

Age Group Development Committee

Date: March 10, 2026 Time: 12:00 PM EST

Respectfully Submitted by Dana Skelton

CALL TO ORDER 12:01 PM EST (Quorum)

February meeting minutes approved (Alexis/Amy)

Michael Hamann Committee Chair

Mikaela Bagley Coach **(Absent)**

Rhi Jeffrey Coach

Marci Callan Coach

Alexis Mendenhall Coach

Ian Murray Coach **(Absent)**

Amy Parrato Coach

John Bruenning Coach

Jake Mitchell Athlete **(Absent)**

Violet Schwartz Athlete **(Absent)**

Sara Mendoza Athlete **(Absent)**

Angelina MacLeod Athlete

Dave Berkoff - SRDC Rep

Michael Lawerance - CAC Rep **(Absent)**

Tharon Drake - DEI Rep **(Absent)**

Dana Skelton - Staff

Mariah Carnahan – Staff

Guests: Beth W.-Staff and Dan J-Coach

Mission Statement:

To plan for the needs of the Age Group level of our sport. To generate, evaluate, and communicate ideas, which will assist USA Swimming in planning and developing quality age group swimming programs.

Responsibilities:

- To conduct an ongoing evaluation of the local and national age-group programs.
- To develop and submit proposals to provide for the long-range planning of age-group swimming.
- To encourage the development of programs that promote participation.
- To oversee recognition for age group swimmers.
- To communicate with and provide education and direction for the age group chairs in each LSC.
- To develop programs to assist athletes in transitioning from Age Group to Senior.
- To advise and consult with the Sports Development Division regarding camps, including open water.

- To promote the inclusion of open water at all levels, including LSC competitions, LSC Championships, and Zone meets

Review mission statement

Conflict of Interest Disclosure- None

Update from CAC and DEI- No updates

Update from SRDC- Dave introduced himself as the new liaison and welcomed any updates from us that he can share with SRDC. They are reviewing Futures at this point.

Update from Age Group Deep Dive- The group is meeting this month to determine next topics and when the next session will be.

Update from AG Club Excellence

- No updates yet, waiting to hear back from SWIMS and if they are able to help determine the best way to structure the metrics. Especially looking into if the club size makes any difference in the metrics.
 - Determining the best way to announce the winners. For example: Announce the 50 winners each year or announce the top 200 and only distribute to the 50 winners or award based on club size.
 - Looking at getting a logo that clubs can use for the entire quad if they win
 - Criteria will stay the same for an entire quad, but can be re-evaluated if needed
- Committee liked having 50 different clubs each year and using club size as a parameter
- Staff will ask about how to determine club size
- Concern discussed- If we list the top 200 but only 50 are awarded money, what is the negative impact of that if any? Discussion around making sure we are clear in communication and this would be similar to Club Excellence where Bronze doesn't get funding.
- Discussed just funding all 200, but wanted to make sure the financial rewards are worth it to the club and breaking it down too much would not be significant. That was ruled out as an option-they prefer to just fund 50.
- Could USA Swimming offer more access to Team Services for the clubs that don't get funding. It was mentioned that offering spots at events would be a better option. Events like Regional Clinics, CDA, or Women's Leadership- maybe the registration fees get waived. Staff would need to get approval for this, if that is what the committee wants.

Update Mobile App Stakeholder Working Group

- Beta group has started and they are on week 2 of tasks and survey questions.

Update Parent Engagement Resources

- Staff met with Comms department to start working on a plan to get the first bucket built out and understand better how to move forward with other resources.

Update IMR/IMX Program

- Plan is still to launch in the fall, even without reports ready in SWIMS.

Update Membership Review

- Most discussion recently has been around the seasonal membership. The group has been discussing what is the value of that membership.
- Meeting after this with a coach and LSC staff to hear more about the seasonal membership to hear more about how they use it, why they use it, and how that LSC views it.

Open floor

- Marci spoke with Michael L (CAC), they were under the impression the AGDC was going to write and push forward if we wanted to. Staff will look at past minutes to determine what the committee decided in the discussions they had last year, when they decided not to pursue it. It was determined this will be discussed next at the next meeting. For the meeting Marci would draft what a rule change could look like to help with a more productive discussion.

Planned Meeting Schedule

April- PM

May- AM

June- AM

July- AM

August- Off, unless needed

Meeting adjourned- 11:39 AM (John/Marci)