



Oregon Swimming House of Delegates Annual Meeting October 5, 2025

Meeting called to order by General Chair Emily Melina at 9:07 am.

Credential report: 55 (out of 130) voters present.

Motion to approve agenda as presented - seconded/passed.

Treasurer's Report (Michael Berenbaum & Lee Cannon)

- Registrations up
- Member fee increased by \$10 last year, another \$2 this year, continue to increase \$1 for the next 3 years
- Non-championship revenue is up, but offset by increased championship expenses
- Administrative expenses are down
- Anticipated loss was \$30k; actual loss about half that (not counting investment income)
- We need one or more athlete reps for the Finance Committee
- 2026 budget proposal:
 - Hosting Age Group Zones - proposal reflects more expenses but also more revenue
 - Championship meet costs have increased, mostly due to facility fee increases that are in some cases doubled
 - Projected income increase from memberships
 - Motion to approved budget as presented - seconded/passed.

Elections

General Chair - Scott Miyako elected by acclamation

Senior Chair - Emily Melina and Jody Braden nominated, both spoke from floor; Emily Melina elected

Finance Vice-Chair - Lee Cannon re-elected by acclamation

Secretary - Jennifer Condon elected by acclamation

TPC - Shelly Rawding re-elected by acclamation

Nominating Committee - nominees from the floor: Judy Creech, Emily Melina, Tim Larkin, Jack Burnett - all four elected by acclamation

Awards

James J Richardson - nominee from the floor: Rex Watkins

USAS Outstanding Service - nominees from the floor: Sherry Watkins, Evangeline Swift

Jon Arlin - nominee from the floor: Mark Maxwell

Delegates voted by ballot; winners will be announced at Top 5 Ceremony.

****Ten-minute break****

Board Reports

General Chair Report (Emily Melina)

- Emily is at the end of her second term, and in that time OSI:
 - Got through COVID
 - Restored robust champs
 - Put budget back on track
 - Remains well set for future
- USA Swimming Annual Summit: no big changes this year but changes are probably coming. Everyone is urged to get involved at LSC level to have a voice in the future.

Admin Chair Report (Alex Nikitin)

- No report - all covered in other reports

Senior Report (Rick Guenther)

- Thanks to all the voices that stepped up and got Osborn funding passed
- Senior Camp coming up in Coronado - applicants need to have one Futures cut for girls; two Futures cuts for boys
- Will discuss Senior Champs events in New Business

Age Group Report (Paul Hegney)

- OSI will be hosting Age Group Zones in 2026
- Discussion has been ongoing about reorganizing summer champs; coaches have indicated they need more information before making proposal/voting

Coaches Report (Chelsea Krisanda)

- Emails will go out to those getting educational scholarships this year
- Two tracks at yesterday's coaches' clinic - age group and senior. Both had good attendance and positive reviews.

Athletes Rep (Yahan Zhang)

- Attended USA Summit in CO, learned a lot, multiple athletes from every state except AK
- Planning athletes' dinner after Top 5
- Making athlete committee to help with the above and other tasks

Time Standards (Emily Melina for Sophia Stone-Holmbeck)

- Time standards proposal was sent out last week with meeting documents
 - Proposed to resume A times as revised in submitted proposal, discussion ensued:
 - Proposed A time are 5-10% faster than this year's qualifying times and will make meets much smaller. Could we go halfway between A and B+? We need to balance faster times with keeping meets full.
 - Our LSC is getting slower overall; we should support getting faster but also keep the budget in mind
 - We should go back to calling a championship-qualifying times "A" even if that means more revisions
 - We shouldn't look to other time standards when creating ours because ours are meant to keep our meets the right size which is not the goal of

others (like USA Motivational times); going back to former standards now is financially suicidal; better now to go back and analyze past couple of years' performance to set As that keep meets full

- Question was raised - how big will these proposed standards make events? Emily answered proposed standards are based on past years.
- Suggested to look at entire LSC results rather than just championships and make standards based on that.
- Emily noted adding more perspective is too big a job for one person; might be better idea for us to have a committee
 - Should be complex discussion and timely
 - Email Sophia (email provided) if you want to be on committee; we want a wide range of coaches/teams; committee needs to be formed quickly and have time standards by the end of October for November BOD meeting

Technical Planning Report (Shelly Rawding)

- More discussion about summer meet proposals ongoing; soonest possible change to overall format would be in 2027
- Discussion of Senior Champs events will be in New Business

Operational Risk (Jack Burnett)

- OSI had six reported incidents last year (2 severe, 1 medium, 3 minor)
- Reminder: if you have an incident go to the USA Swimming website and click on "Report an Occurrence"

Camp Coordinator (Scott Miyako)

- Age Group Select and DEI camps held on same weekend to help with budget; brought in Natalie Hinds; very valuable experience for both groups
- Would like to see DEI camp higher attendance (23 this year) - coaches need to make sure to nominate swimmers

Officials Committee (Bill Shreeve)

- The officials' Mini Expo yesterday - 104 officials; added Zoom option so more remote officials were able to attend; guest speaker was the Starter from the Paris Olympics
- OSI has 414 officials right now (about 36 are new this year) with 7 new refs
- We had 28 officials attend national meets in the past year, which helps increase the level of officiating in OSI by bringing back that experience and sharing what they learned with their peers
- The committee has been focused on helping volunteers through the process of becoming an official. A new document on the OSI website explains the steps for potential officials.
- Coaches are key to recruiting new officials.
- Rule updates from USA Swimming Summit:
 - Stroke and Turn can call starting position infractions
 - Counters allowed for SCM 400s
 - If you exceed event limit, last events (all those past the allowed number) will be removed
 - 12 & under suits clarification on woven content
 - 12 & under swimmers in only one prelim session in prelim-final meet
 - One toe on wall for each foot in the back start

DEI Report (Lissa Parker)

- Despite current climate, OSI/USA-S/Western Zone still support DEI concepts very well
- Outreach swimmers can be reimbursed for Splash fees via a form on the OSI website - please use this opportunity for swimmers
- Butler University and Trials for Western Zone DEI camp last year was successful, so plans are in the works for a camp next year somewhere in the West
- OSI DEI camp was mostly 11-14s with attendance not as good as 2024. Please support the camp and send athletes! Plans for 2026 are underway.

SafeSport Report (Judi Creech)

- Went to SafeSport portion at USA Swimming Summit, which included law enforcement presentations with raw interview footage - very powerful
- SafeSport recognized clubs - pursuing recognition is strongly encouraged. We currently have 11 in OSI; another 14 have started the process in some way. Recertification is every two years.
- Judy will do group training for athletes/parents in person or via Zoom.

Office Manager (Debbie Laderoute)

- OSI currently has 6240 athletes, which is up about 200 from last year but not quite up to where we were in 2019.
- Official/coach registrations are also up
- Club fees have been raised by USA Swimming for this year
- When applying for a meet sanction, you need meet ref approval of meet info before the sanction can be granted
- Since last year, OSI has allowed unlimited intra-squad meets; there are no fees except Sanction Fee collected by OSI if no fees are charged to swimmers
- Block Party meet times are now eligible for OSI champs

All Star Team/Age Group Zones (Debbie Laderoute for Patrick Beasley)

- Age Group Zones team was good this year, finished 4th
- 25% of Zones swimmers returned from 2024 to 2025
- OSI is hosting the Age Group Zone meet in 2026 and we will need support from OSI members to make that happen
- Interested swimmers apply for All-Stars

Pool Construction Updates

- Mt Hood Community College- will be starting construction on the new dome this week. The dome will be ready for long course season. It is bigger than previous bubble and the ends will always be covered so timers and officials will have shade in the summer.
- Osborn Aquatic Center - Funding was passed. The first things that will happen are roof replacement, a new bulkhead, and a pool liner. Projected completion date for those projects is spring 2028.

New Business

March Senior Championship event order

- Relays:

- Friday moved mixed free relay to start of finals instead of end
- Saturday moved 200 FR to beginning, move up 400 IM, end prelims with lower heats of 400 FR. For finals, 200 mixed medley at start, end with 400 FR top heat.
- Sunday moved 400 MR to just before the mile in prelims
- Discussion: 200 fly right before 400 MR, may be same swimmers. Given girls/boys there will be rest.
- Individual events:
 - Sunday move 1650 to beginning instead of middle.
 - Discussion: like having it in middle because of kids doing 200 back/100 free; also like having focus on distance athletes having it up front
 - 50s placement - no discussion
- Motion: move top heats of 1650 to beginning of finals on Sunday; seconded.
 - Discussion: Could we add the top heat of 400 MR between 200 back/100 free to encourage more swimmers to stay - we should be celebrating distance swimmers and put them at the start not moving them just for the convenience of other swimmers
 - Motion passed.
- Motion - approve proposal as presented. Seconded/passed.

Will have dates for next year's HOD based on USA-S Summit.

Motion to adjourn - seconded/passed - 11:16 am.