USA Swimming National Convention

House of Delegates Meeting

September 16, 2017

Annual meeting where USA Swimming House of Delegates gather to vote on proposed legislation and make amendments to existing legislation.

Border delegates were – Jim Holcomb as Border General Chair, Emma Carr as Border Senior Athlete Representative and LeAnn Carr as Border Age Group Chair

Another document with all proposed legislation is also posted in this same area on the webpage.

The biggest change this year is that USA Swimming is moving from a large, representational Board of Directors to a lean, small, focused Board of Directors to be made up of the best 9 individuals available. A heightened vetting process will ensure those serving have a variety of needed characteristics to help with governance and strategic planning. The measure passed easily and should result in a more responsive National Governing Body (NGB) that is in line with the team format is proposing across the nation.

Another significant change is the introduction of “Flex-membership” This will allow new members to join at a lesser price ($20, $15 to USA Swimming, $5 to LSC) and compete in no more than 2 swim meets below the LSC Champs level. During the same registration period, the swimmer can “upgrade” to full membership and pay the difference between flex and year-round. The purpose is to make entry into the sport easier.

Other changes were to bring USA Swimming in alignment with FINA and others were housekeeping items.