

**Items from the General Chair**  
**VSI Board Meeting**  
**Oct. 5 & 6, 2007**

- 1) I met with the General Chairs from PVS and MD while at Convention and we spent quite a bit of time discussing the way we handle business in our LSCs as well as various ways we could work together. All of us are very interested in maintaining open communication on any controversial issues such as the LSC boundaries.

Because LSCs receive funding from USA-S once every three years, it seems reasonable for us to share the responsibilities of hosting a Swimposium on a rotational basis to take advantage of that funding every year. I believe we are due to receive funding next year, so I volunteered our services and they indicated they would be willing to come to Richmond or Williamsburg for the event.

Action Item: Set a date for our Swimposium next fall and invite MD and PVS.

- 2) USA-S House of Delegates passed an amendment to the LSC Bylaws Template requiring 20% participation on any Board of Review Panel. We currently have one athlete representative on the BOR but we need to determine a way to ensure that the requirement is met.

Action Item: Add serving on the BOR, if needed, to the list of responsibilities of the Sr. Athlete Rep.

- 3) USA-S House of Delegates approved an amendment to Rules and Regulations Article 102.5. It is no longer a requirement that swimmers must enter a meet with their best times. It is still allowable for a host team to require best times but that it must be so stated in the meet invitation. While it might be inferred that this change would allow a swimmer to enter a meet for which he is too fast, that is not the case. We need to make certain that the change is not misinterpreted in that way.

- 4) The House of Delegates also approved changes to the Top 16 Recognition program which will allow the Times/Recognition Committee greater flexibility. Changes to the program are forthcoming and Terry will explain further when the details are available.

- 5) SWIMS has added an NCAA database that will provide D1 colleges and universities the same capabilities as our LSCs and teams now have. Observed swims of USA-S registered athletes will be attached to the swimmer and available for use for sanctioned meets. (Terry will correct me if I have this wrong.) The times from NCAA D1 meets will be loaded by USA-S staff members.
- 6) Walter Smith was nominated for Non-Coach Zone director and was narrowly defeated in a run-off election.
- 7) At the banquet last Saturday night Louise Limerick was one of nine individuals recognized by United States Aquatic Sports as a volunteer who has been "one of our most faithful workers" (a quote from the program).
- 8) Kevin Hogan, Tom Elliott, and Charles Seltman have been selected to officiate at USA-S SC Nationals in Atlanta in November.
- 9) I would like to form a Governance Task Force to consider several items:
  - a. is forming a quadrennial plan reasonable and desirable for VSI?
  - b. are our current methods of scheduling, awarding and financing meets effective or do they need to be modified?
  - c. does our current method of governance meet the needs of our LSC?

**Action Item: Approve the formation of a Governance Task Force of five to seven individuals to study these ideas and others.**