GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT Summer 2025

Governance had a light year in 2025, only one item brought forth for consideration:

Item 1: Appendix Q – Athlete Safety Policy, Article 3 – Prevention Policies

E. Tracking Requirements: USAAS will track all education and training requirements and perform periodic checks at a minimum of twice a month to ensure compliance with this Appendix Q. The USAAS membership system will alert a member if their requirement(s) are expiring. This notification will occur sixty (60) days prior, thirty (30) days prior and on the date when a requirement expires. If a requirement expires, the membership will be suspended temporarily until the requirement is met.

Rationale: The Center for SafeSport requested additional language regarding membership requirement tracking.

Action taken: The Committee unanimously approved this change, and recommends approval by the Board of Directors.

Many thanks to my committee members:

• North Zone: Heidi Lurenz

South Zone: Ginny WhisenhuntEast Zone: Jennifer Wilczynski

• West Zone: Valerie Williams

• Athlete Representatives: Natalia Vega, Claire Barton, Tammy Crow Declercq, Emma Tchakmakjian (Immediate Past AEC President)

I'd also like to thank Betty Hazle for her invaluable insights and willingness to get into the weeds with me on our organization's documents. Her help is crucial to the success of our work.

Respectfully submitted,

Scotti Nichols, Chair