

**UANA Open Water Swimming Committee Technical Committee Report --  
February. 7-8, 2015**

- Will begin working with a new sport manager for the 2015 Toronto Pan American Games. Katie Ozolins is new to Open Water Sports Manager but she has been on the sport side but has been involved with the organizing committee for the past 4.5 years on the operations side. We had our first conference call on Thursday and everything went extremely well. They are bringing me to Toronto prior to the UANA meeting April 30 in Toronto.

- Putting together Open Water Schedule of International events for 2015. Still need several replies from Federations. Would like to include qualifying events for the Pan American Games.

**Zone 1 qualifying event will be the Feb. 7 at the FINA 10K in Viedma, ARG.**

**Zone 2 Unknown at present.**

**Zone 3 April 26, Ft. Myers, FL, USA.**

**Zone 4 will be May 2 at the FINA 10K in Cancun, MEX.**

- Receiving applications for International Open Water Judges for the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games.

A notice went out to all Federations asking for nominations for judges allowing two per Federation and I

had to receive them by Jan. 31. I also let the Federations know there were limited positions available.

Criteria were 1st being on the FINA list for Open Water (List 10 or 11), 2nd International experience and

3rd, National Federation experience. I received four-teen nominations. Three were eliminated for not

being on the FINA lists and one was eliminated for being after the deadline. This leaves ten nominations

to fill six positions. The Pan American Games budget allows for ten slots. Four will be filled by my committee members and six from nominations.

- Receiving commitments from my committee on attending the Pan American Games. I put out a notice

in early January asking for commitments to the 2015 Pan American Games. I reminded them it would

not be a vacation and each would work as an International Technical official. I told them I needed a

reply by Jan. 18 and a non reply would be considered as not being able to attend. Four have committed

to attending (Rick Walker, USA, Tomas Haces Cuba, Gladys Mejia ESA, and liaison Ismael Gonzales.) and

one stated a conflict of interest (Ron Jacks, CAN) because he has been coaching athletes that he feels

will be attending. All other members of the committee did not reply and I did not receive any undeliverable emails.

Respectfully submitted,

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