

## **VP of Member Development**

### 2022 Annual Convention Report

Newly appointed as head of the coach's board, welcome, Cheryl Cook.

Thank you to Shari Darst for her tireless efforts organizing our camps, with special shoutout to the inaugural Boy's Camp. We look forward to continually providing inclusive and specialized skill camps to our membership. Additional thank you to Tori Johnson (Pacific Northwest Association), for her several years of dedicated support of Artistic Swimming at the local and national level. She has decided to step down from the membership committee and are thankful for her years of service to the sport. Thanks, should also be extended to Emmanuella Tchakmakjian, AEC President, for assisting with athlete representation across all the Membership Committees. This is no small effort, and her follow through and attention to representing the athlete's voice is crucial to our long-term success as an organization. Special thank you to Ashley Johnson, VP of DEI, for continuing to provide input on membership policies and organizing athletes to become DEI mentors. This is an invaluable voice in our organization. Additional thank yous to Alyssa Jacobs and Baylee Robinson for the efforts spearheading marketing and events for the organization. Lastly, thank you to all of my committee chairs and committee members who are dedicated to the mission and strategic vision of USA Artistic Swimming.

Please note that there are several upcoming proposals that would directly impact membership including but not limited to, Appendix W. Appendix W specifically refers to our Coaches Certification Policy.

Rationale for changes to Appendix W include, but are not limited to:

- Coach Certification Requirements. The changes to the Level 1 Coach Certification requirements for CCP Level 1 is requested as it is important for all levels of coaches to go through training. At this time if you have a new coach or coach-athlete working with athletes, they may not have learned the correct techniques or safety issues that may arise during their training.
- 1.02 Changing required age for CCP Level 1 to 15 years old to align with Level 1 Judge Certification.
- 1.04 after completion of a CCP course, a coach is now current for 4 years, for example if they completed the course in 2017 with a posted expiration of 2021, they are then given a grace period of 1 year to renew. We are asking that the 4-year certification is a hard deadline with no grace period allowed.
- The rest of the changes are clarifications or with wording.

There are several projects and products that will roll out to membership over the course of the 2022-2023 season, and I am looking forward to sharing that work with the membership.

With the addition of new technical rule changes from FINA the membership will be greatly impacted at the local level and beyond. Please stay tuned for special updates, courses, and webinars as they become available following this October's congress.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocilyn Saylor, VP of Member Development