



MINNESOTA
SWIMMING

Board of Director's Meeting Proposal

☒ Proposed Legislation ☐ Proposed Policy ☒ Proposed Resolution ☐ Discussion Only

☒ Reviewed by the Legislative Coordinator for Form ☐ Draft (Not Yet Reviewed)

Date Submitted:

Date of Board Meeting to be Discussed: May 17th, 2016

Name of Legislation: Creation of Minnesota Swimming (MSI) Open Water Committee

Description of Issue: In the summer of 2015, Minnesota Swimming hosted its inaugural Open Water Championship meet. An Open Water Task Force has been responsible for the promotion, implementation, and sanctioning of open water meets in Minnesota since January 2015. However, MSI lacks a committee that is solely responsible for open water swimming, as the Open Water Task Force was primarily responsible for implementing MSI's initial open water schedule. As open water swimming gains a higher profile within MSI, it is necessary to have a committee that will ensure the sustainability of open water competition opportunities for MSI's athletes.

Solution/Rationale and Proposal/Legislation Requested:

The General Chair, shall, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, appoint an ad-hoc Open Water Committee to be responsible for overseeing open water swimming in Minnesota Swimming. The Open Water Committee shall be placed under Technical Planning Chair. As the Open Water Chair does not have a vote on the Board of Directors, the Open Water Committee and Chair shall report primarily to the Technical Planning Chair

The Open Water Committee's tasks will be fourfold:

1. Schedule competitive open water opportunities for athletes of all ability levels, from grassroots swimmers to Olympic Trials qualifiers.
2. Sanction and plan an LSC Open Water Championship at the conclusion of the summer season or at another point deemed appropriate by the committee.
3. Promote LSC, Zone, and National level open water opportunities through word of mouth, social media, open water clinics, or any other methods deemed effective by the committee.
4. Ensure the long term sustainability of age group open water swimming competitions within MSI.

Effective Date: Immediately

Method of Implementation: The General Chair shall, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, appoint the Minnesota Swimming Open Water Committee at the May 2016 MSI Board of Directors meeting. The Open Water Committee shall consist of at least two coaches, two officials, and two athletes. Athletes must consist of at least 20% of the voting members of the committee. Once appointed, the Open Water Committee shall elect a committee chair. The Minnesota Swimming Open Water Task Force should be consulted on these appointments.

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Club: Aquajets-MN

Board Member Submitting: Scott Tripps

Title: Senior Coach Representative

Action: ☐ (Adopted) ☐ (Defeated) ☐ (Adopted-Amended) ☐ (Tabled) ☐ (Postponed) ☐ (Withdrawn) ☐ (Referred to Committee)