

**VSI Board of Directors Meeting: January 6, 2008**  
**From Mark Bennett, Age-Group Chair**  
**Virginia Swimming, Inc.**

- Following this meeting, I will be stepping down as AG Chair. I will be moving, with my family, to Oregon to be closer to my extended family. I know that the timing of this move is not ideal for any parties involved; however, as we all come to realize, there is never a good time for these life changes to happen. Despite the brief duration of my tenure, it has been a tremendous learning experience serving in this capacity with Virginia Swimming, and it has inspired me to seek out a role in LSC governance again in the future. I would like to say that it has been a pleasure and privilege to work with and serve beside “y’all.” In the upcoming months, I would like to be of whatever service I can offer to the next AG Chair, and to Virginia. **Action Item: appoint a new AG Chair**
- AG has decided, with much deliberation, to accept the bid from Coast Guard Blue Dolphins for the 2008 Long Course AG Champs to be held at Midtown Aquatics Center, July 24-27. AG also would like to encourage a team to hold a time trial in a date of close proximity to give teams a chance for National Recognition in the 200m relays. **Action Item: formally accept CGBD bid for LC AG Champs**
- The awards have been ordered for all short course championship meets. The banners have been received, and in my absence, Marla Shreve (PSDN) will be mailing them to the respective teams hosting the meets. The plaques will be ready by mid-January and need to be picked up from Bob Shreck upon notification of their completion. Steven Hasty has contacted me on the individual awards for short course champs. They should be ready shortly. All information regarding the awards will be forwarded to my successor. Marla Shreve will hold on to the surplus VSI awards (currently in my possession) until directed to send them on to respective meet hosts.
- The Virginia vs. North Carolina meet has been cancelled. It was never even on the schedule from NCS end. There was a miscommunication in transition with LSC administrators. The proposed pool has already been rented for the original weekend. An LSC Age-Group select camp in North Carolina is slated to run in Charlotte over the proposed weekend of the meet. It was suggested to have the meet during the NCS select camp, but I feel that this significantly changes the intent of the meet (as well as the travel distance). I strongly encourage the following AG Chair to continue to pursue this meet.