

Meeting Minutes - Disability Committee

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:30 PM

I. **Attendance:** Benjamin Colin, Julia Wittnebel, Bill Brown, Olivia Chambers

II. Grants for Swimmers with Disabilities

- Proposal document ([Grants for Swimmers with Disabilities](#)) reviewed and discussed. Amendment to clarify that “currently participating swimmers with disabilities” includes club members and meet entrants made. **Approved.**
- Motion to temporarily adjust the first period from August to December for the 2025-26 fiscal year. Rationale being ensuring fiscal year allotment is available and capability of utilizing grant funds prior to winter championships. **Approved.**
- Discussed distributing information about available grants via email and social media, including “newsletter ready” format. Coordinate with the IASI Office on sending information directly to swimmers with disabilities.
- Desire to explore shared equipment to support swimmers with disabilities at competitions, especially championship meets. The committee will consult the General Chair on process for additional allocations to meet additional needs and draft next steps.

III. Address Questions Regarding [Championship Format](#)

- Discussed whether a swimmer that declares for disability scoring is eligible for able-bodied relays. Motion that swimmers with disabilities must declare in individual events but any team member, including those with disabilities, are eligible to compete on relays. **Approved.**
- Discussed team relay eligibility for number of qualifiers. Motion to establish that swimmers with disabilities are eligible to count towards team relay eligibility. The rationale being swimmers with disabilities must achieve a qualifying standard. **Approved.**
- Technical Planning will be informed of the updated interpretations and determinations to clarify in championship templates.

IV. Discuss Concepts for Policies & Procedures

- Discussed incorporating concepts such as aligning the target of the committee with progressing swimmers upwards, identification of swimmers and dedicating opportunities to support them, and communicating about achievements and opportunities for swimmers with disabilities.

V. Adjourn