. Everyone must pay $38 for their first background check with the new vendor. Succeeding background checks will cost $18.

Here is a clarification of adult chaperone requirements: they may share room with athletes so long as there are at least 2 athletes in the room.

USOC safe sport opened 1 March. Starting 1 July 2017 Code of Conduct issues go to USOC Safe Sport (Center for Safe Sport). The Center for Safe Sport will have a searchable database of banned individuals. USA Swimming will continue to post list of banned individuals on the web site. Each club should have their own Safe Sport contact.

2020 Olympic Trials will be in Omaha from 21-28 June 2020. There will be some overlap with the College World Series.

The selection of the host city for the 2024 Games will be announced 13 September 17.

The Board Governance Task Force study has recommended the Board of USA Swimming change from operations to governance model. Zone Directors would not necessarily have seat on the USA Swimming Board. The size of the Board will be decreased. A Nominating Committee will be used to identify candidates for the Board. The Board 4 year Board terms rotating terms

Eastern Zone Tech Planning recommendations:
  o There will be a D Final when the Sectional entry count reaches 600 athletes. This would the 18&Under final.
  o Entry deadline for Sectionals will be Tuesday the week before the meet begins. Late entries will be due the Monday before the meet.
  o Meet announcements for Sectionals will be standardized.
  o AG Zone short course meet will have qualifying times. The meet will be for 18&Under athletes. Events will be swum as follows: 10&Under Timed Finals, 11-18 Prelim and A/B finals.

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is looking at revising the criteria for our reduced fee membership.

GC's will meet in Colorado the 1st weekend in November.

The Spring 2018 Easter Zone meeting will be hosted by Metro Swimming in Ft Meyers, Florida on either the 1st or 2nd weekend in May.

The Eastern Zone approved a $6000 donation to the USA Swimming Foundation in memory of Chuck Weilgus.