



Coaches Representative Report BOD September 14, 2016

Coaches Committee members: Chair, Nancy Reese (COHO), Glenn Brown (ACAD), Rob Emary (BSC), Jen Godlewski (BNSC), Tom Rieman (HWSA), Athlete Member, TBD

This report is going out a few days before a Coaches Committee meeting conference call. Since the conference call is scheduled before the BOD, I will provide an update of that discussion.

I was able to meet with Tony Young to discuss some ideas for the present and future. Mentoring, Education, and Certification are the top three areas I see the Coaches Committee focusing on moving forward. I attended the most recent Senior and Age Group meetings and plan to continue to do so in an effort to have all three committees work together.

The Membership Task Force had a conference call on September 9th. All members were present, and Tony Young was also on the call. The Task Force members are: Chair, Dustin Thompson (PPD), Jen Godlewski (BNSC), Renee Kessinger (LTIL), Amy Oliphant (GA), and Joey Waldorf (NTSC). The conference call was a great discussion and exchange of ideas. Focus shifted from the negative aspects of retention to the positive, meaning coming up with best practices to help coaches and clubs retain swimmers. The Task Force decided to create a short survey for coaches to answer to help identify retention issues, and gather ideas to include on a best practices list. The questions and content will be finalized during the next conference call, with the intent of e-blasting a link to an online survey a few days before HOD, and also handing out hard copies at HOD. Tony will look in the Illinois Swimming for some kind of giveaway to hand out to individuals who complete a survey. The next call will be on October 5th, and the members are also planning to meet at HOD.

Coach Dan Johnson from the West Chicago Sharks has retired after 38 years of coaching. Dan served on numerous committees, and was an ISI Board member in multiple roles. He will continue to serve on the Zone Board of Review, but he has stepped down from on deck coaching. I am looking for ideas on how we can recognize him at the fall HOD. Suggestions are appreciated.

Erin Oliphant has started her freshman year of college on the west coast, and thought it would be best to step down from the Coaches Committee. If our Athlete Reps or other Board members know of an athlete interested in serving on a committee, please let me know. Otherwise, I will ask at HOD.

Respectfully submitted,
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