

ATHLETES REPORT PRE-CONVENTION 2006

Over the past year, I have attended all Board of Directors meetings and conference calls as well as a USAS meeting in Dallas, TX. Betty Hazle, Scotti Nichols, and I worked together on revising the code in preparation for a new governance structure. I have also served on various subcommittees and appointed athletes to all committees. Working with our secretary, Christy Henderson, we communicated with the athletes throughout the year to update the list of athlete reps as elections took place. In the middle of the year, the members only web forum went live. I have been trained in how to monitor the forum and have posted several topics for discussion. Leading up to convention, I am frequently communicating with the athletes regarding registration, paperwork, housing, positions to be elected, and use of the forum.

At convention, the athletes have several issues to discuss. A lot of time will be spent reviewing the new structure and how the Athlete Executive Committee (AEC) will be aligned with the new Board of Directors. That being said we will elect all new AEC positions with the exception of the USOC-AAC rep. We have also been asked to examine how to get more judges to attend US Opens, Collegiates, and Age-Groups. During convention the aquatic sports have combined to provide an athlete lounge where all athletes can go between meetings to relax, socialize, and brainstorm exciting new ideas! The location of the lounge will be posted at the registration desk.

I am looking forward to convention and as always, I'm sure our athlete reps will be outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

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