

## Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00pm

## Roll Call

	Position	Incumbent	Present	Absent
1	General Chair	Jim Bowen	X	
2	Administrative Vice-Chair	Adam Zaczkowski	X	
3	Senior Vice-Chair	Ryan Callan		X
4	Co-Age Age Group Vice-Chair	Joanne Butters	X	
	Co-Age Age Group Vice-Chair	Christine Regelsberger	X	
5	Finance Vice-Chair	John Kingston	X	
6	Secretary	Martha Keating		X
7	Treasurer	Steve Snyder	X	
8	Senior Coach Representative	William Chidsey		X
9	Junior Coach Representative	Becky Sapio	X	
10	Senior Athlete Representative	Nick Olson	X	
11	Junior Athlete Representative	Nick Burdo		X
12	Safety Committee Chair	Vacant		
13	Technical Planning Committee Chair	Christine Phelps		X
	Membership/Registration Coordinator	Jim Bowen		
14	General Chairman Appointment - 1	Bob Matlack	X	
15	General Chairman Appointment - 2	Jim Stromski	X	
16	General Chairman Appointment - 3	Greg Danner	X	
17	General Chairman Appointment - 4	Shawn Parkhurst		X
	General Chairman Appointment - 5	Vacant		
18	Webmaster	Eric Stimson	X	
	Immediate Past General Chair	Marci Callan	X	

## Reading, correction and adoption of October 2, 2014 minutes

- A motion was made by Bob Matlack and seconded by Jim Bowen to accept the minutes as currently posted on the Niagara web site. The motion was approved.

## Advice and Consent to Appointments

- Safety and Safe Sport Committee**

A motion was made by Jim Bowen to appoint Christopher Torell as chair of the Safety and Safe Sport committees. The motion was approved.

- Eastern Zone Board of Review**

A motion was made by Jim Bowen to appoint Eric Stimson, Greg Danner and Christopher Torell to the Eastern Zone Board of Review. The motion was approved.

## Unfinished business

- None

## New business

- Niagara Swimming Zone Team Policy & Procedures**

A motion was made by Christine Regelsberger and seconded by Steve Snyder to approve the attached changes to the Zone Team Policies & Procedures. The motion was approved.

- Eastern Zone Technical Planning Committee**

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A motion was made by Adam Zaczkowski and seconded by Jim Bowen to have the Senior and Junior Coach Representatives serve as the Niagara LSC members on this committee. The motion was tabled.

- **Administrative Official Re-Certification Requirements**

A motion was made by Jim Stromski and seconded by Eric Stimson to require Administrative Officials to work a minimum of two (2) sessions per year - at least one session must be as the administrative official, the remaining may be in any of the 6 positions for which the Administrative Official supervises/directs: Entry/Registration Personnel, Clerk of Course, Timing System Operator, Scoring Personnel, Timing Judge, or Meet Management Software Operator.

A motion to amend was made by Jim Bowen and seconded by Steve Snyder to change “two (2) sessions per year” to “four (4) sessions per year”. The motion to amend was approved. Then the main motion was approved.

- **Niagara SCY Championship Time Standards**

A discussion took place regarding changes to the time standards for this season’s meets. It was agreed that a proposal would be presented to the BOD at the December meeting for approval.

### Reports of officers, committees and coordinators

- Administrative Vice-Chair

- ◆ The Eastern Zone Technical Planning chair has distributed proposed qualifying times for the Eastern Zone Senior Meet and proposed changes to the athlete eligibility provisions for Eastern Zone meets. These proposals will be discussed at the 2015 spring meeting.

- Officials Chair

- ◆ Bruce Stratton, immediate past USA Swimming president, will be attending the March Speedo meet in Ithaca as an evaluator.

- Webmaster

- ◆ Eric reminded us all, that an audit of the financial records needs to be conducted.

### Adjournment

- A motion was made by Adam Zaczkowski and seconded by everyone to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

The Age Group Co-Chairs would like to amend the current language in the Policy and Procedure Manual of Niagara Swimming Zone Team. Section VI: Athletes Part D Selection Process (page 17-18) to include athletes that have not met NIZT qualifying standards. The rationale behind this is that registered members (mostly 10 and under, some boys events but can include other events ie: distance) missed making the team by .01 second in an event and was left off the team. At times the AGC placed athletes in an event significantly slower or were unable to fill spots based on athletes who were selected (max entries met or NT from athletes). Please see amended language below in **red**:

#### D. Selection Process – SC and LC (page 17-18)

##### Short Course:

The AGC will meet immediately following the Niagara LSC Short Course Championship meet in a predetermined location.

The selection meeting is closed to those not a part of the AGC, NIZT Coaching Staff or Niagara Board of Directors. Only those who are a part of the AGC will have selection rights.

All athletes who registered with the NIZT and have includable cut times will be considered for the NIZT. **The Age Group Chair(s) will reserve the right to add an athlete who is registered with NIZT and who has not achieved any NIZT cut time to fill eligible spots on the team.** Each meet defines the eligibility window for entries. The NIZT will only consider times in SWIMS at time of selection, with exception of the Niagara LSC SC Championship Meet. Times not in SWIMS will not be eligible for consideration

#### IV. On Deck and Meet Staff (page 5)

##### C. Assistant coaches

Assistant Coaches (AC) are also an integral part of the ZT's success. He or she is the point person for all in-meet decisions for their age group in concert with the HC. He or she is also important for the selection process of the team. The ACs are selected by the Age Group Committee, the TAGM and the HC. The term is a 12 month position; September 1 to August 31.

There will be 1 (one) if not more ACs for each of the following groups:

10&Under 11&12 13&14 15&Over

Additional ACs will be selected based on the number of athletes per gender.

To be eligible to be an AC, one should register via the current selection process as defined on the Niagara Swimming or Niagara Zone Team Website. The AC must also fill out any forms as directed by the TAGM. The AC must have a valid, state issued driver's license. The AC must be a registered USA Swimming (USAS) member in good standing as a coach. **At the conclusion of the coach registration process, if there are vacancies in the coaching staff or applicants are not qualified, the TM/AGC will appoint AC to fill the needs of the team.**

Selection of the AC will be as follows:

- Past ZT experience (either with NI or another LSC)
- Past number of "Home Team" Swimmers on previous ZTs
- Current projected number of "Home Team" Swimmers on ZTs
- Resume items including previous employment history and experiences as a coach
- Character Assessment
- References (as needed)

## James L. Bowen Jr

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**From:** Jim Stromski <jrstromski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 11:00 PM  
**To:** James L. Bowen Jr  
**Subject:** Item for BoD meeting...

Jim,

I just received my first question re recertification as AO earlier today. When we got this going, we came up with immediate and 'going forward' initial certification requirements, but I don't recall (and can't find anything in the email archive) about recertification requirements specifically relating to the number of sessions one must do to maintain certification. It says 4 on the Officials Swim Guide page, but that's probably an artifact from me copying another section of the table to include the AO position. USA Swimming's minimum Standards Guide reads:

To maintain certification, must work a minimum of four (4) sessions per year – at least one session must be as the administrative official, the remaining may be in any of the 6 positions for which the Administrative Official supervises/directs: Entry/Registration Personnel, Clerk of Course, Timing System Operator, Scoring Personnel, Timing Judge, or Meet Management Software Operator. May also work in a higher capacity (based on LSC determination as to designated certifications). Based on continuing USA Swimming membership and satisfactory performance.

The problem with this is that many clubs only hold 1 two session meet per year, which makes it difficult to meet that requirement without having to AO at another club's meet. I would like to suggest a minimum of 2 AO sessions per year as the recertification requirement.

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James Stromski

"Like a spiral on the wind,  
I can hear it screamin' in my mind

Long live rock and roll"

-- Ronnie James Dio and Ritchie Blackmore, Rainbow, 'Long Live Rock and Roll'

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total
Athlete - New	80	594	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	674
Athlete - Renew	355	1,107	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,462
Outreach - New	10	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Outreach - Renew	11	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
Seasonal - New	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seasonal - Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
2015	456	1,772	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	194	2,608	3,601	4,625	5,192	5,371	5,495	5,642	5,987	6,077	6,251	6,283
2013	364	2,888	3,913	4,797	5,298	5,559	5,670	5,825	6,199	6,306	6,461	6,478
2012	1	2,256	3,203	4,199	4,689	4,935	5,091	5,199	5,393	5,602	5,715	5,737
2011	112	2,025	3,280	4,064	4,915	5,121	5,244	5,323	5,513	5,701	5,828	5,828
2010	255	2,413	3,558	4,567	5,190	5,429	5,522	5,631	5,913	6,072	6,219	6,279
2009	208	2,650	3,740	4,863	5,303	5,508	5,615	5,759	6,204	6,374	6,499	6,543
2008	132	2,285	3,418	4,310	5,006	5,244	5,349	5,523	5,811	5,863	6,064	6,106
2007	148	1,931	3,064	4,041	4,685	4,816	4,974	5,034	5,425	5,590	5,666	5,731
2006	39	1,868	3,264	4,303	4,862	5,084	5,200	5,250	5,554	5,700	5,844	5,914
2005	1	1,753	3,485	4,485	4,907	5,364	5,510	5,621	5,913	6,024	6,120	6,120
2004	88	1,050	2,475	3,821	4,739	5,009	5,192	5,265	5,513	5,672	5,848	5,884

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
2014	135%	-32%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%	-100%
2013	-47%	-10%	-8%	-4%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-3%	-3%	-4%	-3%	-3%
2012	19300%	16%	12%	10%	11%	9%	8%	9%	11%	8%	9%	10%
2011	73%	29%	10%	14%	6%	5%	5%	6%	9%	7%	7%	8%
2010	-24%	8%	1%	1%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
2009	-7%	-2%	-4%	-5%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-3%	-5%	-4%	-4%
2008	47%	14%	5%	7%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%
2007	31%	35%	18%	14%	11%	12%	10%	12%	10%	9%	10%	10%
2006	397%	40%	10%	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%	8%	7%	7%	6%
2005	19300%	49%	3%	3%	6%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%
2004	120%	148%	45%	21%	10%	7%	6%	7%	9%	7%	7%	7%

### Cumulative Athlete Registrations by Month

