

# TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

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- TPC has not had a meeting since my last report.
- The reason for not meeting is mainly due to me waiting on relevant information from Kentucky Swimming in terms of some significant changes that the TPC envisions for Maine Swimming's Meet calendar.
- With that, I met with Amy Albiero from Cardinal Aquatics/Kentucky Swimming (KS), at Junior Nationals a few weeks ago.
- We had an in depth discussion about the changes that KS implemented within their Championship Meet structure, that has facilitated them to becoming one of the most progressive and most improved (in terms of times) LSC's in the nation.
- Interestingly, the things that we have been discussing at the MESI TPC, are very similar to the approach that KS has taken.
- In short, they eliminated their regional meets (similar to our Winter Champs Trials Meet). Then created an AG State meet and a Senior State Meet. The qualifying times are derived from the results of the previous years' meets. For their purposes they used the 40<sup>th</sup> time from the results. The precursor is that the time can never be slower than a BB motivational time standard. So if the time of the 40<sup>th</sup> place is slower than a BB time, then the time standard becomes a BB time.
- I will be getting further information from Amy in the coming weeks.
- A TPC meeting will be scheduled at the beginning of January.