VSI Officials Committee Report
04 January 2008

- National Meet Activity

  - Michael Downs, Tom Elliott, Kevin Hogan, and Charles Seltman attended the USA-S National Short Course Championships in Atlanta, GA, 29 November – 1 December

  - Lee Gibbs and Pat Donohue attended the 2007 US Paralympic Open Championships in College Park, MD, 6-8 December.

  - Michael Downs has been chosen to officiate at the 2008 USA-S Olympic Trials. *Congratulations Michael!*

  - Financial support to help defray the costs of attending national meets is appears to be impacting on the number of our officials attending these meets, which in turn provides us with a more experienced pool of officials who can mentor up and coming officials.

- LSC Championship Meet Staffing

  - Cathy Rudolph will be the Meet Referee for the 2008 VSI Short Course Senior Championship meet

  - The Meet Referee for the 2008 VSI Age Group Championship meet will be chosen shortly

- New name badge blanks have been purchased. We are replacing all existing name badges, many of which are in very poor shape. New officials with one year of experience receive a name badge. The officials database has been updated to include a field that tracks officials receiving a name badge. New orders will be placed on an annual basis.

- High school officiating – 90 officials purchased NFHS Swim & Dive Rule Books which allows them to officiate high school swimming in place of taking the NFHS Swim & Dive test

- The Officials Committee is handling a complaint received against one of our officials. Resolution is expected shortly.

- Championship Meet Computers – Our LSC championship meets are most efficiently run using two networked computers. We also have a need for an internet connection to run the Live Update in Meet Manager. Doing this is frequently a challenge as we're networking computers owned by different individuals and sometimes tying into an internet connection (or not) owned by the facility.

  Action item: Consider purchasing two laptop computers which would be dedicated for use at LSC Championship meets. Also need to consider use of a satellite card (?) for internet connection.