



PACIFIC SWIMMING OFFICER'S REPORT

To be submitted to boardmeeting@pacsxim.org the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

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Member of: DDEI, Age Group, Senior, Officials, Open Water and Scheduling Committees

Report:

In addition to the committee meetings, I have also been involved with USA swimming meetings and there are a couple of things that I would like to report on within USA swimming.

First off, I am sure everyone has heard about the turnover at the top positions in USA swimming. The nine person board is currently looking for a replacement to the General Chair position. This has left a bit of a vacuum at the top end of USA swimming so I do not think that there will be any major decisions made until the position is filled. But once it is, the board of directors is looking to implement some major changes. (although they have not specified what those will be)

Secondly is the Block Party initiative that has been implemented across several of the USA swimming LSCs. There is a lot of excitement around the Block Party program, but there are drawbacks too. USA swimming basically has implemented this program because athletes tend to stay with the sport longer when they participate in swim meets. They thought this would be the easiest way to do local, small, quick meets and get more of the athletes involved thus retaining a higher percentage of swimmers each year. It does not utilize as many volunteers and the fees would all go directly to the host club. The meets would have official times but those times would not be able to be used for Sectional or higher meets.

Action Items In-Progress / Pending: _____

Announcements: _____

Questions for the Board / Larger Group: _____

Notes/ Other: _____

