

**PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT**

To be submitted to Debbi Tucker ([secretary@pacswim.org](mailto:mlin@pacswim.org)) the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

**Committee: Officials**

**Liaison to the Board: Michael Davis**

**Date of Last Meeting: 2016**

**Members Present**: **Official’s Committee Members**

**Date of Next Meeting: April 15, 2017 (tentative)**

**Action Items “in the works”:**

**Creating an “Official’s News Letter”, similar to USA Swimming’s in where upcoming events, meets, information is noted. This newsletter would be emailed to all of Pacific Swimming’s Officials as well as posted on the website.**

**Review and update all information on the Pacific Swimming’s “Official’s” page on the website.**

**Action Items Completed:**

**The Certification requirements for all Officiating positions, i.e. Stroke and Turn Official, Chief Judge, Administrative Official, Administrative Referee, Deck Referee and Starter have been updated and posted on the Website. Many thanks to the Official’s Committee (Zone Official’s Chairs) and Mary Ruddell for the updates. Although not every question will be answered, the updated requirements will help clarify the requirements for certification and advancement.**

**Announcements:**

**Congratulations to Mary Ruddell as being invited to be the Lead Administrative Referee in Indianapolis! We also will have a Pacific Swimming Official at the Men’s PAC 12 Championships in March! Officials from Pacific Swimming are being recognized in USA Swimming for their Professionalism as well as their entertaining personalities :o)!**

**Our two Athlete rep’s for the Official’s Committee are Lee Ward from WCAB and Jill Jones from OAPB. They will both be invited to our Official’s Committee meeting in April.**

**Questions for the Board / Larger Group:**

**As an LSC, do we want to promote the 2 Far Western Meets as the LSC’s “Premiere Meets.” If so, per the motion that George has put forth, I would request that the dates for the noted meet are “protected dates”. Please note that that would encompass only two weekends a year. This is a modification of my earlier proposal. I would ask the Board to consider that there are many other weekends to hold a “Zone Championship” Meet, or any other Meet on the remaining 49 weekends on the Calendar (HOD, Official’s Clinic and Coaches Clinic are a protected weekend).**

**Notes/ Other:**

**The Official’s Committee will continue our efforts to always learn, mentor and work with the coaches to make our LSC Officials some of the best in USA Swimming. I would like to attend the Coaches’ Clinic in 2017 to see how we can help the Coaches in their work training our Pacific Swimming Athletes.**

**Our Zone Official’s Chairs continue to do excellent work at recruiting new Officials, holding clinics and workshops for mentoring, and making Officiating enjoyable. In the past two months, we have had approx. 30 new Officials take the Certification tests for Stroke and Turn or Administrative Official! Again, excellent work by our Zone Official’s Chairs!**