

**2012 USA Swimming Convention – Greensboro, NC  
September 11 through September 15, 2012**

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Administrative Vice Chair  
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**Thursday, 9/13/12 - Governance Committee Business Meeting & Open Forum**

- ❖ Role of the Board of Directors
- ❖ Role of the House of Delegates and purpose
- ❖ Goals of the LSC
- ❖ Role and benefit of including College Coaches at all BOD & HOD Meetings
- ❖ Safe Sport and reporting to the Board of Review
- ❖ The importance of sub-committees for each LSC Chairperson

**Thursday, 9/13/12 – Disability Swimming Committee Business Meeting**

- ❖ LSC Education Project (This is a five coach committee and mentor program)
- ❖ Recommend change to Article 105 to enhance hand signals by Starters.
- ❖ Workshops are available to educate Meet Directors to include disabled swimmers (i.e.; if there are three to eight disabled swimmers in a meet, meet directors can create a special heat for those swimmers).
- ❖ Sub-committees were formed and they will review some guidelines

**Friday, 9/14/12 – LSC General Chairs Meeting**

- ❖ Best practice for Development of new talent resources.
- ❖ Modified Diversity Mission Statement (Inclusion means economic, cultural, ethnic and religious).
- ❖ Opportunities for new parents (get involved in club or LSC boards and committees)
- ❖ Leadership Programs
- ❖ Establish direct policies and procedures
- ❖ Publish all reports (chairperson, committees, BOD, HOD)
- ❖ Arrange for Swim-posium
- ❖ Metropolitan Swimming has already adapted many of these suggestions.

**Friday, 9/14/12 – Eastern Zone**

- ❖ SCY Zone Championships are at Rochester
- ❖ LCM Zone Championships – Bid by three teams. Currently it was awarded to be held at Ithaca College, but the availability of accommodations was questioned and the host club was given two weeks to get back to the EZ Board with available rooms, distance to and from facility, etc. A final decision will be made at a later date. Virginia and Buffalo (Star Swimming) also bid the meet.
- ❖ Spring Sectionals at Erie will be held in LCM both Prelims and finals. Relay only swimmers will not be able to time trial.

### **Friday, 9/14/12 – LSC Board of Review Workshop**

- ❖ Discussions on Athlete Representation on the Board of Review Committee,
- ❖ Hearing Agenda
- ❖ Petitioner
- ❖ Respondent
- ❖ Witnesses
- ❖ Brief Opening Statements
- ❖ Hearing can be call in hearings
- ❖ Athlete Representative must have swim times in Swims for that year.
- ❖ Decisions should be made within 14 days of hearing. (not optional)
- ❖ Board of Review must list the findings of fact, conclusion and rule, right to appeal.
- ❖ The Petitioner is responsible to pay for filing fees
- ❖ BOD can reject an appeal

### **Saturday, 9/15/15 – House of Delegates Meeting**

- ❖ Several Rules and Regulations were amended. (Please refer to the USA Swimming website for these changes.
- ❖ Particular Changes and Amendments are:
  - R-18 – Require clubs to adapt an anti-bullying policy
  - R-25 - Each LSC to add a Safe Sport Chair/Coordinator
  - R-26 – Clarify that 20% athlete representation requirement applies to all LSC committees, not just standing committees
  - R-15 – Prohibit athlete to athlete bullying
  - R-16 – Modification of sexual misconduct rules
  - R-21 – To provide for a method to remove officers and other Board members consistent with due process.
  - R-23 – Reduce size of Election/Credentials Committees so that it is consistent with other committees
  - HK-3 – Align language for Credentials/Elections terms with other standing committees
  - R-3 – Prohibit deck-changing
  - R-3A – Require statement in meet announcements regarding deck changing
  - R-17 – Add emotional and verbal abuse as Code of Conduct violations
  - R-17A – Add bullying of an athlete by a coach as Code of Conduct violation and define physical abuse