



# CONVENTION ROUNDUP

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**Welcome to Detroit!** The 27th Annual USAS Convention kicked off on Monday, including approximately 1,200 representatives. From USA Swimming, more than 600 delegates made the trip to Detroit for seminars and meetings that will impact the organization's rules, events, programs and governance in the coming years.

## Committee Reports

### Board of Directors

At today's USA Swimming Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the 2007 Proposed Operating Budget, which will now go to the House of Delegates for final approval. Ken August, Vice-Chair of the USA Swimming Foundation, and Jason Zajac, Vice President of Ketchum, made a presentation that brought to the Board up to speed on the work that has been done over the past 8-9 months on the strategic plan and fundraising strategy. Mr. August then outlined the plans for the next few months, which include the development of a more detailed budget and a work plan for the annual and capital fund drives that will be launched in 2007.

### Awards Committee

In the past, the club that won the National Championships team title was presented with the traveling Lippman Cup, which it kept until the next Nationals. Beginning in 2007, the winning club will receive a replica of the Lippman Cup. This will allow the winning club to keep the replica, while the actual trophy will be kept on display in Colorado Springs.

### Awards Committee (cont'd)

The "Rookie of the Meet" award will be given at the National Championships (both short and long course), and at the Olympic Trials. Athletes that compete in one of these meets will be ineligible from receiving this award at future meets. The Rookie of the Meet must be a U.S. citizen, eligible to represent the USA in international competition.

The Awards Committee approved a Diversity Inclusion Award to be presented at the USAS Convention annually (beginning in 2007).

USA Swimming will nominate Summer Sanders (Contemporary Athlete), Helen Madison (Pioneer Athlete) and Teri McKeever (Coach) for the International Hall of Fame of the Women's Sports Foundation.

**On the Web:** Lose your schedule? Want to read about all of this year's nominees? Visit [usaswimming.org](http://usaswimming.org) and click on the Volunteers tab to get to the special Convention section.

**Weather Forecast for Tomorrow** (Wednesday, Sept. 13)  
Morning forecast calls for showers and temperatures in the low 60's ... Temperatures to hit 70 by early afternoon with isolated thunderstorms ... Thundershowers expected to continue until approximately 9 p.m. with an overnight low of 62.

**Today's Swimming Trivia:** Well-known musician Yanni has a significant link to competitive swimming. What is it?

*Find the answer in tomorrow's edition*