



## **NJS General Chair Report NJS BOD – Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> 2023**

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### **NEW MEETING SCHEDULE: BOD/HOD**

As we approach 2023, NJS will be reverting to in person meetings for Board of Director Members. We will meet 4 times annually. Per the fall HOD, the HOD will meet in the spring only moving forward per the by-laws. The body will meet each fall for our annual fall committee meetings with many committees meeting in person. The Board will review division reports, approve financials; consider upcoming proposed legislation to be presented to the HOD.

- February BOD Meeting
- April/May Annual (Spring) HOD Meeting – including a separate BOD Meeting
- September/October Annual Fall Committee Meetings (NEW) – the plan is to have several meetings leading up to a BOD meeting: Athletes, Coaches, Officials, Age Group, Senior, Technical, Championship Standard/Schedule, Governance, DEI, BOD
- December BOD Meeting

### **USA SWIMMING SPRING WORKSHOP - April 20-23, 2023**

The followed are asked to indicate their intentions to the NJS Office, regarding their planned attendance no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>: General Chair– Tristan Formon, Admin– Tom Speedling, Staff– Stephanie Crofton, Coach Reps– Sari Carrol, Eric Harse, Safe Sport– Marlene Curtis, Officials– Judy Sharkey, Technical Planning– Nicole Cicalo-DeCaro, Senior Athlete Rep– Alessandra Abeijon, Junior Athlete Rep– Derek Chang

### **TYR TRI-STATE CUP**

AMS, MA and NJS meet was held in York, PA on MLK weekend. Thank you to Coach Kevin Petto and Stephanie Crofton for their efforts leading up to and throughout the weekend.

### **TRI-STATE TRAINING CAMP**

The Tri-State Taskforce have created a training opportunity at the US Olympic Training Center for 10 athletes from each LSC (5 Female and 5 Male) in late April 2023. Eligibility for interested applicants (athletes and coaches) as well as selection criteria will be forthcoming. Thank you to Nicole Cicalo-DeCaro, David White and Stephanie Crofton for their efforts in the creation of this exciting opportunity for our athletes.

### **NJ SWIMMING DIVISIONS**

NJ Swimming has moved to a consent agenda format for meetings. Division reports will be submitted prior to the meeting by each of the NJ Swimming Division Chairs: Administrative, Age Group, Finance, Senior, Athletes and Coaches. These will be passed as a block unless “*pulled*” for discussion. Should any member of the HOD have questions regarding any of the reports, indicate by stating “PULL” when indicated to do so.

### **NJ SWIMMING BUDGET**

The NJS Finance Committee Chair will be seeking Budget requests for the 2023-24 Budget Year. Please submit to the FC at your earliest convenience.

### **COMMITTEE RELIANCE**

The LSC, HOD, BOD will rely upon our committee structure to vet and approve meet formats, championship structures, policy and procedure proposals and many other matters previously addressed by the BOD. It is critical that NJS has active functioning committees. Coaches, Athletes and Volunteers are encouraged to contact committee chairs if interested in participating.

### **GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

Policy proposals will be due to the Governance Committee no later than February 15<sup>th</sup> each calendar year for consideration. These items will be presented at the Annual (Spring) HOD Meeting and will require either a simple majority (50%) or 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority to pass depending upon whether policy, procedure or bylaw changes. Any items being considered by the HOD, not submitted to the Governance Committee by February 15<sup>th</sup>, will require a 90% majority to pass. It is preferred all proposals are first vetted by committees, divisions and as necessary the BOD before being submitted to the Governance Committee. The Governance committee will determine if the proposals are in compliance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and have merit for consideration by the body.