

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Feb. 22, 2022

Meeting start time: 7:30 pm

Meeting end time: 7:52 pm

Attending: Ellie B., Susan Winter, Cathy Vaughan

Minutes take by: Cathy Vaughan

- 1) **ATHLETE ELECTIONS:** Ellie reported that Athlete Elections for Senior State are on track. They already have 3 applicants, but are expecting more. The deadline for applying is tonight. Candidates can submit their bios. Bios will be available to all athletes via QR code posted at the meet. They can vote using the same QR code. Cathy recommended having a set time to end the election and posting that with the QR code. Also recommended getting a written announcement to the meet announcer and having the elections and deadline announced throughout the meet.
- 2) **BOARD NAME TAG EXCHANGE AND DISTRIBUTION:** Susan will be at Senior State and will distribute the board name tags she still has. Ellie will contact Danny and Yan and ask them to bring their name tags to the meet. She will collect and redistribute the athlete nametags, keeping Susan apprised.
- 3) **COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN “NEXT ACTION” REPORTS DUE TO PAUL NEXT WEEK** All governance committee members were asked to make sure their board members are prepared and ready to report at board meeting.
- 4) **MARCH BOD TRAINING IDEA:** Focus on Athlete Leadership
 - a) Have new “At Large” athlete & JR Rep board members introduce themselves
 - b) Reminder of Athlete Leadership structure (Brief overview of how it works).
Introduce Ellie as the new Senior Rep
 - c) Roles of SR, JR, and At-Large Athlete Reps
 - d) Use these athletes! Pick their brains, let them help get athletes for your committees, etc. They can be a resource for you.
 - e) Reminder of MAAPP guidelines (esp. Electronic communication, one-on-one interactions, and meetings – all MAAPP points apply. These are just especially applicable.) (Details: www.usaswimming.org/maapp)
- 5) **SENIOR STATE:** The meeting concluded with some discussion about the upcoming Senior State meet.