



PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

To be submitted to Marie Lin (secretary@pacswim.org) the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

To: Board of Directors

From: David Benjamin, General Chair

Re: February 21, 2018 BOD Meeting

1. **First strategic planning session.** Please save the date of Saturday, June 16, 2018 – that's the day that USA Swimming Consultant Arlene McDonald will conduct our first strategic planning workshop. I'm really enthusiastic about this, as I'm sure you know already. I am hoping that you will plan to come so that your voices can be heard when we discuss the values, direction, structure and goals of Pacific Swimming. Arlene is a very skilled facilitator – I think you will enjoy working with her. The session will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at a location to be found by staff.
2. **Meet hosts for 2019 SC and LC Far Westerns.** SCSC is the meet host for 2018 SC Far Westerns, and OAPB is the meet host for 2018 LC Far Westerns. Pacific solicited bids for 2019 Far Westerns from facilities capable of hosting events of this size and significance. We received short course bids from SCSC and PLS, and long course bids from OAPB, WEST and TERA. The Executive Committee had a special meeting on February 11, and unanimously chose SCSC as the host for short course and OAPB as the host for long course, hoping that their 2018 experiences will result in even better meets in 2019.
3. **Safe Sport Coordinator.** I am sorry to say that Michala Rowan, our Safe Sport Coordinator, has resigned so that she can devote more time to her academic studies. She was dedicated to Safe Sport and brought energy and focus to the position. I would like to find a new coordinator just like her. If you'd like to volunteer, or have someone to recommend, please let me know.
4. **USA Swimming Leadership Summit, April 20-22, University of Houston TX:** Pacific will send one coach and two athletes to this conference. I asked Veronica Hernandez to go, as she perfectly fits USA Swimming's selection criteria of someone invested in a coaching career, with a demonstrated interest in LSC and USA governance, and a willingness and enthusiasm for learning. The athletes chose Robert Mitchell and Grace Tramack as the athlete representatives.
5. **2018 Western and Central Zone Workshop, April 27-29, Denver CO.** USA Swimming has invited LSC's to send four representatives to this workshop: the General Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Chair, Safe Sport Chair, and an official nominated by the LSC Officials Chair as someone with the potential to become Officials Chair. Pacific would be responsible for the travel costs (air and ground) for these individuals; USA Swimming would pay lodging and per diem. I recommend that we accept this invitation and pay the travel costs for our attendees.
6. **Open Water Officials Clinic, May 2-6, Tempe AZ.** USA Swimming has invited all Officials Chairs to send a representative to this clinic. The LSC's are responsible for travel costs, USA Swimming covers lodging and per diem. It is a great experience to develop open water officials, which Pacific needs. Mike Davis has nominated Markus Daene, a capable, enthusiastic official and Masters open water (and pool) competitor. We may have an opportunity to send a second official, in which case I think we should send Mike, as it will help him in the development of a program to certify new open water officials. I recommend that we accept this invitation and pay the travel costs for two representatives, if two are allowed.