SOUTHEASTERN SWIMMING SPRING MEETING OFFICIALS COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER, 2006

Officials in Southeastern Swimming are still adjusting to the new stringent requirements for National (N2) and National Championships (N3) certifications. It is a challenge to provide enough opportunities for officials to recertify and certify at a higher level in the National Certification program. With the election of Pat Lunsford as the new V.P. of Operations at USA Swimming we hope the process will be simplified and made less severe.

Last year the number of officials in our data base was 322 total. This year I am happy to report we have approximately 400 officials. This is an increase of close to 25%. Here is the breakdown:

Level 1 (Timer) 4 officials

Level 2 (Stroke and Turn) 165 officials

Level 3 (Starter) 40 officials

Level 4 (Referee) 3 officials

Level 5 (Referee/Starter) 67

Various Apprentice levels – 120 officials or apprentices

I would like to thank Dave Smith for all his help keeping our data base current and issuing our certification cards. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the other members of my committee who give so much of their time and effort to their respective regions in SES Swimming. These are my associates:

Dave Smith - North Florida and Southern Alabama John Molchan - North Florida and Southern Alabama Dennis Thorp - Southern Alabama John Molen - Alabama Walter Smalley - Western Tennessee Ronette Jones – Middle Tennessee Trish Mitchell – Northeast Tennessee Larry Alexander – Southeast Tennessee If you need their help please go to the Southeastern website for their web addresses and phone numbers.

I would also like to thank Clark Hammond and Ed De Bruyn, ex officio members of this committee, for their help, instructional clinics and support at our Championship Meets and their advice throughout the season.

Lastly I would like to thank all the Southeastern officials who make all the meets in our L.S.C. happen and happen well. We are one of the most (if not the most) swimmer friendly and knowledgeable officials in the nation and I am extremely proud of every one of them.

Stephanie Nadeau – Official Committee Chairman Southeastern Swimming September 25th, 2006