

# Proposed Bylaws Changes Enhancing Athlete Representation on The Board of Directors and House of Delegates

## ARTICLE 4 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

4.1 MEMBERS: The House of Delegates of WSI shall consist of the Group Member Representatives, the Athlete Representatives, the Coach Representative, members of the Board of Directors designated in Section 5.1, and the At-Large House Members.

4.1.1 Group Member Representatives: Each Group Member in good standing shall appoint from its membership a Group Member Representative and one or more alternates. **In addition, each Group Member shall appoint from its membership a Group Member Athlete Representative and one or more alternates.** The appointments shall be in writing, addressed to the Registration/Membership Coordinator of WSI and duly certified by the chief executive officer or Secretary of the appointing Group Member. The appointing Group Member may withdraw its Group Member Representative, **Group Member Athlete Representative**, or one or more of its alternates and substitute a new Group Member Representative, **Group Member Athlete Representative**, or new alternates by written notice, addressed to the Registration/Membership Coordinator of WSI and signed by the chief executive officer or secretary of the appointing Group Member.

4.1.3 Athlete Representatives: Two (2) Athlete Representatives shall be elected, one each year for a two-year term, or until his/her respective successor is elected. **At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must (a) be an Athlete Member or a Seasonal Athlete Member in good standing; (b) be at least sixteen (16) years of age or at least a sophomore in high school; (c) be currently competing, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by Wisconsin Swimming or another LSC; and (d) reside in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term.** The election of ~~one~~ **the** Athlete Representative shall be conducted annually during the WSI short course swimming championships, or other regularly scheduled meet designated by the Board of Directors. The balloting shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose by the Senior Athlete Representative or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. The Athlete Representative shall be elected by a majority of the Athlete Members and Seasonal Athlete Members in good standing present and voting who are thirteen (13) years of age or older.

**At the conclusion of the two year term, the Athlete Representative will serve two years as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors, with voice and vote.**

**At the time of election, the Athlete Representative must be:**

**A. An Athlete Member or a Seasonal Athlete Member in good standing;**

**B. At least sixteen (16) years of age or have junior status in high school;**

**C. Competing currently, or have competed during the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by WSI or another LSC; and**

**D. Reside in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term.**

## ARTICLE 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 MEMBERS: The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers, committee chairmen, coordinators and representatives of WSI, together with those additional members designated in Article 5.3. All members of the Board of Directors shall be members of USA Swimming and WSI.

5.1.1 General Chair

5.1.2 Administrative Vice-chair

5.1.3 Finance Vice Chair

5.1.4 Senior Chair

5.1.5 Age Group Chair

5.1.6 Treasurer

5.1.7 Secretary

5.1.8 Technical Planning Chair

5.1.9 Safety Chair

- 5.1.10 Registration/Membership Coordinator
- 5.1.11 Officials Chair
- 5.1.12 Athletes' Representatives (2)
- 5.1.13 Coaches' Representative
- 5.1.14 Records, NTV & Top 16 Coordinator\*
- 5.1.15 Rules Chair\*
- 5.1.16 Adaptive Swimming Chair

\* Appointed by General Chairman

5.2 AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS This Section reserved for future use.

5.3 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: The following persons shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors during the time period in which they meet the defined status:

5.3.1 The Immediate Past General Chairman of WSI, if an Individual Member in good standing;

~~5.3.1~~ **5.3.2** Members of the USA Swimming Board of Directors who are Individual Members in good standing;

~~5.3.2~~ **5.3.3** USA Swimming Committee Chairmen who are Individual Members in good standing; and

**5.3.4 The Immediate Past Athlete Representatives, if an Individual Member in good standing. Ex-officio Athlete Representatives will have voice and vote on the Board of Directors.**