



Consent Agenda Summary  
April 2025

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Committee name: Age Group Committee

Date of last meeting: 3/26/2025 8:00 PM

Function of committee: determining efficacy of AG SCY State Meets, plan for 25-26 State meets

Committee Chair: Nate Murray

Members: Coach Fabio Silva, Lynn Williams, Kate Kitlowski, Jenna Pehowski, Kyle Bradley, Coach Big Show Jon Mengerling, Lindsey Little, Jonathan Johns, Brian Heaton, Victoria Ratliff, Carson Wolf, [Athlete.at.large@sc-swimming.org](mailto:Athlete.at.large@sc-swimming.org), Nathan Murray, Janelle Trett, Anna Heath

Guests: Chip Holland

Summary of Committee Objectives and Action Items: 1) analyze 24-25 State meet data, make recommendations for next year's meet 2) determine adjustments/ additions to event lineups 3) determine how to proceed with summer meet theme 3) determine additional nominees for next AG Vice Chair, 4) approve spending money and increasing select camp costs to account for a pro swimmer attending 5) Review Ironman award results so far (success)

Unfinished business: Review the spreadsheet we made for time standards... it's now relatively auto generating once someone enters the # entries per event and does the rounding rules on their own

Motions: Add 13-14 100 Yard IM to Thursday night as a Timed Final event at the SCY LSC 14&U Championship Meet.

New Business: Do we need new IM Tough Shirts? No. Process for handing out shirts - bags for teams

Announcements: I am leaving the LSC Board / AG Chair position at the end of this term with the intention to stay and help until the end of the summer, at which point I'll be returning to grad school.



Committee name: Coaches Committee

Date of last meeting:

Function of committee: The coaches committee provides guidance and a coaching perspective to the various committees concerning decisions made that impact athletes, coaches and teams.

Committee Chair: Pam Swander

Members: Coaches: Wendy Viney, Emily Allen, Robert Pinter, Mary B. Shaw.

Guests: Coach Lori Petrimoulx

Summary of Committee Objectives and Action Items:

Unfinished business: The Finance Committee Chair, Mike O'Shaughnessey, has submitted a request to establish a "Grant Committee" under the Coach Committee. Despite multiple discussions and email outreach efforts, no individual has come forward to assume leadership of this initiative at this time.

Motions:

New Business:

Announcements:



Committee name: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Date of last committee meeting: January 12th, 2025 via Google Meeting

Date of last mini meeting: April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Game Night preparations via Google Meeting

Function of committee: SCS DEI Mission: The South Carolina Swimming Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee creates, promotes, and supports programs throughout our LSC in creating a culture of inclusion and equity for people of diverse backgrounds the opportunity to learn, compete, and grow in the sport of swimming.

Committee Chair: Martha Chiwanza

Members: Alexander Brooks, Kylie Freeman, Michelle Thorpe, Aimee Onozsko, Lilli Taylor, Olivia Joseph (athlete), Noah Brown, Lawrence Jones (athlete). Stanley McIntosh

Guests: Chip Holland (SDD)

Summary of Committee Objectives and Action Items:

- Hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> Swimmer Spotlight Series TG swimmer Lilli Bognar. Lilli represented South Carolina at the 2024 Olympic Trials and has become a household name/role model among SC swimmers. Having Lilli on the series provided a unique opportunity for swimmers and parents to hear about her journey.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - Game Night hosted by committee athletes. Athletes will be supported by committee members Alexander Brooks and Lilli Taylor. Chip has placed event info on LSC social media.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> – Diversity Select Camp hosted this year by NC at Queens University of Charlotte. Interest in the camp has remained upbeat. The camp limit has remained changed from 40 to 50 again this year due to interest in camp. Waitlist was also created.
- Revisited Southern zone goal from 2024 Annual Business meeting - Provide a number of water safety classes run by LSC Clubs and LSCs at no cost to participants, yearly.

Unfinished/continued business:

- Reaching out to athletes for the next Spotlight Series before the end of Short Course season.
- How can we work with other committees?
- Southern zone goal: Discussed ideas to help promote Water Safety to the teams and hopefully get as many teams participating. We know some teams already have classes/programs and need ways for information to be shared in LSC. \*Put together something fun on social media to help share the goal. \*Encourage teams to share pictures/highlights on social media. \*Have an email sent to teams/coaches routinely to ask them to share.

New Business: none

Announcements: none



Committee name: Finance

Date of last meeting: 03/19/2025

Function of committee: oversight of LSC finances and budget

Committee Chair: Mike O'Shaughnessey

Members: Joyce Dodd, Aimee Onoszko , Aimee McMillan , Jon Mengerling , Brian Heaton, Natalie Fennel, Jason Overby , Emily Heintz

Guests:-NA

Summary of Committee Objectives and Action Items: Create, maintain and oversee LSC finances, budget and budget process. Also to oversee investment account maintaining that objectives are consistent with portfolio balance

Unfinished business: impact from reducing state meet fees from LSC revenues, athlete reimbursement needing further review, budget to be approved

Motions:- NA

New Business:

Announcements:



Committee name: Governance

Date of last meeting: Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

Function of committee: Review and recommend changes to the LSC's rules and procedures, also provide nominations for elections to the Board.

Committee Chair: Brent Lightfoot

Members Present: Craig Fisher, Anna Cavallon. Wendy Viney, Aimee Onoszko

Guests: None

Summary of Committee Objectives and Action Items: focus on nominations for spring elections

Unfinished business: Working to separate P&P from Rules and Regulation to align with other LSC's and provide options for the board to make some decisions outside of a HOD meeting if needed.

Motions: none

New Business: Discussion on sending/calling with vetting questions for people seeking a position, if that person is not known by any committee member.

Announcements: Nominations need to be submitted to the Board prior to their meeting on March 11th



Committee name: Officials Committee

Date of last meeting: March 18, 2025

Function of committee: The purpose of the South Carolina Swimming Officials Committee is to develop and conduct mentoring programs to recruit, educate, train and certify USA Swimming officials to provide high quality and consistent officiating for our athletes. Our goal is to set standards that will accomplish the following:

- Ensure clear and consistent knowledge of the rules
- Provide sufficient time in training to assure familiarity with all levels of competition
- Ensure professionalism in all aspects of the word “team” both on and off the deck

Committee Chair: Scott McMillan

Members: Eddie Hughes, Will York, Chris Penny, Sonya Routhier, Michele Naddy, Harper Mae Penny, Tyler York, Ben York

Guests: None

Summary of Committee Objectives and Action Items:

We have implemented a cleaner, more automated process for tracking apprentice officials as they progress through certification. Once apprentices meet the required criteria, the system now automatically moves them to the list of approved officials. Additionally, a list of current apprentices is now published on the SC Swimming website for easy access by Meet Referees. This list clearly indicates whether each apprentice is deck legal, as well as the position they are apprenticing in. A separate page on the website now displays all certified officials along with their certified positions. These tools are designed to help Meet Referees more easily assign deck roles. An email with links and instructions was sent to all referees to highlight these new resources.

We have continued to refine and improve the certification process for new apprentice officials. A follow-up email template has been created for use after completion of the online certification course, outlining the expectations for on-deck sessions. Officials are reminded that apprentices have 60 days from registration to complete their training unless they have completed all applicable USA Swimming athlete protection requirements. Clear instructions have also been provided to Meet Referees for completing the apprentice evaluation form, with updated examples and guidance on what to look for during the fourth session.



The Officials Committee has also developed updated referee guidance on how to handle situations where a swimmer misses the start of a heat but enters the water late. This includes clarification on the appropriate use of Rule 101.1.5B, how to properly document the disqualification using the updated USA Swimming DQ slip (rev. 1/24), and tips for clear and professional communication with swimmers and coaches. This guidance is being incorporated into referee clinics and distributed as part of a quick-reference resource.

North Carolina Swimming has invited South Carolina officials to attend their Swimposium Officials Training Sessions on April 12th at the MCAC in Charlotte. While this conflicts with our own HOD, BOD, and All-State Banquet taking place the same weekend, the opportunity will still be shared with all SC officials. We hope that some will be able to take advantage of these additional educational offerings, especially those not attending HOD-related events. This type of regional collaboration helps strengthen both LSCs and provides valuable development opportunities for our officials.

We are proposing a terminology correction in the SC LSC Championship Meet entry procedures. The current policy incorrectly uses the term “nonconforming time entries” when referring to entries that cannot be verified. The corrected language should read:

*“In all SCLSC Championship Meets, unproven time entries shall be sent to the club by electronic mail (e-mail). The club shall have the opportunity to correct the entry if done so within 24 hours from the email time stamp.”*

This update brings our language in line with USA Swimming standards and improves clarity in the entry process.

Finally, we will recognize the 2024 SC Swimming Officials of the Year at the All-State Banquet on April 12th in Rock Hill. This recognition highlights the outstanding commitment and contributions of two individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to our LSC over the past year.

#### Action Items:

1. Establish standard radio protocol document and save it on the website for easy access
2. Finalize and distribute the “Missed Start” referee guidance document
3. Incorporate education (Situations & Resolutions) into newsletters

#### Unfinished business:

1. Sonya & Scott to refine newsletter strategy.

Motions: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None



Committee name: Safe Sport Committee

Date of last meeting: 26 Jan 2025

Function of committee: to coordinate and oversee the implementation of effective safe sport educational programs for all athlete members, their parents, coaches, volunteers and clubs, as provided by USA Swimming

Committee Chair: Robert Lesh

Members: Lily Druckemiller, Morgan Krawiex

Guests:

Summary of Committee Objectives and Action Items: find ways to encourage clubs to move towards Safe Sport Recognition program

Unfinished business: None

Motions: None

New Business: Begin process of communication with clubs after completion of championship season

Announcements:

Incidents reported:

12/15/2024	Yes	Greensboro Aquatic Center	Swimmer was competing when their shoulder popped out and then back in, noted this is due to a genetic condition. Non-contact injury. temporary shoulder dislocation, received ice from facility staff for treatment.	temporary shoulder dislocation, received ice from facility staff for treatment
1/5/2025	Yes	Greer Natatorium at Columbia College	Athlete slipped on the stairs	bruised leg
1/5/2025	Yes	Greer Natatorium at Columbia College	Shortness of breath	Shortness of breath
2/2/2025	Yes	Greer Natatorium at Columbia College	slipped on wet surface and hit his knee	bruised leg
2/15/2025	Yes	Rock Hill Aquatics Center	Asthma attack and brief seizure	Inhaler
2/15/2025	Yes	Rock Hill Aquatics Center	Hit heel on wall during turn	bruised foot
3/17/2025	Yes	Greer Natatorium at Columbia College	Kicked by another swimmer	Cut lip and cheek. Broken tooth.