



MAINE SWIMMING, INC. | Governance Committee Agenda

Date: June 12, 2022 at 7:00PM

Location: Zoom

MISSION | Create opportunities and provide resources to promote excellence in Maine swimming.

VISION | Maine Swimming: You CAN get there from here!.

CORE VALUES | Sportsmanship. Excellence. Leadership. Fun.

- I. Roll Call
- II Reading of Mission and Vision Statements
- III Adoption of [March Minutes](#)
- IV Job Descriptions
- V Policies in Need of Reworking (see attached)
 - a 411 – Meet Committee
 - b 505
 - c 506
 - d 812 – Protests
 - e 1001.7
 - f 1102.9
 - g 1703
 - h Update language (winter champs, MESIII, D1, D2)
- VI. Other
- VII. Adjournment

411 - Meet Committee – The members of the Meet Committee are the Administrative Vice Chair, who shall serve as chair, the Technical Planning Chair, the Senior Chair, the Age Group Chair, the Senior Athlete Representative and the Senior Athlete At-Large. The Meet Committee is charged with running the MESI run meets including Winter Champs.

505 - Other Meetings and Workshops – MESI Board members wishing to attend other meetings and workshops must submit in writing prior to the event their reason for wishing to attend and what they hope to bring home from the event. If approved by the appropriate Maine Swimming Officer or Committee Chair, and funds for such travel have been provided in the Maine Swimming Budget, reasonable travel, lodging and other relevant expenses will be provided. This may include travel clinics, workshops and conferences sponsored by USA-S, especially those in which USA-S covers all costs except travel to and from the event. Lodging expenses will be based on double occupancy (whenever appropriate). A per diem allowance of \$60 will be provided except when meals are provided at the meeting. Travel and lodging expenses covered by any other organization are not eligible for reimbursement by Maine Swimming.

506 – ASCA - For ASCA World Clinic attendance, \$2000 reimbursement will be divided among attendees according to this structure: 40% to Coach of the Year, 30% to Assistant Coach of the Year, 30% split among other attendees. If there are no other coaches who attend the ASCA Clinic, the balance of the reimbursement funds goes to defray the costs of attendance for the Coach of the Year. Those who receive funding must present a report within 30 days.

812 - Protests

1. Protests affecting the eligibility of a swimmer to compete on the basis of performance classification (e.g., the swimmer previously attained an “A” time, but is entered a “B” time) shall be decided by the Meet Referee. The Meet Referee may allow the swimmer to compete under protest, withholding awards and scores from the event until the dispute is resolved by the Meet Jury. The Meet Referee shall appoint the Meet Jury which shall consist of not fewer than three (3) and not more than five (5) persons, at least one of who shall be a coach and one an athlete. The Meet Jury will decide all issues of eligibility and anything not addressed in the Meet Announcement.
2. Only the Meet Referee may consider protests against the judgment decisions of subordinate officials.
3. All protests must be submitted in writing by the end of the session of the alleged infraction, judgment, or incident and must cite the rule under which relief is sought. However, any written protest is acceptable as long as it is legible and contains all the required information.
4. Written protests of application of rules, registration and affiliation of athlete, falsifying entries, swimming out of a classification, etc, must be filed with the MESI General Chair and must state all substantiated facts as they are known by the protestant as well as all identifying information requested in Article 813.3 above. A swimmer may compete under protest during appeal of a decision of the MESI Board of Directors only upon presentation of a written protest and its required fee of \$100 to the General Chair. If the appeal goes in favor of the protestant, the \$100 will be returned to the protestant.

The decisions of the MESI Board of Directors are binding on all parties involved. To appeal a decision, As of the 2019 USA Swimming House of Delegates, the Zone Board of Review no longer exists. The National

Board of Review (NBoR) now has jurisdiction over measures 304.3.1 thru 304.3.16. Article 407 in the USA Swimming Rule Book outlines the NBoR process and procedures.

1001.7 - *MESI Non-Championships Meets*: Clubs will bid on the D1, D2 and WC Trials (or other MESI-hosted non-championship meets) by submitting a fee that is deemed acceptable to run the meet. MESI will no longer be "reimbursing pool rental". The pool rental and all other fees should be incorporated in this fee to run the meet. MESI will keep the swimmer participation fee and meet entry fees, but the bidding team should include a profit margin in their bid and they will continue to keep concessions, admissions and programs.

1102.9. The entry deadline for championships shall be between 3-10 days before the first day of the meet. Teams that have not submitted their entries by the entry deadline will be contacted by noon the following day by the meet Entry Chairperson and will have until noon on the following day to submit their entries. They will be subjected to a fine of \$250 plus \$10 per individual. Any entries submitted thereafter will be entered only at the discretion of the Meet Committee.

1703 - ASCA Travel Awards - For ASCA World Clinic attendance, \$2000 reimbursement will be divided among attendees according to this structure: 40% to Coach of the Year, 30% to Assistant Coach of the Year, 30% split among other attendees. If there are no other coaches who attend the ASCA Clinic, the balance of the reimbursement funds goes to defray the costs of attendance for the Coach of the Year. Those who receive funding must present a report within 30 days.