



## Coaches Representative Report – HOD Fall 2015

Coaches Committee members: Chair, Nancy Reese (COHO), Glenn Brown (ACAD), Rob Emary (BSC), Steve Frye (DDST), Tom Rieman (HWSA), Athlete Member, Erin Oliphant (GA)

- With Melissa Healy taking on the role of Safety Chair for Illinois Swimming, Rob Emary has agreed to take her place on the Coaches Committee.
- New members are constantly being added to the **Illinois Swimming Coaches Facebook Page**. Please search for “Illinois Swimming Coaches” on Facebook and submit a request to be added to the group.
- While we are not allowed to post instructor contact information on the website, we can post information on any upcoming classes. If you are planning to schedule a **Coaches Safety Training Class** or any other coaches’ certification classes, please send the information to me in addition to sending it to Pam in the office. I will be happy to get the information posted on the website, and on the IL Swimming Coaches page.
- We recently considered a proposal requesting that the **Coaches Education Grant** amount per club be raised from \$150 to \$300 and that travel expenses be changed to an approved reimbursement item. We all agreed that we need to promote the Coaches Education Grant more. We were hesitant to increase the amount to \$300 noting that we would be over budget if 14 or more clubs apply. Since we plan to promote it more, **the Coaches Committee recommends raising the amount to \$250 max per club. We also recommend keeping travel expenses on the list of not funded items for this year and intend to re-visit that aspect of the grant again next year.**
- **ASCA** is interested in running a 2-day **Character Development + Skills and Drill Clinic** (day 1) with a **Level 2 Stroke School** (day 2). The committee liked the idea of the 2-day ASCA clinic, and consensus was to tie it to the HOD meeting in the fall of 2016. This will give us time to set it up and promote it. We also discussed other possible clinics such as:
  - USA Swimming Regional Coaches Clinic
  - Women in Coaching Clinic
  - Clinic with college coaches on preparing swimmers for the recruiting process

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- We would like to work with the Senior Committee and possibly cover the cost to bring in speakers for coaches at any long course training sessions offered to our higher level athletes.
- Rob Emary has volunteered to put together a calendar we can post showing what we are planning to offer in order give coaches more notice. Even if we do not have exact dates now we can still give coaches an idea of what is coming when.
- Since this report was submitted before the USAS Convention, I will highlight any important information that I came across there.
- Coaches, if you have any concerns or suggestions for the committee, please do not hesitate to contact me. As your representative I welcome your voice and input.
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Respectfully submitted,  
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