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As you probably know from convention, a new initiative to allow NCAA Div I times to now also go into the USA Swimming side of SWIMS (as distinct from the NCAA side) if the meet is authorized as observed meet. The rules for when an LSC may authorize a collegiate meet to be observed have also been substantially relaxed as explained in the attached sample letter that Suzanne Heath (Times and Recognition Chair) sent out on Friday.

We have 6 NCAA Div I programs in our territory -- Maryland, GMU, GWU, Georgetown, American and Howard.

Up to now we have only been allowed to authorize observation of the invitational meets (GMU and UMD) conduct just before Thanksgiving each year and Conference Championships.-- Colonial hosted by GMU happens in our territory each year, ACC's hosted by UMD happens right now every 3 years -- next one will probably be 2009. The Northeast Conference also has its Conf Champs at PGS&LC each year.

We have historically charged \$100 for each meet we observe.

I expect that GMU and Maryland will want to have all their home meets observed as they already normally have sufficient officials present to satisfy the requirements. Boots is checking with GMU and Dave Diehl and/or myself will check with UMD.

Steed Edwards is now coordinating staffing of meets at GWU, American and Georgetown -- he is checking to see if they want to add the additional officials necessary to meet the requirements. I have asked Mike OBrien if he will do so for Howard.

The issue for the Board to address is whether PVS should change the \$100 it has historically charged for each meet it authorizes for observation.

I would propose that PVS change this to \$100 for each **season**. It would only apply to colleges at the moment. The fee for HS and other parties making requests would not change.

The administrative burden on PVS of observing these meets has gone down. Aside from the USA-S observers who need to be there and who are already there since they agreed to work the meet. we only need once a year process a formal request from the schools as to what meets they want observed, and then after each meet get from the meet referee at each meet a statement that sufficient officials were

in fact present and that there were either no USA-S only DQ's or if there were -- on whom they were called, the event and the reason. I (or whoever is doing the function) will then forward that information on to Suzanne Heath. We no longer have to load the results into SWIMS or try to match names from the meet with those in the data base when SWIMS can't make an automatic match. The later has been a substantial workload.

John