



Highlights from the

UANA Technical Synchronized Swimming Committee September 2010 Meeting

The UANA TSSC continues to make progress in moving forward with our mandate to build the sport of synchronized swimming in the Americas. The 3rd UANA Pan American Age Group Championship was held in September in Lima, Peru with 13 federations participating and some 2 86 athletes. There were some equipment and other challenges (which meant some of the planned education activities got cancelled) but overall it was a great event. Our thanks to the Peru Swimming Federation for their wonderful hospitality, hard work, and support of synchroni zed swimming.

Prior to the actual competition the TSSC met. Here are some highlights of that meeting:

- The Coaches Sub Committee continues to build strength and impact with newsletters, meetings and other communications. They also developed a coaches behaviour guideline which was circulated with the competition information
- We have great plans for the UANA website to be an even more useful communication in the Americas that we hope to realize this year.
- Our Athletes Representative – Patricia Vila – Mexico joined us for the 1st time.
- Ana Maria Lobo is now the 2nd Zone 1 representative on the committee replacing Lisa Mitchell who moved back to Canada.
- We reviewed the Pan Am Games Synchro Technical Manual and our requests for our event and submitted that feedback through the UANA Executive
- Barbara developed a new Judges database with individual files; we ad opted the FINA retirement age of 65 and approved more than 20 reclassifications! A Judges Code of Conduct is on the action list for this year.
- Our priority for action is to develop a UANA Operating Manual which is much needed.

Shortly after our meeting, the UANA Executive approved our proposal to go to an annual age group, junior and senior duet event (including Pan Am Game's years); updated bid documents will follow. Currently we have 4 federations expressing interest in hosting us which could fit beauti fully with our goal of awarding these events in a 4 year cycle (2011, 2012 -2015).

The UANA TSSC consists of the following members:

Rose Cody, Chairperson	Puerto Rico
Heather Archer, Secretary	Canada
Ana Maria Lobo	Brazil
Victoria Montedenico	Uruguay
Ana Simon	Cuba
Barbara McNamee, Judges Sub Committee Leader	United States
Charlotte Davis	United States
Leslie Sproule, Coaches Sub Committee Leader	Canada

Judy McGowan, United States, serves as our UANA Executive liaison.