

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:15pm

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	Chris Torell	X	
	Technical Planning Committee Chair	William Chidsey		
	Membership/Registration Coordinator	Jim Bowen		
13	General Chairman Appointment - 1	Bob Matlack	X	
14	General Chairman Appointment - 2	Jim Stromski	X	
15	General Chairman Appointment - 3	Greg Danner	X	
16	General Chairman Appointment - 4	Shawn Parkhurst		X
	General Chairman Appointment - 5	Vacant		
17	Webmaster	Eric Stimson	X	
	Immediate Past General Chair	Marci Callan		X
	General Chair Elect	Eric Lind	X	
	Secretary Elect	Sara Smith	X	
	Junior Coach Representative Elect	Chris Musshafen	X	
	Junior Athlete Representative Elect	Jared Kettinger		X

Reading, correction and adoption of March 22, 2015 minutes

- A motion was made by Eric Stimson and seconded by Adam Zaczkowski to accept the minutes as currently posted on the Niagara web site. Matty Matuszewski was added as an attendee to the USA Swimming Safety Chairs meeting. The amended minutes were approved.

Reading, correction and adoption of April 23, 2015 Executive minutes

- A motion was made by Adam Zaczkowski and seconded by Eric Stimson to accept the minutes as currently posted on the Niagara web site. The minutes were approved.

Advice and Consent to Appointments

- Eric Lind, Sara Smith, Chris Musshafen and Jared Kettinger shall have voice but no vote in all meetings of the Board of Directors until they assume office on September 1, 2015.

Unfinished business

- None**

New business

- **Eastern Zone 2016 Age Group Longcourse Championships**

There are two competing bids, Metropolitan and Virginia. [See attached]

After a brief discussion, the board voted to cast our ballot for the Metropolitan LSC.

- **Delegates to the 2015 United States Aquatic Sports Annual Convention**

In accordance with §606.7.11 of the bylaws, it shall be the duty and privilege of the following to attend the USA Swimming fall meeting as representatives of NI and voting delegates to the USA Swimming House of Delegates.

General Chair	Eric Lind
Administrative Vice Chair	Adam Zaczkowski
Age Group Co-Vice Chairs	Joanne Butters / Christine Regelsberger
Senior Vice Chair	Vacant
Senior Athlete Representative	Nick Burdo
Senior Coach Representative	Becky Sapio

A motion was made by Jim Bowen and seconded by Ryan Callan to reimburse the following Niagara member's attendance at the convention. The motion was approved.

Registrar	Eric Stimson
Jr. Athlete Representative	Jared Kettinger
Officials Chair	Jim Stromski
Diversity Chair	Mike Switalski
Technical Planning Chair	Will Chidsey
Immediate Past General Chair	Jim Bowen

- **Meet Director Training**

Proposal from Donna Striley, Union Aquatics Club - [See attached]

A lengthy discussion took place and a compromise solution was approved to have a webcast of the Meet Directors Workshop as it takes place preceding each regularly scheduled HOD meeting. Details to record attendance, participation and testing will be established.

- **HOD Meeting Location Rotation**

Proposal from Donna Striley, Union Aquatics Club - [See attached]

The Niagara bylaws were amended at the October 3, 2004 House of Delegates meeting to remove the HOD meeting location requirement. The primary reason for this change was the difficulty in finding local clubs willing to volunteer to secure an appropriate venue to host the meetings.

§604.7 MEETING LOCATION AND TIME - All meetings of the House of Delegates shall be held within the Territory. The Board of Directors shall determine by resolution the location and time of all meetings of the House of Delegates, in accordance with a schedule that shall, over a consecutive eight-year period, rotate meetings among each of the four regions (namely Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and the Southern Tier) such that an annual meeting at which elections are held shall be located once in each region during such eight-year period.

Subsequent to the bylaw change, a \$100.00 reduction in the club renewal fee was enacted for those clubs that attended the HOD meeting. The proposal to rotate the location of the HOD meetings was defeated. The proposal to provide travel expenses to clubs to attend HOD meetings was also defeated.

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- **Sanction Fees**
Proposals from Adam Zaczkowski - [See attached]
Both proposals to modify the Niagara Policies & Procedures were discussed and approved.
- **Fines**
Proposals from Adam Zaczkowski - [See attached]
The proposals were discussed and a number of alternatives were offered. It was agreed to table the motion until the June BOD meeting, when changes to §202.2.10 of the Policies & Procedures would be presented along with changes to the 'Meet Report' and the 'Meet Financial Summary'.
- **Athlete Travel Reimbursement – Eastern Zone Senior Championships**
Proposal from Jim Bowen - [See attached]
The motion to add the Eastern Zone Senior Championships to the list of meets approved for reimbursement was approved.
- **Athlete Travel Reimbursement Criteria**
Proposal from Will Chidsey - [See attached]
The proposal was discussed with a number of alternatives were offered and a number of questions unanswered. It was agreed to table the motion until the June BOD meeting, when changes to the 'Travel Reimbursement Criteria and Eligibility Requirements' document would be formally presented.

Reports of officers, committees and coordinators

- **General Chair**
The Eastern Zone Spring meeting was held in Virginia Beach on May 8th and 9th; attend by Jim Bowen, Adam Zaczkowski, Will Chidsey, Mike Switalski, Nick Burdo, Rick Aronberg and Marci Callan.
 - ◆ The Pennsylvania State Act 153 of 2014 will have a direct impact on paid employees working with children **and** unpaid volunteers in Pennsylvania, including those volunteering in churches, faith-based organizations and **youth sports programs**. Similar legislation is possible in other states.
 - ◆ The following meets were awarded:
 - 2016 Short Course Age Group Championship
March 24-26, 2016, Webster, NY (hosted by Fairport Swimming)
 - 2016 Speedo Sectionals Long Course Region 1 (North)
March 30-April 3, 2016, Buffalo, NY (hosted by Star Swimming)
 - 2016 Speedo Sectionals Long Course Region 2 (South)
March 30-April 3, 2016, Richmond, VA (hosted by Poseidon Swimming)
 - 2016 Speedo Sectionals Spring Short Course
March 30-April 3, 2016, Ithaca, NY (hosted by Syracuse Chargers)
 - ◆ The following nominations were made for election in the fall
 - Zone Director John McIlhargy – Metropolitan
Mary Turner – Virginia
 - Technical Planning Chair - Tristan Formon
 - Age Group Chair – Edgar Perez

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- Officials Chair

- ◆ Matty Matuszewski (TTSC) will attend the Safety Chairs Meeting with Chris Torell.
- ◆ Brooks Howard is attending the Officials Chairs Meeting on my behalf. In addition to picking up general information, Brooks will be focusing on gathering information on how others LSCs train their Officials for the role of Chief Judge.
- ◆ At the LSC Short Course Championship in March we (and by 'we' I mean myself, the Meet Ref, and Lead CJ) found out the hard way that we are doing a great disservice to Niagara Officials in preparing them to perform the duties of a CJ as expected at the N2 and N3 levels. For the most part at our local meets, the CJ is the person who roams the deck and takes calls from the S&T Judges, relays those calls to the Referee, and makes sure a DQ slip is filled out and notifies the coach/swimmer and timing table. When wanting to advance to the N2 or N3 level as a CJ, however, those are only *part* of the duties of a CJ. At those levels, the CJ is expected to prepare all of those little things that make officiating and running a meet go smoothly from preparing and handing out radios, preparing heat sheets for Starters/Refs, placing chairs and lap counters on deck, and a myriad of other things. We need to do a better job of preparing people for this position. As such, Brooks Howard will bring some ideas back from the Officials Chair meeting and we will devise a way to introduce the proper Chief Judge role to local level meets. Due to the duties of the position, there will necessarily have to be some 'buy in' from Meet Directors in Niagara to allow the CJs to become part of the planning and setup of a meet. More on this going forward.
- ◆ Niagara Officials Out and About
 - Matty Matuszewski (TTSC), Jean Lalomia (SHAQ), June Mundt (UN), and Ruth Miller (UN) represented Niagara at the Arena Pro Series meet in Charlotte, NC, May 14-17, 2015.
 - Fred Leff (CSCI) was selected to officiate at the Speedo Junior Nationals in San Antonio, TX, July 30 - Aug. 3, 2015.
 - Jean Lalomia (SHAQ) and Jim Stromski were selected to officiate at both the Speedo Junior Nationals and Phillips 66 National Championships in San Antonio, TX, July 30 - Aug. 10, 2015. Jean had to decline both due to family issues. Jim declined the Juniors offer and will be representing Niagara at Nationals.
 - Bob Matlack will be at Speedo Junior Nationals and Phillips 66 National Championships in San Antonio, TX, July 30 - Aug. 10, 2015 as the Meet Manager software technical expert.

- Membership Chair

There are currently 5,534 athletes, 75 clubs and 3 organizations registered for 2015. Net registration income stands at \$58,950.00 or \$8,125.00 below budget with a little more than three months remaining in the fiscal year. Fines collected to date amount to \$1,100.00

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 pm.

2016 EASTERN ZONE LONG COURSE AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS BID



*At the newly
reconditioned
Nassau County
Aquatic Center*

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING INC.

Metropolitan Swimming, through three of our clubs serving as hosts, is pleased to bid for the long course [2016 Eastern Zone Age Group Championships](#).

Located in beautiful Eisenhower Park, with a new ice rink, golf course and walking trails, the 80,000 SF Nassau County Aquatic Center is one of the best and fastest pools in the country. Having undergone a large renovation including the new state of the art air handling system, this 10 lane long course pool has a full time warm up/down pool and is ready for competition.

The renovated facility also has a new, large video board, dolphin timing system and backstroke starting platforms and our meet referees are already lined up. The facility boasts large deck space, large seating area and ample parking. The NCAC was built for the Good Will Games and has been host to numerous collegiate championships, U.S Open, the Grand Prix and sectionals. The facility was recently re-certified for all courses by USA Swimming.

There is an ample inventory of hotels within a 10 mile radius of the aquatic center with banquet facilities

available. They have been contacted and prices are being negotiated.



THE NASSAU COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER IS ACCESSIBLE FROM ALL THE MAJOR NYC METROPOLITAN AREA AIRPORTS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS READILY AVAILABLE.



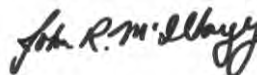
EASTERN ZONE BID SHEET

Meet being bid: Zone Age Group Championship SC __ LC X

Sectional SC__ LC __ Super __

Proposed Meet Date 8/3/16-8/6/16 Bidding LSC Metropolitan Inc.

Signature of General Chair



Facility name & address

Eisenhower Park, Nassau County Aquatic Center: NCAC
Hosted by Sachem Swim Club, New York Sharks and Middies Swim Team
Merrick Ave, East Meadow, New York 11554

Facility description, include timing system description

Built in 1998 as the host of the Goodwill Games the 80,000 square foot center includes a “stretch” FINA Course pool that is 68M long x 25 meters wide (ten lanes) with three moveable bulkheads as well as a 25M diving well. The course is a deep well. There will be ample warm up/down lanes provided continuously through competition. Colorado Timing System will be used as well as a new large video board. Indoor air quality has been excellent since the recent installation of its new air handling system.

Seating Capacity

Swimmers/Coaches on deck 800 Spectators 3000+

What major meets have been hosted at this facility?

Goodwill Games, numerous NCAA Championship meets, World Cup, Sr. Metropolitan Championships and other LSC Championship meets as well as numerous other LSC and Invitational Swim Meets.

What is the parking capacity at the facility?

3000 plus parking spots located in the park

List the local hotels their distance from the facility and how many rooms are available for meet attendees?

Long Island Marriott: 11 floors, 607 Rooms,17 meeting Rooms-Located 1.5 Miles from NCAC

Hyatt Place: 6 Floors, 122 Rooms, 4 meeting rooms,-Located 2.5 miles from NCAC

Hilton Garden Inn: 4 floors, 6 floors, 140 rooms, 2 meeting rooms-Located 3 miles from NCAC

La Quinta Inn and Suites: 5 floors, 129 Rooms, 2 meeting Rooms-Located 1 Mile from NCAC

Holiday Inn Westbury: 2 floors, 152 rooms, 1 meeting room-Located 3 miles from NCAC

Within 10 miles there are many more hotels available

List the local restaurants and their distance from the facility.

Within 15 minutes there are many options for dining including: Cheesecake Factory, On the Border Mexican Grill, PF Changs, Chile's Grill , Panera Bread, TGIF, Texas Road House, Buffalo Wild Wings, Houlihan's, Cafe Formaggio, Giulio & Cesare and many more

List all major activities scheduled within a 50 mile radius of the facility either the week before or the week after the meet.

NONE ADVISED OF

EASTERN ZONE BID SHEET

Meet being bid: Zone Age Group Championship SC __ LC X
Sectional SC__ LC __ Super __

Proposed Meet Date Aug. 3 - 6, 2016 Bidding LSC Virginia

Signature of General Chair 

Facility name & address

Collegiate School Aquatic Center
5050 Ridgedale Parkway, Richmond, VA 23234

Facility description, include timing system description

Indoor 50 m pool with separate 6 lane, 25 yd pool available for warm-up/warm-down
CTS 6 with automatic and semi-automatic timing, backup Dolphin wireless stopwatches
Full color LED scoreboard

Seating Capacity

Swimmers/Coaches on deck 658 comp. pool + Spectators 700
265 warm up pool

What major meets have been hosted at this facility?

2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 LC Eastern Zone Age Group Championships

What is the parking capacity at the facility?

250 plus additional parking at an adjacent shopping center (no shuttle necessary)

List the local hotels their distance from the facility and how many rooms are available for meet attendees?

See attached sheet

List the local restaurants and their distance from the facility.

There are many restaurants within a 10 miles radius of the pool. Many restaurants are near the hotels on the included list.

List all major activities scheduled within a 50 mile radius of the facility either the week before or the week after the meet.

There are no major events currently scheduled for these dates according to the Richmond Chamber of Commerce calendar or the calendar found at Richmond.com

2015 USA SWIMMING CONVENTION DELEGATE INFORMATION

This year's convention will be held at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown at 200 W 12th Street., Kansas City, Missouri.

The hotel is located 20 miles from the Kansas City International Airport (MCI). It is about a 20-minute drive.

MCI has baggage claims and terminal exits at most gates. There is a gray shuttle that provides transportation between terminals.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE INFORMATION:

Yellow Cab (816-243-2345) from Kansas City International will be approximately \$40 + tip (up to three riders) one way. Courtesy phones are located inside and outside the terminal at each bag claim area. Be sure to give dispatcher your correct location.

Super Shuttle (800-258-3826, www.supershuttle.com) offers the Marriott as its first and last stop going to and from the airport - \$34 approximately round-trip per person. Advance reservations not required. Kiosks at all bag claims.

RENTAL CARS:

Hertz offers special rates for USAS (<http://usaquaticsports.org/convention/2015/hertz-offer.pdf>).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT:

- Take I-29 South to Broadway/Highway 169 exit.
- Take Broadway to 12th Street.
- Turn left on 12th Street, go 1 block East.
- Hotel is on left.

PARKING RATES:

Valet parking - \$24/day; self-parking - \$18/day

DINING OPTIONS:

Inside the hotel MetropolitanKC (lobby; American; breakfast, lunch, dinner)
BarCentral (lobby; cocktails and light dinner fare)
Coffee Central (lobby; coffee house)
Room service 6:00am to midnight

Nearby There are a number of restaurants within walking distance downtown. There is also a large neighborhood market and CVS in the area.

The Kansas City Power and Light District (<http://www.powerandlightdistrict.com/>) offers a wide variety of restaurants, shopping and entertainment. The District is just a few blocks from the hotel.

HOTEL SERVICES:

The sleeping rooms are equipped with coffee maker, iron and ironing board and hair dryer. Internet will be available free of charge in meeting rooms and in sleeping rooms.

Check in – 3:00pm; check out – 12:00pm.

Fitness center includes indoor pool and exercise room with cardiovascular machines, free weights, and strength-training machines. Towels are provided.

Hotel reservations must be made online at: <https://aws.passkey.com/g/41446211>. You cannot make group reservations. You must do one room at a time. Room block closes after September 2, 2015. If you plan to reserve a suite, please review the suite guidelines document on the convention page.

COMPUTERS, CYBER CAFÉ, INTERNET:

This year, USA Swimming is providing unlimited wireless internet in all of our meeting rooms. Therefore, the number of computer terminals in the convention cyber café/workroom will be greatly reduced, although printers and a few computers will continue to be available. Delegates are encouraged to bring their own devices – laptops, iPads, tablets, etc. You will be able to print to the On-Site Office from your wireless connection. Basic Internet in the sleeping rooms will also be available complimentary to delegates.

ATHLETE DELEGATES:

All athlete delegates will be required to sign Honor Code, Travel Policy/Authorization, Authorization/Release/Waiver, Athlete Contact Information and Medical Treatment Authorization/Consent forms **prior to arriving** at the convention. Athletes under the age of 18 as of 9/28/2015 will also be required to have parent/guardian signatures on these forms and be assigned to a designated LSC Athlete Supervisor.

These forms are signed electronically. LSCs should begin submitting athlete attendee names and contact information (e-mail address and mobile phone number) to Gina Mensay (gmensay@usaswimming.org) as soon as they are appointed. Information on submitting the forms will be sent to athlete attendees (via e-mail and text) later this summer.

COMMITTEE APPLICATION FORMS:

The committee application form is available online only; hard copies will NOT be accepted. If you would like to serve on a committee, or your current term is expiring in 2015, complete the form by clicking on this link: <https://fs22.formsite.com/usaswimming/form3/index.html>.

The deadline to submit your application is Thursday, October 15, 2015. The president and vice presidents will finalize all committee appointments by mid-November.

(If you are currently serving on a national committee but are not sure when your term expires, check the 2015 Directory, which you received in January. Committees are listed in the front of the directory and the year your term ends appears next to your name in the committee list.)

CONVENTION PRESENTATIONS AND MATERIALS AVAILABLE ONLINE:

Committee chairs and workshop presenters are being asked to submit their convention presentations, hand-outs and materials to USA Swimming so that delegates can access the materials via the USA Swimming convention web page. Check back in late September (www.usaswimming.org/convention).

USA SWIMMING - 2015 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

	MEETING	SPONSOR
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29		
8:30am - 12:00pm	Board of Directors	
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Board of Directors	
4:00pm - 8:00pm	LSC Safe Sport Chair Workshop	Safe Sport Committee
6:00pm - 9:00pm	[Steering Committee]	
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Board of Directors	
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30		
7:45am - 8:45am	[Athlete Executive Committee - Business Meeting]	Athlete Executive Committee
8:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Development Committee	
8:00am - 1:00pm	[Steering Committee]	
9:00am - 10:00am	Our Kids Initiative - Business Meeting	
9:00am - 11:50am	Athlete Meeting	Athlete Executive Committee
10:00am - 12:00pm	Registration/Membership Cmte - Business Meeting	
10:00am - 11:30am	Diversity and Inclusion Meet and Greet	Diversity & Inclusion Committee
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Current and Former Board of Directors Luncheon (by invitation only)	President
1:00pm - 2:50pm	LSC Development Committee - Business Meeting SWIMS Times Module Workshop	Times & Recognition Committee
1:00pm - 3:00pm	[Open Water Steering]	Steering Committee
1:00pm - 5:00pm	Rules & Regulations Committee	
2:00pm - 2:50pm	Diversity and Inclusion "Hot Topics" Roundtable	Diversity & Inclusion Committee
2:00pm - 4:00pm	Awards Committee Disability Swimming Workshop	Disability Swimming Committee
3:00pm - 4:50pm	Club Development Committee - Business Meeting Risk Management Workshop	Operational Risk Committee
3:00pm - 5:00pm	Open Water Steering	Steering Committee
3:00pm - 6:00pm	[Online Membership]	IT Department
3:30pm - 5:30pm	Athlete Meeting	Athlete Executive Committee
4:00pm - 5:00pm	[Awards Committee]	
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Eastern Zone LSC General Chairs' Meeting	Eastern Zone Directors
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Navigating the Convention Maze	Convention Education Committee
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Safe Sport Committee - Business Meeting	
5:30pm - 6:30pm	National Team and OIOC Athlete Issues	Athlete Executive Committee
5:30pm - 7:00pm	Eastern Zone Technical Meeting	Eastern Zone Directors
	Western Zone LSC General Chairs' Meeting	Western Zone Directors
7:00pm - 9:00pm	U.S. Aquatic Sports Welcome Reception Central Zone Preview/Discussion Meeting	<i>Risk Management Services, Inc.</i> Central Zone Directors
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1		
7:00am - 8:00am	Women in Aquatics Breakfast (separate registration)	Women in Aquatics
8:00am - 11:00am	Athlete Community Service	Athlete Executive Committee
8:00am - 9:50am	LSC Age Group Chairs Workshop #2 Make a Splash 101	Age Group Development Committee Foundation MAS Staff
	Officials Committee Meeting/Workshop	Officials Committee
	Convention Education Committee Workshop	Convention Education Committee
9:00am - 11:00am	Steering Committee - Club Coaches Open Forum	
9:00am - 10:30am	Open Water Development Committee - Business Meeting	Open Water Development Committee
10:30am - 12:00pm	Open Water Development Committee - Open Session	Open Water Development Committee
10:00am - 12:00pm	Central Zone Section 1 Coaches Meeting	Central Zone Directors
	Central Zone Region 8 Coaches Meeting	Central Zone Directors
	Central Zone Section 3 Coaches Meeting	Central Zone Directors
	Diversity & Inclusion Committee - Business Meeting	
	Governance Committee - Business Meeting & Open Forum	
	Rules & Regulations Committee	
	Sports Medicine/Science Workshop	Sports Medicine/Science Committee
	SWIMS Registration Workshop	Registration/Membership Committee
11:00am - 1:00pm	[Championship Evaluation Committee - Business Mtg]	
11:30am - 1:00pm	[National Team Evaluation Committee]	OIOC
12:00pm - 1:00pm	General Chairs' Luncheon (by invitation only)	LSC Development Committee
12:30pm - 4:50pm	Athlete Meeting	Athlete Executive Committee
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Scholastic All America Subcommittee	Times & Recognition Committee
1:00pm - 1:45pm	Mighty 2500 Update	LSC Development Committee
1:45pm - 2:30pm	Navigating LEAP thru Excel	LSC Development Committee
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Eastern Zone Coaches' Summit	Club Development Staff
	Safe Sport Workshop: Positive Coaching Alliance	Safe Sport Committee
1:00pm - 2:50pm	LSC Age Group Chairs Workshop #1	Age Group Development Committee
2:00pm - 5:00pm	Olympic Int'l Operations Cmte (OIOC)	
2:00pm - 2:50pm	Get the Most Bang for your Buck: Swim-A-Thon Best Practices	USA Swimming Foundation

Meet Director Training:

Submitted by Donna Striley, Union Aquatics Club

Currently the meet director training only takes place during HOD sessions, all of which are located in Rochester, NY, and scheduled typically once a year during the Spring session. This is inadequate opportunity for a position which is designated as having significant responsibility and required for hosting a sanctioned USA meet. Other positions requiring certification and re-certification, such as all Officials positions, offer training throughout the year, and offer clinics, offer training opportunities locally in regions, and offer testing online. Given the cost of travel and the fact that HOD scheduling take no input from member clubs, it is proposed that the meet director training and testing be offered by means of webcast, if presentation is required, or online training material and testing. If online testing cannot be arranged, then testing should be submitted by mail (email scanned answers or land mail postage). It is also proposed that each region have a certification coordinator that can arrange for in-person training in region localities, much like the clinics held for officials.

Location of HOD meetings:

Submitted by Donna Striley, Union Aquatics Club

All HOD meetings for several years have been scheduled in the Rochester region, requiring up to 6 hours of travel (3+3) for Southern Tier members and 2 hours of travel for Buffalo and Syracuse region clubs. By any regards, and unfair situation. In addition, voting is often influenced by clubs that are present, including votes of athlete representatives. In some cases attending members may be limited or affected by the requirement of travel due to location, and the scheduling of the HOD meetings without membership input or decision. It is proposed that the location of the HOD meeting be rotated to each of the regions of the LSC, provided each region accepts the opportunity to host and can acquire facilities capable of hosting required meetings. Scheduling for a subsequent meeting should be by voted on at the current meeting. (I would suggest an introductory period to prepare for this, if this motion passes.)

In the event that the rotation of the HOD location is not passed, a further proposal that the LSC provide travel expenses (limited and verified by online map services) to clubs traveling greater than an agreed-to minimum distance (proposed 50 miles).

Sanction Fees

Submitted by Adam Zaczkowski

- 1.) Sanction Fees –
 - a.) Proposal 1 (Sanctions): Any new sanction request that is submitted 9 or less days prior to a meet will now incur a \$50/day fee. No proposed changes for 10 or greater days or for observed meets.
 - b.) Proposal 2 (Sanctions): All NI meets where times will be uploaded to SWIMS, with exception of Observed meets will now require a \$25/day sanction fee. Includes league meets, Time Trials, closed meets and open invitationals.

Fines

Submitted by Adam Zaczkowski

- 1.) Fines -
 - a.) Proposal 3 (Meet Reports): Increase due date to 45 days after meet
 - b.) Proposal 4 (Meet Reports): Allow one time (per meet) 30 day extension of report due
 - c.) Proposal 5 (Meet Reports): After initial period and extension, any reports and fees that are late will incur a flat \$100 fee plus \$25/day fee thereafter until reports and fees are provided to NI Administrative Chair.
 - d.) Proposal 6 (Meet Reports): All sanctions and new meet bids will be revoked or suspended until reports are furnished and surcharges and late fees are paid.

Athlete Travel Reimbursement

Submitted by **Jim Bowen**

Except as specified below, Niagara LSC shall not reimburse athletes for, or otherwise defray, the cost of travel to participate in competitions, training camps or other activities, all of which are the responsibility of the athlete or his or her family or club.

Eastern Zone Age Group Meet - Niagara LSC shall be responsible for, and shall arrange, travel as a team to the Eastern Zone All-Star short course meet and long course meet when the meet takes place outside Niagara LSC. When the meet takes place within Niagara LSC, the athlete will be responsible for his or her own travel arrangements to and from the meet; Niagara LSC will be responsible for local transportation only.

Northeast IMX Xtreme Zone Meet – travel support of \$100.00 per swimmer, up to a maximum of \$3,000.00 is available. If the total amount exceeds the budgeted \$3,000.00, the reimbursement per athlete shall be calculated on a prorated basis.

Eastern Zone Senior Championships, Sectional Championships, National Championships and Other Trials Class Meets - Niagara LSC shall, upon proper application (see “Important” below), pay a travel allowance in the amount specified below, to a member club in good standing for (i) each athlete who qualifies for, enters and competes in the **Eastern Zone Senior Championships**, Sectional Championships, the National Championships, Olympic Trials or other Trials Class Meets.

Sectional Championships (limit one per season)	\$200.00
Eastern Zone Senior Championships (limit one per season)	\$200.00
Futures Championships (limit one per season)	\$300.00
Arena Pro Grand Prix/Juniors (limit one per season)	\$400.00
US Open (limit one per season)	\$450.00
National Championships	\$500.00
Olympic Trials (first event swum)	\$750.00
Each subsequent day an event is swum	\$250.00

Athlete Travel Reimbursement Criteria

Submitted by Will Chidsey

You are required to have 12 points to be eligible for reimbursements.

Points are earned as follows:

1 point for each event competed in at a Niagara sanctioned Open Invitational meet during the designated time period.

2 points for each event competed at NI LSC Championships.

When adding them up you must equal 12 or more points.

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total
Athlete - New	80	594	210	87	109	42	45	92	91	0	0	0	1,350
Athlete - Renew	355	1,107	611	1,183	383	116	41	52	48	0	0	0	3,896
Outreach - New	10	19	35	11	6	1	1	5	11	0	0	0	99
Outreach - Renew	11	52	42	34	7	5	2	5	5	0	0	0	163
Seasonal - New	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	10	0	0	0	21
Seasonal - Renew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	5
													5,534

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
2015	456	2,228	3,126	4,441	4,946	5,110	5,199	5,366	5,534	5,534	5,534	5,534
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%	-15%	-13%	-4%	-5%	-5%	-5%	-5%	-8%	-9%	-11%	-12%
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

