2026 USA Swimming Annual Summit

Denver Colorado

Official Chairs Track

OTS Certification and Re-Certification:

Learned how to use OTS more effectively to re-certify officials, including bulk certification and selecting the highest applicable category. Confirm all requirements are in good standing and set expirations to December 2029.

The National Officials Committee's long-term goal is to automate certifications.

Child certification expiration dates must align with the parent certification expiration date.

Expire apprentice credentials.

No Meet Referee certification / No Administrative Referee certification

Recruitment & Retention:

Participated in workshops focused on recruitment challenges, including parent access, limited coach support, time commitment, young children, length of meets, and creating a welcoming environment.

Potential solutions include gaining club support, being welcoming, attending parent meetings, making face-to-face contact, providing clear website information, and assigning mentors to guide parents through the process.

Continuous Education:

Before the summit, the National Officials Committee Chair asked me to present the methods Pacific Swimming uses to educate and prepare new Meet Referees. I delivered a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation that was well received.

Having Tough Conversations:

Focused on identifying individual communication styles.

USA Swimming House of Delegates:

Attended the House of Delegates and voted on key legislation.

Western Zone Delegates:

Attended Western Zone Meeting as a delegate. Voted on legislation.