

## Covid-19's impact on the 2020-21 Travel Support Budget

Motion 2009BC01: The Budget Committee moves to make the following temporary changes to the Senior Travel Support policy.

- Travel support for Coaches shall be limited to one meet, excluding Trials, in 2020-21. Coach Travel Support will be for Airfare only.
- Travel Support for Coaches attending Olympic trials will be limited to one per club. Coach Travel Support will be for Airfare only.
- Travel Support for Athletes shall be restricted to three meets in 2020-21 excluding Olympic Trials:
  - 1 Sectional meet,
  - 1 of the following meets: Winter Juniors, Toyota US Open or USA Invitational,
  - 1 of the following meets: TYR or Futures
- Travel Support qualifications and funding amounts for Athletes will remain the same.
- Travel Support for Relay-Only Athletes shall be suspended.
- Travel Support for NISCA shall be eliminated as an option for Futures
- Additional Travel Support for late season qualifiers shall be suspended
- Travel Support for Athletes qualifying and attending the USA Olympic Trials shall be Airfare and a \$600 stipend (No change - funds will come from our remaining reserves)

**Reasoning:** Pacific Swimming, like so many other businesses, has seen a significant reduction in revenue due the COVID-19 pandemic. We have seen our income cut drastically in 2020 due to the loss of events, and 2021's impact may be even greater – the income expected will not even meet 1/5 of the programs we usually support.

Pacific's income is primarily driven by meets. Our membership income is only \$9 per athlete and \$4 per non-athlete. Even if we had 100% membership retention, the current year's net membership income would be unable to cover our fixed expenses. We expect membership totals to be about 70% of normal and meet income to be minimal through the first half of fiscal year 2021. With reduced meet sizes and fewer events, we hope to receive 50% of our previous meet income in the last half of fiscal 2021. All total, we are facing an estimated \$600K reduction to income in 2020-2021 while absorbing a \$100K loss from 2019 -2020.

Pacific Swimming is using \$1M in reserves to fund Covid-19 Relief Grants, and another \$100K to cover 2019-2021's shortfall to date – we'll likely have to dip into those reserves again to make end meet in 2020--2021, even with significant budget cuts.

In April of 2020, the Budget Task Force asked each committee chair to reduce its programming budget to the bare minimums, and most reduced expenses significantly, resulting in an overall budget reduction of 80%. At that time, we purposefully left as much of the Senior Program intact as we could. Five months later, given what we know now, Pacific will have to make significant cuts to the Senior/National budget.

The Senior Committee approved this proposal.