

USA Swimming
2001 House of Delegates Minutes

Hyatt Dearborn - Michigan

Friday, September 14

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

1 The following awards were presented Thursday, September 13 at the USAS reception:

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3 **AWARDS**

Recipient

Presenter

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5 **Open Water Swimmer of the Year Award**

Mark Leonard

Kerry Ellett

6 Established in 1984, the Open Water Swimmer of the Year Award is presented by the USA Swimming
7 Open Water Swimming Committee to the swimmer judged as the most outstanding open water swimmer
8 of the previous year.

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10 **Open Water Committee Award**

Steve Munatones

Kerry Ellett

11 Established in 1985, the Open Water Committee Award is presented by the USA Swimming Open
12 Water Swimming Committee to the person or group judged as making a major contribution to open
13 water swimming the previous year.

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15 **Glenn S. Hummer Award**

**Jacque Grossman
and George Bare**

Kerry Ellett

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17 Established in 1978 and named for an Olympian and Coach, the Glen S. Hummer Award is given
18 annually to the person or group making the greatest contribution to Long Distance Swimming.

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20 **Safety Commendation Award**

George Young

Dale Neuburger

21 Awarded to an individual or organization for demonstrating outstanding commitment to aquatic safety.
22 Recipient is selected by the USA Swimming Safety Education Committee; not necessarily awarded
23 every year.

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25 **Kenneth J. Pettigrew Award**

Ron Van Pool

Pat Lunsford

26 This award was created to honor Ken Pettigrew, who devoted over 30 years to the sport of swimming.
27 Each year the recipient is chosen by the USA Swimming Officials Committee.

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29 **Adapted Swimming Service Award**

Gail Dummer

Pam Redding

30 The Adapted Swimming Service Award is presented to an individual (swimmer, coach, volunteer) who
31 has made significant contributions to competitive swimming for athletes with a disability. Members of
32 the Adapted Swimming Committee nominate candidates at the mid-year committee meeting. The vote,
33 by all members of the Adapted Swimming Committee, also takes place at the mid-year meeting. This
34 award originated in the year 2000.

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36 **Trischa L. Zorn Award**

Curtis Lovejoy

Pam Redding

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38 The Trischa L. Zorn Award is presented to the swimmer (or relay team) with a disability with the most
39 outstanding performances during the previous year. Anyone present at the USA Swimming Disability
40 Championships may nominate a swimmer for the award. A screening committee comprised of a few

41 members of the Adapted Swimming Committee selects finalists. The chairperson(s) of the Adapted
42 Swimming Committee prepares a ballot, then all members of the Adapted Swimming Committee vote to
43 determine the winner. The vote is conducted by mail. This award originated in the year 2000.

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45 Developmental Coach of the Year Award **Devon Ames** Dale Neuburger
46 The Developmental Coach of the Year Award is for coaches who develop athletes a step or two away
47 from major national or international success. The winner of the award is the coach who places the most
48 swimmers on the National Junior Team.

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50 Doc Counsilman Coach of the Year **Bob Bowman** Dale Neuburger
51 Coaches, in attendance at the Summer National Meet, vote for the Coach of the Year. The Coach of the
52 Year is chosen based on the performance of an athlete at Nationals (both Spring and Summer) and any
53 International meets since the last voting.

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55 USA Swimming Award **Peter Malone** Carol Zaleski and
56 Mike Lewellyn
57 The USA Swimming Award was established in 1981 to recognize exceptional contributions to the sport
58 of swimming. The award is presented each year to an individual or organization selected for financial,
59 material or service contributions to USA Swimming. The award is a two-thirds life-size bronze
60 sculpture of a swimmer mounted over a wave of marble.

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62 Swimmer of the Year **Michael Phelps** Dale Neuburger
63 The Swimmer of the Year Award is presented to the athlete judged by the USA Swimming House of
64 Delegates as the most outstanding swimmer of the previous year.

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66 Athletes Appreciation Award **Phil Whitten** Julia Gorman
67 Conceived by the USA Swimming Athletes Committee in 1983, the Athletes Appreciation Award
68 recognizes the individual or organization perceived by the committee to have contributed most
69 significantly to the Athletes Movement.

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71 Phillips Performance Award **Michael Phelps** Dale Neuburger
72 This award is presented to an American swimmer who gives the single most outstanding performance
73 during the year. This award is voted on by selected coaches, athlete representatives and members of the
74 swimming media.

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76 Outstanding Women in Swimming Award **Audrey Birklid** Carol Zaleski
77 Established in 1979, the Outstanding Women in Swimming Award is presented to a woman who has
78 contributed years of outstanding service to swimming.

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80 **CALL TO ORDER**
81 The 2001 USA Swimming House of Delegates meeting was called to order at 4:00pm on Friday,
82 September 14, 2001.

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84 **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**
85 USA Swimming President Dale Neuburger asked for a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of
86 the following individuals:

87	Brad Budden	Athlete	Stanford Univ. & New Jersey Swimming
88	Rick Byerley	Official	Ozark Swimming
89	Pat Croft	Official	Southern California Swimming
90	Mark Finley	Athlete	Ozark Swimming
91	Jim Foley	Administrator	Alaska Swimming
92	Tommy Gray	Athlete	Middle Atlantic Swimming
93	Karina Hope	Athlete	Georgia Swimming
94	Melanie Hoffer	Coach	South Carolina Swimming
95	Travis Howard	Athlete	Oregon Swimming
96	Kyle Hurdle	Athlete	Virginia Swimming
97	Michael Keitz	Athlete	Niagara Swimming
98	Matt Kush	Athlete	Middle Atlantic Swimming
99	Walter Lee	Official	Middle Atlantic Swimming
100	John Munley	Athlete	Michigan Swimming
101	Michelle Raettig	Athlete	Georgia Swimming
102	Thomas Rankin	Official	Georgia Swimming
103	Heather Ricci	Athlete	Maryland Swimming
104	Adam Szmidt	Administrator	Pacific Swimming
105	Terry Gathercole	Athlete / Coach /	Midland Texas, Canberra Australia,
106		Olympian	Australian Swimming

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108 **2001 LIFE MEMBER AWARDS**

109 The following USA Swimming members were presented with Life Memberships and honored with life
110 membership cards and plaques:

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Tara Audette - New England	Michael Lawrence – Illinois
Julie Bare - Lake Erie	Dale Leonhart – Colorado
Rick Beebe – Pacific	Charly Mallery – Florida Gold Coast
Stan Benson – Oregon	Carol Nickel – Potomac Valley
Kenneth Ebuna – Colorado	Dick Robinson – 2000 USA Swimming Award Winner
Stana Hurlburt – Southern California	Bill Rose – Sierra Nevada
Frances Klier – Niagara	Mary Ann Senecal –Metropolitan
Mary Kramer – Arizona	Ruth Whelehan - Niagara

PRESENTATIONS TO PAST BOARD MEMBERS

USA Swimming and the USA Swimming Board of Directors, wish to express thanks and gratitude, to the following former Board members:

- Jill Chasson - Athlete Representative, USOC Athletes' Advisory Council, 1994-2000
- Jim Crampton - Athlete Representative, Athletes' Executive Vice President, 1994-2000
- Jeff Gudman – Treasurer, 1996-2000
- Dave Knochenhauer – Western Zone Director, Program Development Vice President,
Local Administration Vice President, 1990-2000
- Kent Nelson – Athlete Representative, 1998-2000
- Dave Salo – Western Zone Director, 1996-2000

Bob Staab – Central Zone Director, 1998-2000
Gloria Summers – YMCA Allied Representative, 1997-2000

PRESIDENTS' REPORT

In light of the recent tragic events that occurred on Tuesday, September 11 in New York, USA Swimming President, Dale Neuburger, chose to address the House of Delegates, with gratitude and appreciation to individuals and volunteer groups. He thanked the United States Aquatic Sports Convention committee, and introduced them to the House: Chair – Ellaine Cox, Audrey Birkliid, Margaret Donofrio, Penny Taylor, Bob and Helen Brown, Deb Turner, Paul and Mary Beth Windrath.

Special guest, President of the Mexican Swimming Federation, Javier Careaga was introduced. Mr. Careaga swam with the University of Texas and with the University of Southern California, and made a special trip to Detroit to attend our convention.

Mr. Neuburger also acknowledged members of the Board of Directors, LSC Representatives, Committee Chairs, Coaches, USA Swimming staff, and athletes, and expressed his gratitude.

Long Beach, California's bid for the 2005 World Championships was defeated by one vote, at the meeting in Fukuoka. Members of the organizing committee were Rick Foster, Chris Pook, Beverly O'Neil, and Kurt Krumpholz. USA Swimming appreciates the 3 years of hard work that was involved in planning and submitting a competitive bid.

Mr. Neuburger also recognized the following individuals for their involvement with and dedication to the sport of swimming:

Sandy Baldwin, USOC President
Bill Stapleton, USOC Vice President
Penny Taylor, Chef de Mission, World Championships – Fukuoka
Jerry Olson, President of the Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas (ASUA)
Gregory Eggert, Special Assistant to the President

Denny Pursley and Jim Wood were commended on declaring an administrative mistake during the World Championships in Fukuoka, resulting in a disqualification of the mens' relay team. The sportsmanship and leadership that they exhibited were a great example for our athletes.

STATE OF THE SPORT REPORT

USA Swimming Executive Director, Chuck Wielgus recounted many of the past year's successes, and related plans for the future. (*Attachment #1*).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOST SITE FOR 2004 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS

Chuck Wielgus announced that Long Beach, California will be the host site for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for swimming. The process to choose the host site was started in November 2000. Six cities submitted detailed proposals, and from those, three were chosen for final consideration. An evaluation committee reviewed the proposals and extensively toured the sites. Members of that committee were Mike Unger - Chair, Don Hart, Ron Van Pool, Jim Wood, Tom Wilkens, Denny Pursley, and Dean Ekeren. Mary Jo Swalley, General Chair of

Southern California Swimming, addressed the House on the committee's behalf, about the thrill of hosting the Trials, and welcomed all to Long Beach.

REGISTRATION / MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A comparison was made of 2000 and 2001 membership statistics.

2000

2001 (The figures for 2001 are not final.)

Year-round athlete	221,352	Year-round athlete	230,334
Seasonal athlete	39,223	Seasonal athlete	35,142
Year-round club	2,755	Year-round club	2,779
Seasonal Club	118	Seasonal Club	112
Non-athlete		Non-athlete	
Individual	20,575	Individual	20,873
Family (1&2)	4,870	Family (1&2)	4,928
Sports Medicine	53	Sports Medicine	47
Sustaining	11	Sustaining	7
Life – New	15	Life – New	10
Life – Brought Forward	208	Life – Brought Forward	223
Total:	25,732	Total:	26,088

MOTION: For approval to accept the American National Red Cross as an Affiliate member with one vote to the USA Swimming House of Delegates. *Seconded. APPROVED.*

CREDENTIAL / ELECTIONS REPORT

Convention / Elections Committee Chair, Judy Szmidt presented the 2001 credentials report.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
GENERAL CHAIRMAN	22	56
ADMINISTRATIVE	20	49
SENIOR	24	53
AGE GROUP	22	55
COACHES	21	46
ATHLETES	9	45
AT LARGE	129	186
TOTAL	247	490

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS REQUIRING ACTION

No reports or actions required.

2002 BUDGET

The USA Swimming proposed budget for 2002 was presented to the House of Delegates and there was no discussion. (*Attachment #2*).

MOTION: To approve the USA Swimming budget for 2002. *Seconded. APPROVED.*

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following 2001 proposed amendments to USA Swimming rules and regulations were submitted to the House of Delegates:

Considered individually

A	Description	Loc	R&R Rec	Required
R-41	Eliminates 90% approval requirement for timely submitted legislation in even numbered years APPROVED	514.1	Approval	2/3

Considered as a block EXCEPT for any items pulled (Vote against motion to reject.)

B	Description	Loc	R&R Rec	Required
R-3	Breaststroke clarification FAILED	101.1	Rejection	50%
R-4	Procedures for handling blood at meet FAILED	102.8	Rejection	50%
R-6	Starter rules moved to 101 FAILED	102.14	Rejection	50%
R-13	Ban full body suits in age group competition FAILED	205.6	Rejection	50%
R-14	Top 16 events enumerated WITHDRAWN	205.8	Rejection	50%
R-15	Membership required during year, not at time of performance, for NAG Top 16 WITHDRAWN	205.8	Rejection	50%
R-20	Club Championships TABLED	207	Rejection	50%
R-21	Age Group Championships FAILED	207	Rejection	50%
R-37	Posting Board of Directors agenda on website FAILED	505.9	Rejection	50%

Considered as a block EXCEPT for any items pulled

C	Description	Loc	R&R Rec	Required
R-1	Glossary definitions APPROVED	Glossary	Approval	50%
R-2	Introductory preamble APPROVED	Intro	Approval	50%
R-5	Referee clarification APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS	102.13	Approval	50%
R-7	False start clarification APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS	102.14	Approval	50%
R-8	Starter: passive voice to active voice APPROVED	102.14	Approval	50%
R-9	Marshals attire APPROVED	102.18	Approval	50%
R-11	Records for mixed disability classifications APPROVED	104.2	Approval	50%
R-12	Representation: 120 day rule from foreign federations APPROVED	203.9	Approval	50%
R-18	Date change for Spring Nationals APPROVED	206.4	Approval	
R-19	Date change for Summer Nationals APPROVED	206.4	Approval	50%
R-23	Eligibility jury at Nationals APPROVED	207.5	Approval	50%
R-24	Technical jury at Nationals APPROVED	207.5	Approval	50%
R-25	Declared false start/ deliberate delay APPROVED	207.5	Approval	50%
R-26	Eliminate 18 & under scoring by college teams at Nationals APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS	207.5	Approval	50%
R-27	Adjust 18 & under scoring to 16 places APPROVED	207.5	Approval	50%
R-28	Allow qualified swimmers to swim more events at Nationals APPROVED	207.9	Approval	50%
R-29	Adjust qualifying period for those with Trials cuts APPROVED	207.9	Approval	50%
R-30	Qualifying standards set one year out APPROVED	207.1	Approval	50%
R-31	Clarifies meets automatically entered into times database APPROVED	App 2-A	Approval	50%
R-32	Doping control changes to conform to FINA and USADA APPROVED	303	Approval	50%
R-33	Clarifies inappropriate sexual behavior in Code of Conduct	304.3	Approval	50%

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R-34	Clarifies Code of Conduct procedures	APPROVED	304.3	Approval	50%
R-35	Clarifies Hearings and Appeals procedures	APPROVED	Art. 3 & 4	Approval	50%

Considered as a block EXCEPT for any items pulled

D	Description		Loc	R&R Rec	Required
R-36	Conforms Statement of Principles on Ethical Behavior and Conflict of Interest to current procedures APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS		501.9	Approval	2/3
R-38	Eliminates National Events Coordinator	APPROVED	507	Approval	2/3
R-39	Moves Sports Medicine Committee from Program Development	APPROVED	507.7	Approval	2/3
R-40	Moves Sports Medicine Committee to Technical VP and adds Sports Science as standing committee APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS		507.8	Approval	2/3

Each item will be considered SEPARATELY

E	Description		Loc	R&R Rec	Required
R-10	Water depth for practice APPROVED WITH AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 1, 2001 EFFECTIVE DATE		103.2	Approval	50%
R-14	Top 16 events enumerated	WITHDRAWN	205.8	None	50%
R-16	Eliminate Spring Nationals	WITHDRAWN	206 & 207	None	50%
R-17	Spring Nationals conducted long course	APPROVED	206.1	None	50%
R-17a	Spring Nationals conducted short course yards SUPERCEDED BY PASSAGE OF R-17		206.1	None	50%
R-42	Open Water Swimming	APPROVED	Part 7	None	50%

Refer to *Attachment #3* for details on amendments and rules approved.

ZONE ELECTIONS RESULTS

Central Zone: Michael Lawrence (re-elected)

Eastern Zone: Dave Carson (re-elected)

Southern Zone: Jim Kelly (re-elected)

Western Zone: John Kinney

USA SWIMMING TELEVISION DEVELOPMENT FUND INITIATIVE

Dustin Guidry, Central Zone Athlete Representative and Bryan Jones, Athletes Executive Committee representative, addressed the House, representing the Athletes Committee and Athletes Executive Committee, expressing their unanimous support and strong encouragement of USA Swimming, to investigate methods to aid our athletes, events and overall development of the sport of swimming at all levels, through increased exposure on television, radio, print media and other methods deemed appropriate by USA Swimming.

2002 Proposed House Resolution: Be it resolved that the 2002 House of Delegates shall create a designated Television Development Fund by establishing a membership fee increase not to exceed \$25.00. This increase shall be effective for the 2003 calendar year. These new revenues will be used exclusively to develop national television programs and event coverage that will increase the exposure of our sport and to elevate the profile of our athletes.

MOTION: *That the Executive Director develop a business plan for television opportunities. This plan will be presented to the USA Swimming Board of Directors for consideration at the May 2002 meeting;*

That the Executive Director prepare the 2003 annual budget to include the Television Development Fund; and

That the proposed 2002 Resolution be submitted to the 2002 House of Delegates for adoption.

*Seconded. **APPROVED.***

In closing, Dale Neuburger read the following letter from United States Aquatic Sports President, Tom Gompf, who was unable to attend the convention:

Dear Aquatic Family Members,

The events of the past week have taken a serious toll on us as an Aquatic Family and as a Nation. I appreciate those of you who have stayed in Dearborn and tried to continue your work under incredible circumstances. I sincerely hope your efforts were fruitful.

I only wish that I were able to get to Dearborn to be with you, as do so many other of our members who have been literally left at the airport. I feel it is important for us to get back to our normal activities as soon as possible for to do anything less would be exactly what the enemies of America want.

I thought you all should know that as President of USAS I have received several phone calls, emails and faxes from aquatic friends around the world expressing concern and sympathy for America these past few days. It is rewarding to know that there are many friends out there who are genuinely concerned for our safety and feelings. The FINA Bureau, Russia, Great Britain, Canada, Sweden, Mexico and Australia have all contacted me and expressed sympathy. I'm certain that you all will receive similar contacts from our concerned friends.

As you continue with this evening's activities, I want to congratulate all of those who are receiving awards and applaud all of you who are so dedicated to our sports. I can't tell you how proud I am of our USAS Convention Committee members who have made tremendous efforts to serve you all.

I would like to leave you with the following quote:

"Tomorrow, as we attempt to reconstruct our world, let us resolve not to lose sight of the things that are important.... Let us resolve to keep our minds focused on the things that draw us together, on the things that endure, on the things that count -- faith, family, and freedom."

Tom Gompf

ADJOURNMENT

There being no new business to come forth, the 2001 USA Swimming House of Delegates meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm on Friday, September 14.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Kathleen E. Parker
Executive Coordinator

Dale Neuburger
President



Attachments List
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- Attachment #1 Page 4 – **Executive Director State of the Sport Report 2001**
- Attachment #2 Page 5 – **2002 Budget**
- Attachment #3 Page 6-7 – **Rules and Regulations**