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Athlete Committee

Over the past two months (as we did not give a report at the last BOD meeting), the Athlete Committee:

- helped suggest new categories for the PacSwim Awards Banquet
- finalized the mission statement on the website
- brainstormed ideas for our newsletter and social media accounts

Additionally, we are still in the process of trying to come up with a procedure to elect our Junior and Senior reps moving forward. We emailed Grant Sugaski, our Western Zone Athlete Rep, for guidance but did not get an reply. We were wondering whether we could implement elections for these positions within the Athlete Committee, and how soon we could implement them.

A proposed sample election procedure could look like this (very open to revision):

- 1) Athlete representatives interested in running for the senior and junior athlete representative positions must announce their candidacy in writing to Veronica (or whichever adult serves on the Athlete Committee) no earlier than four weeks before the May HOD and no later than one week before the May HOD meeting. They must include a candidacy statement of no more than 200 words that will be distributed to all members of the athlete committee before the voting.
- 2) Candidates must (a) be an Athlete Member in good standing; (b) be at least sixteen (16) years of age or at least a sophomore in high school if running for Junior Athlete Representative, and at least seventeen (17) or at least a junior in high school if running for Senior Athlete Representative; (c) be currently competing, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by Pacific Swimming; and (d) reside in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term.
- 3) At each May House of Delegates meeting, all athletes on the athlete committee meet and vote, through paper ballot, for the senior and junior athlete representatives. Before the voting, candidates will give a short speech lasting no longer than 2 minutes.
- 4) After votes are counted, the two candidates from each category with the most votes become the next senior and junior athlete representatives and take office on September 1.
- 5) Senior and junior athlete representatives serve one year terms and may run for reelection the following May.

We were hoping to get the Board's feedback and guidance on this process.

Respectfully submitted,
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