



# THE CONVENTION COURIER 2007

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

## Welcome to the 2007 USAS Convention!

USA Swimming welcomes everyone to the 2007 U.S. Aquatic Sports Convention. We thank all attendees for taking time out of their busy schedules to be here in Anaheim this week.

Throughout the week, look for the *The Convention Courier* to arrive under your hotel room door each night. The *Courier* will include a wrap up of each day's meetings, notes from delegates (see the new "Convention Connections" section below) and other fun features.

We look forward to another fantastic week of sharing ideas, networking and, of course, progress!

***USA Swimming wishes a special welcome to our first-time attendees!***

## Convention Connections

Do you have a thank you or congratulatory message for a fellow delegate? Do you want to give kudos to a committee for an especially productive session? If so, Convention Connections is your place to do just that!

To submit items for Convention Connections, email your message (no more than 35 words please) to Jamie Fabos [jfabos@usaswimming.org](mailto:jfabos@usaswimming.org). Entries must be received by 5 p.m. daily, and will be included on a space-available basis.

Thanks, in advance, for your contributions!

## Thursday's Meeting Schedule

8:00am - 9:50am	Age Group Development Committee Officials Committee Meeting/Workshop
8:00am - 11:50am	Olympic Int'l Operations Cmte (OIIOC)
8:00am - 9:50am	LSC Board of Review Workshop
9:00am - 10:30am	Disability Swimming Cmte - Business Mtg
10:00am - 12:00pm	Diversity Committee - Business Mtg Sports Medicine/Science Workshop From Minis to Olympians Registration Workshop - SWIMS Rules & Regulations Committee
11:00am - 12:00pm	Scholastic All America Task Force
12:00pm - 2:00pm	General Chairs' Luncheon
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Disability Swimming Workshop
1:00pm - 2:50pm	Registration/Membership Cmte - Business Mtg Tricks, Tips & Traps - Club/LSC Financial Management National Board of Review Certification Diversity Workshop
1:00pm - 4:50pm	Olympic Int'l Operations Cmte (OIIOC)
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Athletes Meeting - First Timers Governance Committee - Business Mtg
3:00pm - 4:30pm	Burning Issues for Officials
3:00pm - 4:50pm	2008 Budget Meeting Safety Education Committee Times & Recognition Committee - Business Mtg National Events Workshop LSC Age Group Chairs Workshop
4:00pm - 5:30pm	Athlete Leadership Seminar
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Major Aquatic Facility Directors' Association
5:00pm - 6:50pm	Women in Aquatics Reception
6:00pm - 7:00pm	Athletes' Welcome Reception - Meet & Greet
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Zone Meetings

## The Big Idea Board

Do you have an idea that you believe will help us in our shared mission to Build the Base, Grow the Sport and Achieve Competitive Success? If so, we want to hear it!

New this year, the "Big Idea Board" is located just adjacent to Registration. You'll find pads of sticky notes next to the board, waiting for your ideas. Please write down your idea, comment or suggestion and post it on the board. We look forward to your input and all of your "Big Ideas!"

## Did You Know?

On Tuesday, the NCAA announced that U.S. National Team swimmer **Whitney Myers** was among nine finalists selected for the NCAA's annual Woman of the Year award. The winner will be announced Oct. 27 at an awards dinner in Indianapolis.

## WEDNESDAY'S MEETING SUMMARIES

**Board of Directors Meeting Highlights (Tuesday):**  
*Note- Due to space, full minutes will be available at [usaswimming.org](http://usaswimming.org)*

### Background Screening and Elections:

This is the first year that Background Screens must be completed by candidates who are running for office at Convention. However, for this year only, if the candidate has proof they have started the process, it will be acceptable for purposes of the election. One of the following documents can be used as proof:

- Printed confirmation from TC logiQ that a screen has been initiated
- Email confirmation from TC logiQ that the screen has been approved

Nominations from the floor will be allowed subject to the following requirements:

- Any coach nominated from the floor must have completed the screen;
- A non-coach nominated from the floor must have already initiated the screen and be able to prove it

Zone Director nominations and elections are subject to the procedures and conditions described above. The Convention & Elections Committee will verify upon request of the current Zone Directors. To initiate a background screen, please go to [www.usaswimming.org/bgscreeninfo](http://www.usaswimming.org/bgscreeninfo). If you encounter any problems with the website, please see Pat Hogan.

### Dates and Locations Proposed for 2009

The following meets dates and locations for 2009 were approved:

Open Water Championships - Fort Myers, June 5-7

U.S. Open - Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center, Federal Way, August 4-8

Speedo Junior National Championships - Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center, Federal Way, August 10-14

ConocoPhillips Short Course Nat'l Championships - Austin, December 3-5

The ConocoPhillips Long Course National Championships, proposed for the Indiana Natatorium, Indianapolis, July 7-11, will be discussed in November.

### 2008 Budget

The 2008 budget was amended with the addition of \$5,100 to the AEC for meetings. The budget was approved.

### AEC

Maddy Crippen will replace Lindsay Mintenko as USOC AAC Alternate Representative.

### Other Discussion Items:

Harold Cliff gave a presentation on the 2008 Olympic Trials in Omaha.

Pat Hogan presented on Facility Relationships. Ron Beegle, Secretary of the USA Swimming Foundation Board of Directors, provided an update on the Foundation's progress.

### Awards Task Force:

The Awards task force is working on the details of a reunion for the former USA Swimming Award recipients at the 2008 USA Olympic Team Trials - Swimming. A luncheon and recognition ceremony are being planned.

The task force will select a replica of the Lippmann Award to be presented to the combined team champion at each ConocoPhillips National Championships.

Volunteer service pins will be awarded to the distinguished volunteers of USA Swimming. These pins are awarded in the order of Bronze - 10 Years, Silver - 20 Years and Gold - 25 Years.

### Senior Swimming Committee:

Time standards were approved for the 2008 U.S. Open (formerly the summer Nationals) and the 2008 Junior National Championships. These lists will be distributed at the meeting of the House of Delegates.

The bonus event formula was modified for the National Junior Championships. It will now be as follows:

- Making 1 qualifying standard allows 1 additional bonus event
- Making 2 qualifying standards allows 2 additional bonus events
- Making 3 qualifying standards allows 3 additional bonus events
- Making 4 qualifying standards allows 4 additional bonus events

**Make a Splash Workshop:**

Several members of USA Swimming's staff gave a presentation on Make a Splash, the national child-focused water safety initiative created by The USA Swimming Foundation. Make a Splash works by aligning the nation's top learn-to-swim resources in an effort to save lives. Make a Splash educates parents through a national awareness campaign, saves lives by joining forces with grassroots learn-to-swim programs and reaches thousands of children through wide-reaching in-school materials.

The Make a Splash workshop covered drowning statistics: 9 people in the US drown each day, and the percentage of minorities in these statistics is nearly triple the national average. The USA Swimming Foundation promotions, retail and merchandising promotions and programs. For more detail, please visit [www.MakeaSplash.org](http://www.MakeaSplash.org).