

Governance Committee motion 2507GOV01 (30-day motion)

Motion: to amend Section XVIII.M. to add policies and procedures for the Open Water Coordinator position.

Detailed changes:

SECTION XVIII COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

M. Open Water Coordinator ~~(reserved for future use)~~

1. Purpose: the Open Water Coordinator shall serve as an LSC resource and liaison for competitors and hosts interested in Open Water competition, and as a liaison between Pacific Swimming and USA Swimming and other LSCs involved in promoting, sanctioning, and hosting Open Water opportunities for athletes.
2. Appointment: the Open Water Coordinator shall be appointed by the General Chair without a specific term limit, and shall serve until replaced by the General Chair or until they otherwise vacate the position.
3. Duties: the Open Water Coordinator shall:
 - a. Represent the interests of Pacific Swimming Open Water competitors and potential hosts to USA Swimming and its Open Water Committee, and to other relevant organizations outside Pacific Swimming, and attend meetings and maintain contacts with those organizations.
 - b. Report to the Board of Directors and the Zones all relevant Open Water information, updates, ideas, and opportunities.
 - c. Facilitate compilation, posting, publicizing, and maintenance of a schedule of Open Water events inside and outside of Pacific Swimming of potential interest to Pacific Swimming athletes, and of other Open Water information helpful to competitors and potential hosts, on the Pacific Swimming website.
 - d. Serve as an information resource, facilitator, and promoter for Open Water competition opportunities that may arise in and near the territory of Pacific Swimming.
 - e. Identify and cultivate potential Open Water event hosts within and outside the Pacific Swimming community (such as the Masters community) who might be willing to work with Pacific Swimming and USA Swimming to develop and/or incorporate USA Swimming or Pacific Swimming sanctioned Open Water competition.
 - f. In cooperation with the Pacific Swimming Officials Chair, identify and maintain a current list of Open Water certified officials in and near Pacific Swimming, and help provide information and resources to encourage the training and certification of additional officials, and the retention and advancement of current officials.
 - g. Identify existing obstacles to developing and hosting USA Swimming sanctioned Open Water competition events within Pacific Swimming, and develop proposals to mitigate such obstacles while maintaining the safety and feasibility of such events to the standards and requirements of USA Swimming and Pacific Swimming.
 - h. At their discretion, convene and chair the Open Water Committee as outlined herein.
4. Open Water Committee (optional)
 - a. Purpose: the Open Water Committee shall develop and propose motions to the Board of Directors or the House of Delegates of Pacific Swimming or USA Swimming that will better facilitate Open Water

competition opportunities within and beyond Pacific Swimming, or that will address other significant Open Water needs or issues that may emerge within Pacific Swimming.

b. Committee Members shall consist of:

i. Open Water Coordinator appointed by the General Chair (1)

ii. Zone Open Water representative or Zone Chair as chosen by each Zone (5)

iii. Two or three Athlete Representatives appointed by the Athlete Committee (2-3)

iv. Age Group Chair or their designee representing the Age Group Committee (1)

iv. Senior Chair or their designee representing the Senior Committee (1)

c. Term limits: none except as specified in the Bylaws for elected members.

d. Frequency of meetings: the committee shall meet at the call of the Open Water Coordinator with at least five days' notice, at a frequency and duration they shall determine in coordination with the committee members.