

General Chair Report for Sept 21, 2022 BOD Meeting

1. I established my USA Swimming PING account completed registration for the 2022-2023 membership year. The new account was successfully linked to my previous USA Swimming record. You can print out your new membership card. I was still able to access My Deck Pass from my phone but it will show only information updated through Aug 31, 2022.
2. I completed the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting training required by the State of California (CANRA). Similar to the required Concussion Training Course, this is a onetime requirement and takes between 1 and 2 hours to complete. Issues that I encountered:
 - a. The course on the USA Swimming Learn website that meets this required training is titled: "Mandatory Reporting – Understanding Your Responsibilities". Unfortunately, it is only after you begin this course that you are informed that this course satisfies the CANRA requirement.
 - b. Instructions stated that after Sept 1, the results would be loaded directly into SWIMS and that it would not be necessary to send a certificate to Laurie. When I completed the course I was not able to print out the completion certificate and when I checked my membership card it stated that this course was "Incomplete". Laurie informed me that this was because the date currently must be hand entered by USA Swimming staff.
 - c. Reminder to all coaches and other non-athlete adult members of USA Swimming that this course must be completed by Nov 3rd or you will no longer be a member in good standing. This course is required by the State of California and is in addition to the annual APT training course.
3. WZ DEI committee has placed a motion requesting an increase in funding from 10 cents per athlete to 20 cents per athlete. The reason is that USA Swimming has discontinued their \$5,000 annual grant to this committee and that the costs of holding the DEI camp exceeds their income. This motion is scheduled to be voted on at the Sept 25 WZ business meeting.
4. I have asked Kelly to make a brief report regarding Safe Sport at the HOD. I also would like Dr. Blackwell to make a brief report on the use of Sports Drinks prior to racing. USA Swimming has indicated that they have a Sports Cardiologist who may be able to join the call.
5. We are currently seeking an additional staff member to assist with camps and Pacific-level travel meets (Pac Coast, ZAM and WZ Age Group meets)