



**Athletes' Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 5th, 2023 8:30 PM ET**

**Present:** Juli Arzave (Chair), Matthew Rigsbee (Vice Chair), Davis Shelton (Program and Events Chair), Marco Greico (Leadership Chair), Megan Braman, Jacks Mitchell, Noah Berryman, Jackson Fouras, Simran Jayasinghe, Savannah Gurley, Topher Bishop, TJ Walsh, Joan Choi, Lauren Hurt, Ashley Twichell (AAC), Ellery Parish (Staff), Joel Shinofield (Staff)

**Absent:** Annie Kramer, Josie Uerling, Zach Toothman

**Guests:** None

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**I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 pm ET by Juli Arzave (Chair) and the agenda was approved as submitted.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Matthew Rigsbee moved and Marco Greico seconded to approve the minutes from the December 1st Business Meeting. Approved

**III. Chair Update**

Juli provided the Chair Update to the committee. Juli reminded the committee that registrations must be up to date and also reminded the committee that at our next meeting (Thursday, February 2nd), we will have the DEI session with Leland and Noah in place of our regular business meeting. There was also a brief discussion regarding committee members checking in with their LSC's for the workshop.

**IV. Vice Chair Update**

Matthew provided the Vice Chair update to the committee. Matthew first provided an update to the committee on the HOD Working Group. The Working Group is going to continue to work on a two-year timeline. The working group has a goal to update the bylaws for the HOD to ensure USA Swimming is in compliance with USOPC requirements. Matthew informed the committee about how there were situations last HOD where a person had a position on two committees (and in certain cases like the AEC, those votes were "lost"). This led to the discussion regarding the need to have a plan in place for a committee chair to be able to redistribute a vote for a person who has "two votes". Matthew shared with the committee a recommendation to have the AEC appoint two, two-year athletes as delegates for the HOD to mitigate the concern with the double vote situation that our committee has. He is working with Michelle to execute that and will keep the committee updated.

#### **V. Leadership Chair Update**

Marco provided the Leadership Chair Update to the committee. The Leadership Subcommittee met since the last AEC meeting and had a productive meeting with all members present. A further update regarding National Committee's will be provided at the March Business Meeting.

#### **VI. Programming and Events Chair Update**

Davis provided a Program and Events Chair update to the committee. He provided an update regarding the USA Swimming Workshop and where the planning for the Athlete track stands right now. The subcommittee is actively working on programming and has plans to send out communications to LSC Athlete Rep's getting them engaged for the workshop. The hope is to have two athlete's from each LSC attend the workshop. Further update on the status of programming for the workshop will be provided at the March Business Meeting.

#### **VII. ZARC Update**

Jacks provided an update on the LSC check-in initiative. This has been a collaborative effort with Zach and ZARC. Currently, it only happens in the Central Zone, the form is going to be expanded for all four zones (all LSC's). There has not been a frequency set for how many times during the year it is going to occur. But, there will be a schedule of when the check-in's will be sent out and the mechanisms for follow up that will be in place. Juli included in the update that the AEC members will help ZARC with these LSC Check-In's. At the end of the ZARC update, Joel provided a brief update on the USA Swimming Workshop and asked for feedback regarding athlete participation.

#### **VIII. Awards Working Group Update**

Topher provided an update to the committee on the Awards Working Group. He provided an overview of the awards that are going to be given this year and also provided an update on the timeline for soliciting nominations. Topher showed the committee the nomination google form that is going to be sent out to LSC's.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Juli Arzave (Chair) at 9:07PM ET.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 2nd at 8:30 PM ET.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Marco Greico

Meeting Secretary