

## **Motion 2411DDEI01 – MEFAP Online Meet Entry**

**The DDEI Committee moves to spend no more than \$5,000 from the DDEI Grant line item for FastSwims to develop an online entry function so that athletes registered with an Outreach membership may enter meets online using the Meet Entry Fee Assistance Program (MEFAP).**

**Purpose:** Currently families and coaches using MEFAP must send their meet entry forms either by email or US Mail to the Pacific Swimming office with some form of payment. At this point, staff must determine if the meet is still open and process or refund the athlete's entry. Unlike athletes with a Premium membership, this process leaves athletes with an Outreach membership uncertain if they will get into a meet and causes unnecessary administrative work.

The proposed change allows athletes with an Outreach membership to enter meets online like everyone else. Being able to enter online provides families with immediate feedback on entries, minimizes the use of Pacific Swimming staff, and eliminates a barrier to participation for those who are financially disadvantaged.