



CONVENTION ROUNDUP

SEPTEMBER 2006

Saturday, September 16, 2006

Convention Comes to a Close

The 27th Annual United States Aquatic Sports Convention will officially close tomorrow. Thank you to all of the valued USA Swimming volunteers and staff members who attended. We'll see you next year!

Election Report

USA Swimming Elects Jim Wood as President

Nine Additional Officers Elected Saturday

USA Swimming's House of Delegates voted to elect Jim Wood of New Providence, N.J., as president on Saturday, Sept. 16. Wood has been involved in USA Swimming's volunteer leadership for more than 25 years and has served on the board of directors since 1992. The term for a USA Swimming president is two years. Wood replaces outgoing president Ron Van Pool.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to lead USA Swimming over the next couple of years," said Wood. "I'm very, very pleased with the results of the election of board members and I'm looking forward to working with them as a team and moving USA Swimming forward."

In his long service to USA Swimming, Wood has served on the following committees: Education, Age Group Planning (Chair), Sports Science and Medicine, Time Standards, Meet Evaluation, Domestic Operations (Coordinator), Strategic Planning, Senior, Open Water and International Relations. He has been part of the Olympic International Operations Committee since 1980 and served as chair from 1992-2004. He has also served on the Steering Committee since 1992 and was the committee chair from 1992-2004. He has been a member of the executive committee since 2004. The 2003 USA Swimming Award winner, Wood most recently served as technical vice president (2004-06).

"USA Swimming has a rich history of superior volunteer leadership and there is absolutely no question that Jim Wood is going to continue that rich tradition," said Chuck Wielgus, executive director of USA Swimming. "Jim's 30-plus years of experience as a coach at the club level of USA Swimming gives him a full understanding and appreciation of the issues that affect our athletes, our coaches, our clubs, our LSCs, all aspects of grassroots swimming in our country right up through our Olympic Team program where he served as the chairman of our

National Steering Committee."

Wood has been the head coach and owner of Berkeley (N.J.) Aquatic Club since 1977. A graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Wood did his graduate work at the University of North Carolina, where he served as head men's and women's swimming coach from 1975-77.

In the international realm, Wood has served on the USA Swimming staff at the last three Olympic Games (1996, 2000, 2004) and has represented the organization at international congresses and meetings since 1994.

Nine additional officers were elected this morning. The results are as follows:

Administration Vice President:
John Wilson

Program Operations Vice President:
R. Patrick Lunsford

Treasurer:
Peter Carney

Program Development Vice President:
Mary Jo Swalley

Technical Vice President
George Block

Central Zone Non-Coach Director:
Arlene McDonald

Southern Zone Non-Coach Director:
Richard Pockat

Eastern Zone Coach Director:
Ed Dellert

Western Zone Coach Director:
Vicki Marsh

Congratulations to each of the new officers!

Travel Forecast for Tomorrow (Sunday, Sept. 17)

Sunny with clear skies throughout the day tomorrow, highs reaching 80 degrees and winds out of the SSW at 12-14 mph. Potential for late night thunderstorms.

Friday's Trivia: Did you know Underwater Swimming was once it's own Olympic event? When, Where and Who Won?

Answer: The men's underwater swimming was an event at the 1900 Summer Olympic Games in Paris. The 1900 Games were the only occasion such an event was held. The underwater swimming event was held on August 12, 1900. Fourteen swimmers from 4 nations competed. The first and only Olympic gold medal awarded in the event went to Charles de Vendeville of France.

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