

General Chair Report to BOD – Sept 15, 2021

Welcome to our first BOD meeting for the 2021-2022 swim year. I would like to welcome all returning members and especially our new board and committee chairs. I would especially like to thank Mary Ruddell for her 10 years of service as our Treasurer. Mary was elected as our new Finance Vice Chair and we are currently in search of a bookkeeper to help with our financial transactions. I also want to especially thank Mike Davis for serving as our LSC Official's Chair for seven years.

I ask for a motion that the BOD approve the following appointees as committee chairs and / or coordinators:

- Phil Grant as our new Official's Chair;
- Mary Ruddell will serve as the Finance Chair per our Bylaws and as will continue as Budget Chair with your approval;
- Don Heidary agreed to continue as Club Development Coordinator;
- Kelly Schott agreed to continue as Safe Sport Coordinator;
- Kent Yoshiwara and Kelly Crowley agreed to continue as Disability, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Co-Chairs
- John Schonder agreed to continue as Open Water Coordinator
- Mike Piccardo will be our new Investment Committee Chair;
- Annie Stein will be our new Meet Scheduling Committee Chair;

I would like to thank all of our members for their patience as we have struggled to through the many months of the COVID pandemic. As all of you know, not all of our clubs survived and we were forced to drastically reduce our programs and swim meets. Thanks to your sacrifices Mary will report later in the meeting that our finances are in much better shape than we ever expected. Although we remain in the grips of the COVID pandemic, we hope that we will be in a recovery year and that we will be able to return to scheduled competition and begin rebuilding our programs.

On Saturday, September 25th, there will be a Special Business Meeting called by USA-S to specifically address the restructuring of the USA-S House of Delegates. Pacific Swimming voting members will be:

Leo Lin, Tony Daly, Veronica Hernandez, Aiden Pflieger, Anika Nagpal, Kyle Kikuta, Clint Benton and myself. The Business meeting will be held via Zoom and is open to all. But everyone wishing to attend (including the voting members) must go to the USA-S website and register. They will then be sent a link to the Zoom meeting.

As mandated by Congress, 33 1/3 of the USA-S HOD must be composed of a combination of 10 year and 10 year+ athletes. Because of the limited number of these athletes available to serve, there must be a reduction in the size of the HOD and the LSCs have lost both the number of delegates and the category of delegates that they will be allowed to send as voting delegates. If this proposal passes, Pacific will be allowed to send one non-athlete, non-coach member and four (4) coach members as voting delegates. While I am deeply disappointed in this proposed HOD structure, I will reluctantly vote in favor since there does not seem to be a viable alternative that will satisfy the conditions imposed by Congress.