Minutes
Board of Directors
Wednesday, July, 15, 2026

Board Members in Attendance: Kimberly Kohut, Heidi Lurenz (non-voting; Secretary), Jacklyn Luu (Team USA AC alternate), Anna Montgomery, Natalia Vega (AEC President), Rebecca Phillips, Joanne Pasternack, Becky Jasontek Tomsic (Athlete at Large), Monica Velaquez-Stiak, Andrea Nott Miles (General Athlete Representative), Cheryl Russell, Jaime Czarkowski (General Athlete Representative), Stacey Chapman, Mariya Koroleva (Team USA AC Athlete Representative), Jennell Lynch	
Staff Members in Attendance: Adam Andrasko, Lara Teixeira	
Others:	
Excused: Kerhyl Gantt, Amy Oliver,	
Called to Order At: 8:01 PM EDT	BY: Kimberly Kohut. A quorum was declared

Topic	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	**Presented by**	Kimberly Kohut
Discussion	Kimberly Kohut called for any additional conflicts of interest to be declared. No new conflicts of interest were declared. No new agenda items were brought forth.		

Topic	Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2026 BOD meeting	**Presented by**	Kimberly Kohut
Discussion	**Motion:** Cheryl Russell motioned to approve minutes from the May 27, 2026 BOD meeting. **Seconded by:** Joanne Pasternack **Motion approved.** **Vote: Yes-9 No- 0, Abstain- 1**		

Topic	Athlete Report	**Presented by**	Natalia Vega, Mariya Koroleva

Discussion	Natalia reported the National team did well at the Super Final, A video for the release of the new Moana movie was released and another one will be released later. 4 of the Sr team athletes are on the Junior team and will be competing in Budapest. Jacklyn attended the Team USA Athlete forum. Her notes and the presentation are in the folder. Mariya reported that USAAS AEC structure does not follow the Team USA AEC structure. The issue is the 10 year participation requirement. In the USA age group athletes do participate at our convention and do vote and serve on committees so we are hoping our structure will remain the same.

Topic	Treasurer's Report	**Presented by**	Anna Montgomery, Adam Andrasko
Discussion	See report Adam provided a financial update by walking through the dashboard found in the meeting folder. Finances are more stable than in 2025 and should improve in September. Audit report has been completed. See report in folder. **Motion:** Stacey Chapman motioned to approve audit report. **Seconded by:** Cheryl Russell **Motion approved.** **Vote: Yes-11 No- 0, Abstain- 0**		

Topic	VP Olympic International	**Presented by**	Cheryl Russell
Discussion	See report attached. Cheryl reported that the US National team has focused on artistic impression and the results have been great, with it being spoken about internationally. There is work being done to increase the USA's difficulty. Lara summarized the High-Performance plan. See folder.		

Topic	VP DEI	**Presented by**	Monica Velaquez-Stiak
Discussion	See report attached. Proposal to change the title of the DEI VP. The proposed name is Vice President of Athlete Access and Opportunity. This title has been reviewed by both the DEI committee and the governance committees. Both have recommended approval. **Motion:** Monica Velaquez-Stiak motioned to approve the title change. **Seconded by:** Natalia Vega **Motion approved.** **Vote: Yes-12 No- 0, Abstain- 0**		

Topic	President's/CEO Report	**Presented by**	Kimberly Kohut/Adam Andrasko
Discussion	Adam reported that LA rec and park has been working with USAAS to reduce costs to the national team. LA rec and park is also going to certify 30 coaches with artistic swimming to help serve the underserved population which should help improve athlete opportunities and eventual participation as USAAS clubs/athletes. Kimberly asked if there is interest in looking at Zone/Regional/Association structure and alignment. This was discussed and it does appear there is interest. A task force maybe formed at a later date. Adam summarized the Safe Sport and USOPC audits. See folder. Some minor issues were found which are being remediated. Most are related to language in the rule book. We are well above average for compliance for Safe Sport. There will be a 2 year pause on audits at the Zone level. National competitions could still be audited. Adam summarized the OP plan Pillar 1 updates and many areas are moving toward green. Progress can also be seen on the other pillars by looking at the specific tabs. See folder.		

Topic	Announcements	**Presented by**	Adam Andrasko/ Kimberly Kohut

Discussion	VPs please have your reports and your committee reports submitted to the office by August 20. Zone chairs please have your reports submitted by August 20. Send reports to Kennedy and CC Kimberly and Adam. Convention Planning (September 3-6, 2026); Madison, WI. Board of Directors should plan to arrive in the afternoon/early evening of Friday, September 4. The Foundation Reception event will be Friday evening. The meeting with current board members and new board members will be the morning of Sunday, September 6. Please schedule departure flights for after 1:00 PM as we will conclude our meeting by 11:00 a.m. Hotel Booking Link (Booking Link Closes July 30); Convention Registration Link (Registration Closes August 13) Kimberly thanked everyone for their participation tonight.		
Topic	Closed session including Adam	**Presented by**	Kimberly Kohut
Discussion	**Motion:** Cheryl Russell motioned to move to a closed session including Adam and Lara **Seconded by:** Stacey Chapman **Motion approved.** **Vote: Yes- 11, No- 0, Abstain- 0** Moved into closed session at 9:18 PM EDT Adam reported there are no SafeSport updates. He mentioned tasks that are related to Olympic preparation. **Motion:** Cheryl Russell moved to move out of closed session. **Seconded by:** Stacey Chapman **Motion approved.** Moved out of closed session at 9:26 PM EDT **Vote: Yes-12 , No- 0, Abstain- 0**		

Adjournment at 9:26 PM EDT		
Moved to adjourn by: Cheryl Russell	**Seconded by:** Stacey Chapman	**Motion Approved unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Lurenz
Secretary

Attachments:
VPOI report
VPDEI report: VP position title change

VP Olympic International Report, July 2026

National Teams:

Senior National Team members and athletes from Santa Clara Artistic Swimming competed in Pontevedra, Spain at World Cup #4. The Officials for Spain were: Cheryl Russell (Judge) and Anna Yesipova (Controller). Results were:

Anita/Jaime-Tech Duet: 2nd

Anita/Jaime-Free Duet: 4th

AnaMaria/Kanako-Tech Duet:17th

David/Yilian-Mixed Free Duet: 9th

David/Yilian-Mixed Tech Duet: 9th

Anita-Tech Solo: 7th

Anita-Free Solo: 10th

Kanako-Tech Solo: 25th

David-Tech solo: 6th

The Senior National Team and members from Santa Clara competed in every event at the Super Final in Toronto, Canada. Our Officials for Canada were Debbie Latchford (Judge), Krista Karwosky (Practice Judge), and Victoria Anderson (Controller). Betty Hazle was selected as Assistant Referee. Placements were:

Anita-Tech Solo: 4th

Anita-Free Solo: 7th

David-Tech Solo: 8th

David-Free Solo: 7th

Anita/Jaime-Tech Duet: 3rd

Anita/Jaime-Free Duet: 6th

David/Yilian-Mixed Tech Duet: 7th

David/Chloe-Mixed Free Duet: 6th

Tech Team: 2nd

Free Team: 3rd

Acro Team: 5th

The Junior National Team will be competing in the World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championships in Budapest, Hungary (August 12-16, 2026). The Officials selected are: Debbie Latchford (Judge), Christine McMaster-Shah (Practice Judge), and Svetlana Malinovskaya (Technical Controller).

International Competitions and Officials

XV Hungarian Open - July 2026; Budapest, Hungary

We were able to send Eugenia Gillan (retired AQUA Official) to judge. As reported previously, this was a Club Option with Santa Clara competing.

XXV CAC Games - August 5-8, 2026; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Krista Karwosky (Judge), Tammy McGregor (Tech Controller Coordinator) and Bill May (Technical Controller Evaluator) were selected as neutral International Technical Officials.

ODESUR Games - September 2026; Rosario, Argentina

Irene Hawes was chosen to be the Evaluator of Judges. Bill May was selected as Evaluator of Technical Controllers. Victoria Anderson was selected as a neutral Judge.

PanAm Masters Championships - Oct 19-29, 2026; Buenos Aires, Argentina

Multiple Masters' clubs will participate. Our officials will be: Chistine McMaster-Shah (Judge) and Heather Tiernan (Controller). Irene Hawes will be the Evaluator of Judges.

International News

Bill May will be taking part in a camp, with Ou Liu, local athletes in China. The Male soloist from Great Britain will train in Santa Clara in September (Dates TBD). In September, Bill will travel to South Africa, possibly with a coach from Santa Clara, to help with some of their training. Bill will also travel to Poland to take part in a competition there. The athlete and coaches who invited him were at our USAAS Youth Nationals in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Russell

Proposal: The proposal is to adjust the VP of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion title to VP of Athlete Access and Opportunity.

Rationale: The work that is done within this committee and AWD subcommittee and across USAAS will remain absolutely the same. There is no shift to minimize or adjust the work we do as our goal is to create opportunities for all athletes and people in our community. The adjustment to the title is primarily to help with future candidates for this position to avoid any roadblocks or red tape with “DEI” involved in the title. Many sports have started to adjust the name of this position on their boards or the department in their NGB's to not only protect the people working in those positions, but to also reflect the work being done within their sports. For us, this name change will reflect our organizational goals of creating access and opportunities for all people that want to be involved in artistic swimming.