

<b>Committee Name:</b>	<b>Georgia Swimming Officials Committee – <u>Spring LSC Meeting</u></b>		
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Ed Saltzman	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Clarice Wasmuth
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Ed Saltzman	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	Tuesday, March 15, 2022 7:00PM

**Motions Passed: MSA – None**

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 8	<b>Absent:</b> 4	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 6
<b>Committee members present:</b> Ed Saltzman, Eric Pingel, Phil Kopf, Clarice Wasmuth, Doug Kintz, Nancy Harmon, Neal McKinney, Oded Ravid		
<b>Committee members missing:</b> Bruce Adams, Hanna Burke – Athlete Representative, Steve Potter, Jason Meszaros		
<b>Non-Committee members present:</b> Rayleen Soderstrom, Peter Soderstrom, Dean Athanassiades, Heather Boyer, Astrid De Leon, Metthe Todebush		

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. EDT

**I. Introductions – Roll Call**

**II. Summary Reports:**

**a. Officials Committee Status – Ed Saltzman**

**i. Registration Status**

1. Current Officials Headcount – 253
2. Lost Officials – 46
3. Hardest hit teams – ASL – Lost 8

**ii. Support provided for Championship Meets:      **Officials****

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|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Senior SCY State Champs | GA21-156 | 47                          |
| 2. Diversity Meet          | GA22-012 | 16                          |
| 3. Age Group SCY State     | GA22-016 | 50 / 19 Evaluation Requests |

**iii. General Status of Officials Base: Graduations & Advancements**

**Advancements:**

AO	ST	CJ	SR	DR
(3) N2	(5) N2		(4) N2	
	(2) N3		(1) N3	(1) N3

**Graduations: Past three months**

AO	ST	CJ	SR	DR	ATO
2	7	2	1		1

## Graduations: 2021 to Now (March 15<sup>th</sup>)

AO	ST	CJ	SR	DR	AR	ATO
14	32	2	8	6	3	1

## Still in Pipeline

AO	ST	CJ	SR	DR	ATO
15	31	7	11	4	2

- iv. Awards:  
2021 Pete Junkins Award Winner – Cheryl Loprinzo
- v. Committee Changes:  
Added Jason Frankel (GOLD) – Member at Large
- b. **Training** – Clarice Wasmuth
  - i. Currently transitioning training coordinator position from Clarice Wasmuth to Astrid De Leon.
  - ii. Created new curriculum/test for Chief Judge training and certification. Nine (9) officials have gone through the course.
  - iii. Working on developing a Meet Referee (MR) certification.
- c. **Certifications** – Doug Kintz
  - i. Added the following new certifications in OTS: CJ-Q, OJ-Q, OR-Q
- d. **Name Tags** – Nancy Harmon
  - i. Working with vendor to resolve several issues that occurred on the last order.
  - ii. Next order – April
- e. **Sanctions** – Eric Pingel
  - i. Working with Technical Planning on proposal for **New Meet Bidding Procedures**.
  - ii. Updated and posted new **Meet Sanction Forms** and new **Meet Information Templates**
  - iii. **2021** Calendar ended with **169** Sanctions issued. **2022** already at **61** Sanctions through March.
- f. **SWIMS Database and LSC Records** – Oded Ravid
  - i. Everything up to date. Bonus times used at State Championships creating some time verification issues.
- g. **Rules** – Phil Kopf
  - i. USA Swimming released their new “**Athlete Inclusion, Competitive Equity and Eligibility Policy**” – The policy was reprinted in the monthly Georgia Swimming Officials newsletter that goes to all Georgia Officials.
- h. **ATO Training** – Bruce Adams
  - i. Three new ATO candidates have gone through the in-person ATO training. One has completed their apprentice sessions and become certified.

**III. Open Water – Ed Saltzman**

- a. In preparation for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia LSC Age Group Open Water Championships six (6) officials have taken and passed the Open Water Judge and/or Referee test. The Georgia Swimming Officials Committee is currently working with USA Swimming to roll out a formal Open Water Official certification process for Georgia to support the LSC’s efforts to establish an Open Water program for our athletes.
- b. The Officials Committee is working, in conjunction with the LSC Administrator, to explore several partnership opportunities between the LSC and long existing, successful Open Water events that could offer additional LSC OW opportunities for our athletes.

**IV. Upcoming OQM opportunities – Ed Saltzman**

- a. **Atlanta Classic** – May 13-15 – Approved for N2/N3 evaluations – all positions.
- b. **GA 14&U LCM State Championships** – July 14-17 Location – GT, Host – DYNA (pre-planning)
- c. **GA Senior LCM State Championships** – July 22-24 Location – UGA, Host – ABSC

**V. Old Business – None**

**VI. New Business**

**Proposal 1. Review advancement process for the Admin Referee position as it relates to “Wet Side” vs “Dry Side”.** After a lengthy discussion about the benefits of each course, it was decided that the current process would remain in place with no change.

**Proposal 2. Proposed changes to advancement session and timing requirements .**

The proposal was reviewed and discussed at length. The majority present expressed concerns over possible impact to the quality of officials that would come from the change and that shortening the required sessions or timeline would fast track officials before they were ready to advance to a higher level that required a more extensive understanding of the rules and processes needed to perform at a higher level.

**VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM**