

CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC.



Annual Report

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Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

	<i>2006-2007</i>	<i>2007-2008</i>
General Chair:	Jeff Gray	Jeff Gray
Administrative Vice-Chair:	Christopher Hug	Christopher Hug
Program Development Vice-Chair:	Rick Lewis	Rick Lewis
Senior Committee Chair:	Henk Jansen	Henk Jansen
Age Group Committee Chair:	Peter Boucher	Peter Boucher
Program Operations Vice-Chair:	Barry Silver	Barry Silver
Technical Planning Committee Chair:	Ellen Johnston	Ellen Johnston
Finance Vice-Chair:	Jeff Scobee	Jeff Scobee
Treasurer:	Sue Lecza	Sue Lecza
Secretary:	David Heller	David Heller
Coaches Representatives:	Christine Pelham/Dan Zeek	Dan Zeek/Mike Ferraro
Athletes Representatives:	Haley Smith/Stuart Ainsworth	Stuart Ainsworth/Dana Gnerre
Coach-at-Large:	Bill Ball	Christine Pelham
Counsel-At-Large	Ed Doernberger	Ed Doernberger
Past General Chair:	Bill Krumm	
Registration/Membership Coordinator:	Judy Snow	Judy Snow
NTV Officer:	Ginger McCurdy	Ginger McCurdy
Officials Committee Chair:	Mike Huffman	Mike Huffman
Time Standards Committee Chair:	George Miles	George Miles
Safety Committee Chair:	Cathy Koelle/Jason Paige	Bruce Collins
Banquet Committee Chair:	Peter Boucher/Wendy Jackwin	Peter Boucher/Wendy Jackwin
Camp Coordinator:	Jen Lyman/Jo Ann McCaffrey	Jen Lyman/Jo Ann McCaffrey
Zone Coordinator:	Randy LaRocca/Chris Hayes	Randy LaRocca/Chris Hayes

Permanent Office
Nan Cooper

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Administrative Division

REGISTRATION

2006-2007 Accomplishments

- Receipt of more complete accurate files from most clubs.
- Timely cooperation from coach members in BG checks.
- 2007 Registration Statistics: 55 clubs, 55592 Non-athletes and 4751 (306 seasonal) athletes

2007-2008 Goals

- Full on line registration from member clubs for athletes.
- Work on implementation of releases via email for athletes.
- Decrease last minute registrations prior to meets.

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Program Development Division

AGE GROUP

2006-2007 Accomplishments

- Conducted successful Short Course and Long Course Age Group Championship meets with 1,060 SC and 966 LC swimmers competing.
- Sent team of 57 swimmers to SC Eastern Zone Championships and 98 swimmers to LC Eastern Zone Championships. Four (4) new CT Resident Records were established during the meets.
- Held multiple age group camps during with more offerings for swimmers by ability. Conducted parent education sessions in conjunction with the camps.
- Expanded the 15 – 18 age group to include 19 yr old swimmers for the LC Age Group Championships.
- Revised Zone registration process.

2007-2008 Goals

- Review distance swimming offerings / needs of Age Group Swimmers.
- Provide input to Program Operations for meet warm-up guidelines.
- Revise existing Zone Policy.
- Expand parent education program.
- Hold multiple age group camps during 07-08 season.

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Program Development Division

SENIOR

2006-2007 Accomplishments

- Ran very successful CT Short Course Seniors.
- Increased athlete travel reimbursement for 2007-08 to \$21,800.
- Get LC Senior Open Championship to a manageable timeline.
 - Timelines for LC Seniors were 4 hours or less except for Sunday
- Work with camp coordinators on senior camps.
 - Committee met with Jen Lyman to approve CT OTC trip
- Coaches' Clinic with a guest speaker.
 - See below

2007-2008 Goals

- Update criteria for CT Athlete of the year
 - Criteria outdated
- Coaches' Clinic with a guest speaker
 - Ernie Maglischo is scheduled to appear in CT in April
- Work with George Miles to research CT Senior LC cuts
- Change reimbursement to flat reimbursement dollar amounts for all meets.
- Increase funding for travel reimbursement
- Continue to run a manageable timeline for both Senior meets

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Program Development Division

TECHNICAL PLANNING

2007-2008 Goals

- Establish and confirm committee members.
- Schedule committee meetings.
- Determine long-range planning and program objectives.
- Evaluate recommendations from Senior, Age Group and Program Development Committees.

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Program Operations Division

VICE-CHAIR

Accomplishments

- Established a Connecticut Swimming policy regarding meet prizes.
- Established a Connecticut Swimming policy regarding approved meets.
- Scheduled ample short course meets for 2007-2008 season.
- Reevaluated and implemented the meet selection process to ensure that evolving program needs can be met and meets are awarded as sensibly and fairly as possible.

2007-2008 Goals

- Provide supervision so that regular season and Championship meets are conducted in accordance with USA Swimming rules and CSI policies, posted Meet Announcements and high standards for the benefit of all swimmers.
- Develop a standardized Meet Announcement.
- Maintain constructive relations with Championship meet venues.
- Evaluate FAST Online Entries for non-championship meets.

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Program Operations Division

OFFICIALS

Accomplishments

- Scheduled and ran sufficient clinics to address the requirements for new officials, starters, and referees.
- Attended the National Officials Chair meeting in San Antonio.
- From an officiating standpoint, held successful long course Age Group and Senior championships.
- Ensured CSI had attendance at the National Officials training seminar in St. Louis.

2007-2008 Goals

- Attend the 2008 USA Swimming Officials Chair Meeting.
- Continue to provide sufficient opportunities for new official training (S+T, Starter, and Referee) as well as providing re-certification clinics for current officials.
- Schedule our annual officials meeting prior to the start of the short course season.
- Ensure opportunities for national and national championship certification are made available to our CSI officials.
- Maximize the use of all educational opportunities provided by USA swimming for our officials, coaches, and swimmers.

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Finance Division

VICE-CHAIR

Accomplishments

- Prepared a balanced budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.
- With investment manager, portfolio resulted in a positive return for 2007.
- Implemented an Audit Committee.

2007-2008 Goals

- Review CSI's equipment and capital needs and make recommendations to the Finance Committee for the 2008-2009 budget.
- Ensure that the programs to support athletes, coaches and volunteers are adequately funded and serve to promote the sport of swimming.
- Continue to have maximum gains on investment portfolio through continued correspondence with investment manager and monitor closely each areas of the portfolio to maximum gains and minimize losses.
- Prepare a balanced annual budget for 2008-2009 CSI's operations and present the budget for approval by the Board of Directors and the House of Delegates.

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Finance Division

TREASURER

2006-2007 Accomplishments

- Prepared monthly financial statements for distribution at Board of Director's meetings.
- Filed all necessary tax returns on a timely basis.
- Ensured that all deposits were made timely, all invoices were paid when due, and bank accounts were reconciled in a timely manner.
- Worked with new auditors to complete the August 31, 2006 audit report.

2007-2008 Goals

- Streamline the process for accepting and processing credit card transactions.
- Work with independent auditor to prepare the August 31, 2007 audited financial statements.
- Make sure that all tax filings are made on a timely basis.
- Continue to keep CSI books and accounts accurately and timely.

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Coaches Division

Coach Representative

Accomplishments

- Formed a Coaches' committee and held two meetings this year

2007-2008 Goals

- Discussed and tried to plan a Coaches Clinic
- Tried again to develop an online Forum

Status of both projects:

Senior Committee has offered to run a Coaches clinic in April of this year.

The forum was not processed as being too hard to password protect, since then we have found a way to guarantee this and will send all information to the administrator for review and approval. There seems to be a need for coaches to be able to communicate with each other about things that are of concern to them.

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Athletes Division

Athlete Representatives

2007-2008 Goals

- Updated communications: current E Mail addresses.
- Better communication between the LSC and the athletes that make up Connecticut Swimming.
- More involvement and athlete representation in Connecticut Swimming.
- A higher interest in athlete events: ie. Swimposium, Camps, Clinics etc.
- More feedback from the athletes.