

USA Swimming Registration / Membership Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14th, 2026 – 1 PM (MT)

Present: Angela Monty, Laurie Benton, Tracy Meece, Nicholas Weiner, Vanessa Brewer, Loren Fischbach, Nicola Formon

Absent: Susan McDonald, Lisa Olack, Harper Freeman, Kiran Jayasinghe, Makenzie Royal

Guests: Eric Stimson, Denise Thomas, Pam Lowenthal

Call to Order: Angela called the meeting to order at 1 PM

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: N/A

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Meeting Notes – (December 3, 2025)
4. Welcome to New Athlete Representatives - Angela
5. SWIMS 3.0 Updates/Releases – Eric
6. SWIMS Login Changes – Eric
7. National Age Group Records – Eric
8. Operation Policy Manual Registration Policy - Eric
9. Diversity, Inclusion, Community and Engagement – Pam Lowenthal
10. Follow-up On New Projects for the Committee
 - a. Mentoring Plan Status
 - b. Topic Selections for Lunch n’ Learn Sessions Status
11. National Meet Recon – TYR Pro Swim (Westmont) – March 4-7, 2026
12. Upcoming Meeting Dates
13. Announcements
14. Adjournment

Discussion:

- Nicola present as athlete member, with North Carolina LSC
- She brings social media experience, and may help with upcoming projects
- SWIMS update – new identity provider, no longer w PING
- No longer logged out every 45 minutes, more support for biometrics
- Timing is due to contractual commitments, folks may need to have paper copies of credentials

- Everyone to create new user accounts – system determines which route depending on age
- 15 and younger will require a parent phone number to verify account creation
- Will be significantly easier for people to create accounts and get thru SafeSport training
- 15 and younger will not need a unique email address to access education courses
- Reporting is improved; you can filter in the screen, no need to export to filter reports
- No registration or admin changes in this update
- Pam Lowenthal is Diversity, Inclusion, Community and Engagement Chair as guest
- Pam presented proposal for baseline qualification for Outreach program
- Every LSC must offer Outreach membership
- Club can see if someone qualifies – this doesn't replace LSC requirements
- There were privacy/legal concerns for proof of need (LSCs should not have tax information, e.g.)
- Our baseline qualifications determined by opportunity zones that were created by the census
- Connected several qualifying factors to zip codes (education, combined income, poverty level)
- LSCs can see which zip codes are within their boundaries
- PIE = Promote, Implement, Educate
- Clubs are front door to Outreach memberships
- We will ask this committee for input on best ways to Promote – very important!
- Implementation and Education is easier, straight forward
- Trying to standardize something that is very impactful, heavily involved in community
- Ideally both groups working together – DICE and Registration / Membership
- This committee will continue to communicate and assist in the rollout
- Angela shared that calls with Registrars went well, positive feedback on summit
- Monthly meetings or calls are missed
- There are some requests for calls with like-sized LSCs to share ideas, challenges
- Some smaller Registrars are on terms, can potentially voted out at end of term
- Requests for simple resources for marketing – standardized marketing campaign
- A campaign with standardized info from USA Swimming for different membership types (e.g. Administrator vs. non-athlete other)
- Angela discussed planning for Lunch and Learn Sessions
- Requests made for marketing for Junior Coach/Officials – social media campaigns
- Possibly reach out to athletes for help/guidance on this
- LSCs would love to promote these programs
- Angela reported seeing increase in Jr. Official registration right after meets where they shared information – local conversations have been impactful, connect to national committee?
- Eric and Denise shared possibility of making a flyer, maybe being more proactive in TikTok space, giving the group basics to run with, and let creative juices flow
- Angela discussed Mentoring Plan to connect people / like-sized LSC, LSC development
- Mentorship for staff as well – for registration/membership topics, having a framework to work from, each process very site-specific
- Eric discussed the idea of having the mentorship program as a requirement down the road
- Essentially, education of new (or recently inactive) people falls on USA Swimming
- Potentially establish policy that ensures folks are checking in, making sure they are up to speed
- Make it easy for volunteers to connect with someone no matter what their schedule is

- Ensure that people are properly trained and up to date
- Eric expressed the Lunch and Learn sessions should get going ASAP
- Start with scheduling the first one 22 January, 2 PM (MT) – see how attendance goes
- National Meet Recons – Tracy or Angela will be in attendance, Nick will also sit in on that
- NAG records, 2025 list is closed and ready for review
- Operation Policy Manual is very close to getting approval at Board level
- Next meeting will be 11 February, 2 PM (MT)

Adjournment: Angela adjourned the Registration / Membership Committee Meeting at 2:04 PM.