



THE CONVENTION COURIER 2007

Friday, September 28, 2007

Convention Connection

"The Visa workshop was really cool. I learned about finances and it was actually entertaining! And thanks for the food."

-Sarah G.

"Go USA Swimmers!"

-Unsigned

If you have a message for another delegate that you'd like included in tomorrow's *Convention Courier*, please submit it to Jamie Fabos at jfabos@usaswimming.org or leave it in an envelope at the hotel's front desk by 5 p.m. tomorrow. Submissions will appear in each night's *Convention Connection* on a space-available basis.

Saturday's Meeting Schedule

7:00am - 9:50am	<i>Managers Training Workshop</i>
8:00am - 10:00am	Voting delegates pick up ballots
8:00am - 9:30am	<i>Registration Forum - Round Table</i>
8:30am - 9:30am	Athletes Committee
10:00am - 12:00pm	House of Delegates
1:00pm - 4:30pm	House of Delegates
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Did You Know?

Carrie Underwood, the 2007 Country Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year, turned heads in the months after her American Idol win, by appearing slim and fit on the red carpet scene. So how did she do it? You guessed it-swimming! Other Hollywood bodies sculpted by swimming? **David Duchovny, Jesse "The Body" Ventura, Mariah Carey & Carson Daly.**

Saturday's Weather

Morning clouds with clearing by late afternoon and a high of 72 degrees. Evening temperatures will drop into the low 60's. Sunset is at 6:39 p.m.

Friday's Meeting Summaries

SWIMS Registration Workshop (Thursday): More than 40 LSC Registration/Membership Chairs attended the SWIMS Workshop. Members of the national committee demonstrated some of the more advanced features of SWIMS (Swimming's Web-based Interactive Membership System). Demonstrations included: The new NCAA project, using Group Codes for reports and labels, how to view an electronic registration file before uploading it, using Word to create mail merge custom reports, using Excel to create custom reports, using the LSC Registrar web page, how to back up computer files, how to run a Background Screen report and an online demo of the Team Manager eLearning program.

Registration/Membership Committee Business Mtg (Thursday): The committee reviewed its 2007 goals, with a commitment to the continued enhancement of SWIMS and communication with LSC registrars. Connie Harvey, from the American Red Cross, brought the committee and guests up-to-date on the significant changes that go into effect tomorrow for the delivery of Safety Training for Swim Coaches to our members. The committee also heard reports from the eLearning Task Force, SWIMS Enhancement Task Force and the LSC Task Force.

Safety Education Committee: Based on positive comments from the first Risk Management Workshop held in August, the committee recommended that the workshop be held again in 2009. The committee discussed guidelines for the number of marshals which will be added to the Safety Loss Control Manual. The Committee will ask President Wood to appoint a task force to educate athletes on the complaint filing process. Connie Harvey from the American Red Cross reported on the changes to Safety Training for Swim Coaches, which will be implemented Sept. 28. The committee would like to see a task force created to implement the new procedures and inform the memberships about the changes. A Safety Day at Olympic Trials is being discussed. Challenge courses for CPR, First Aid and Safety Training for Swim Coaches will be offered Friday morning.

Convention Education Committee: The Committee presented its fourth and fifth workshops this week with "Using the Web as a Marketing Tool for Clubs/LSCs" and "Advanced Webmaster Workshop." At the first seminar, attendees learned:

- How to create a useful website that will serve members, recruit new members and position the Club as a contributing member of the community;
- Simple visual communications rules to make websites more professional
- Ideas on improving searchability & content
- COPPA regulations
- The Make a Splash water safety materials available through USA Swimming

At the "Advanced" workshop, Robbert van Andel and Eamon Ford presented tips on:

- Google Tools to enhance your website
- Encrypting email addresses
- Database marketing and management

International Relations Committee: The IRC confirmed its strategic plan of the following items (names in parenthesis are the leaders in each area):

- Autonomous Sport (Chuck Wielgus)
- Well Promoted Sport (Dale Neuburger)
- Clean Sport (John Leonard)
- Well Governed Sport (Trent Staley - athletes, John Wilson - officials, Michael Lawrence - coaches)
- Equitable Sport (Carol Zaleski)

A FINA Extraordinary Congress will be held in Manchester, England in April of 2008 (before the short course World Championships). At this congress, the World Anti Doping Agency Code will be presented, as well as some clarifications on Open Water Swimming rules. A proposal on using underwater video cameras for judging will also be presented and considered.