USA Swimming Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2020 / Virtual Zoom Conference Call

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- 2 Bob Vincent, Board Chair, called the January 31, 2020 Board of Directors meeting to order
- 3 at 8:07 a.m. Mountain Time with the following members in attendance:

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- 5 **PRESENT:** Chris Brearton, Kenneth Chung, Bruce Gemmell, Jennifer Gibson, Cecil Gordon,
- 6 Natalie Hall, Tim Hinchey, Lucinda McRoberts, Kathleen Prindle, Bill Schalz, Jeanette Skow,
- 7 Jim Sheehan, Davis Tarwater, Jay Thomas, Tom Ugast, Bob Vincent.

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NOT PRESENT: Maya Andrews.

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- 11 **GUESTS**
- 12 Dale Ammon (Western Zone Non-Coach Representative), Bill Charney (Charney
- 13 Associates), Tristan Formon (Eastern Zone Coach Director), Sean Redmond (Western Zone
- 14 Coach Director), Michael White (Central Zone Coach Representative).

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- 16 **STAFF**
- 17 Paula D'Amico, Shana Ferguson, Jake Grosser, Isabelle McLemore, Lindsay Mintenko,
- 18 Patrick Murphy, Eric Skufca, Joel Shinofield, Mike Unger.

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- 20 **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 21 A moment of silence was observed for USA swimming members who have passed away
- 22 since the last USA swimming Board of Directors meeting.

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- 24 **AGENDA REVIEW**
- Bob Vincent presented the agenda and moved the Closed Session to the end of the meeting (Attachment 1).

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- **RULES OF ENGAGEMENT / COVENANTS**
- Bob Vincent provided an overview of the Rules of Engagement/Covenants.

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- **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (2.5.4)**
- "Is any member aware of any conflict of interest (that is, of a personal interest or direct or indirect pecuniary interest) in any matter being considered by this meeting, which should now
- 34 be reported or disclosed or addressed under the USA Swimming Conflict of Interest Policy?"

36 If a Board member determines there to be a conflict of interest at any point during the 37 course of the meeting when a specific subject is being discussed and / or action is being taken, a declaration of a conflict of interest should be made at that time. 38

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CEO WELCOME

41 Tim Hinchey welcomed the Board and staff, expressed his excitement for the upcoming year with the Trials and Olympics, and thanked the Board for their CEO feedback from 42 2019.

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BOARD CHAIR'S REMARKS

46 Bob Vincent remarked on the exciting new culture at headquarters after the office redesign, the importance of using data to compile useful information to solve organizational issues, 47 48 and lastly mentioned the abbreviated timeline for the day's Board of Directors meeting.

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50 **MINUTES**

51 **MOTION:** To approve the November 23, 2019 Board of Directors meeting minutes 52 (Attachment 2). Seconded. APPROVED.

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BOARD PROCESS

- 55 **CEO BONUS/INCENTIVE COMP (2.3.5)**
- Bob Vincent informed the Board that their qualitative feedback was given to the Chief 56 Executive Officer and that the compensation adjustment was implemented. 57

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"CHARGE" TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2.9.3)

Bob Vincent reported that two Board member's terms would be ending at the end of 2020 and thus there will be two vacancies on the Board of Directors come this fall. An emphasis on financial literacy was noted as a competency for any potential candidates for the Board of Directors.

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ENDS MONITORING

- **BROADEST GROWTH/SUCCESS OF SWIMMING (1.0)** 66
- Bob Vincent presented Policy 1.0 Broadest/Growth and Success of Swimming (Attachment 67 68 3).

- 70 **MOTION:** To approve the performance monitoring report on Policy 1.0, "Broadest End –
- 71 Growth and Success of Swimming," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are
- 72 reasonable, and (b) that the report reasonably substantiates compliance with the policy
- requirements, consistent with the CEO's interpretations. Seconded. APPROVED. 73

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POLICY 3.3 TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

- 76 Bob Vincent presented Policy 3.3 Treatment of Employees and Volunteers (Attachment 4).
- Lucinda McRoberts clarified that Policy 3.3 refers to broad changes in operational committees that are staff lead, not standing Board committees.
- MOTION: To approve the performance monitoring report on Policy 3.3, "Treatment of
 Employees and Volunteers," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and
 (b) that the report reasonably substantiates compliance with the policy requirements,
 consistent with the CEO's interpretations. Seconded. APPROVED.

POLICY 3.4: FINANCIAL CONDITION & ACTIVITIES

- 87 Bob Vincent presented Policy 3.4 Financial Condition & Activities (Attachments 5 7).
- Eric Skufca reported that the 2019 financials are not yet final but will be finalized in late February. Mr. Skufca noted that while there are still material entries to be made for 2019, finances are trending positively towards reducing the previously reported quad operating deficit.
- Tim Hinchey spoke to the paradigm shift of bringing in revenue and then making decisions as to where USA Swimming will invest and spend money, and additionally noted the importance of retention and renewal of key partners.
- 98 Mr. Skufca remarked on the net gains of the 2019 market performance of USA Swimming's investment portfolio.
- MOTION: To approve the performance monitoring report on Policy 3.4, "Financial Condition
 & Activities," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and (b) that the
 report reasonably substantiates compliance with the policy requirements, consistent with the
 CEO's interpretations. Seconded. APPROVED.
 - STAFF UPDATES
- 107 **CEO'S UPDATE**
- 108 Tim Hinchey submitted a written report (Attachment 8).

111	COO UPDATE
112	Mike Unger provided an update on the Olympic Trials including strong ticket sales, 1,150
113	qualified athletes, anticipated sport presentation, and a high number of hotel nights
114	booked.
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116	Mr. Unger highlighted topics from a recent meeting between USA Swimming and FINA,
117	including FINA's proactive plans for addressing open water issues at the 2020 Olympic
118	Games, competition calendar with future FINA competitions, anti-doping, and collaboration
119	with USA Swimming on coach education as well as education as a whole.
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121	Tim Hinchey added that USA Swimming is also being proactive on the open water site
122	issues in Tokyo for the 2020 Olympic Games and working as many appropriate angles as
123	possible, including a productive meeting with the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
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125	Mr. Unger reported on the recent USA Swimming Technical Summit including its purpose
126	to ensure we are providing the right competitions in the right way in order to provide
127	meaningful opportunities for athletes.
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129	The Board engaged in discussion regarding how USA Swimming collaborates with other
130	swimming federations, as well as organizational communication pertaining to USA
131	Swimming meets.
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133	NATIONAL TEAM UPDATE
134	Lindsay Mintenko provided National Team updates, including how the coronavirus in Asia
135	may impact training for the Olympic Team; performance and logistical planning for the
136	2020 Olympic Games; and athletes taking advantage of USA Swimming's mental health
137	initiatives via Talk Space and the Athlete Assist Program.
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139	FLEX MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AND MOTION
140	Joel Shinofield presented on Flex Membership by highlighting its purpose to effectively
141	bring more athletes into the sport of swimming and provide more opportunities for people
142	to experience USA Swimming.
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144	Patrick Murphy reported on current membership numbers and trends.
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146	Mr. Shinofield provided membership projection assumptions under both the current Flex

Membership model and the proposed Flex Membership model based upon a conservative

- 148 0% growth rate of Athlete memberships. Mr. Shinofield noted a \$6 million difference
 149 between the two models in terms of membership revenue.
- Tom Ugast elaborated on what that type of decline in membership revenue would mean forthe overall organization.
- The Board engaged in discussion around how Flex Membership is being used and its purpose as well as its importance as a tool to increase membership in the 10 and under category. Additionally, the Board discussed seasonal memberships and how they are utilized.
- MOTION: To approve the following Flex structure, effective for the 2021 Membership
 Year. Seconded. APPROVED.
- Ages 10 and Under: \$20.00 (\$10 USA-S, \$10 LSC): Two meets, multiple Flex registrations. This price matches the minimal dues clubs often charge for their entry-level/novice/pre-competitive programs and allows clubs to register these new athletes as USA Swimming members, rather than seek lower cost/lower-value options in the marketplace.
- Ages 11-12: \$35.00 (\$25 USA-S, \$10 LSC): Two meets, multiple Flex registrations, no downgrades from Premium. This is an entry point for athletes who have possibly competed in summer league or other rec programs and are likely competing in other sports, which charge a similar membership fee.
 - Ages 13-18: \$45.00 (\$35 USA-S, \$10 LSC): Two meets, 150-day limit, multiple Flex registrations, no downgrades from Premium. This is an entry point for athletes coming from other sports, summer league, or middle school/high school swimming experiences. Also allows entire high school teams or summer league teams to join for a season.
 - **CLUB DUES INCREASE UPDATE**
- Joel Shinofield reported that a group of coaches and athletes will get together soon to begin talking through the details of a club dues increase.
 - CAO UPDATE

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Lucinda McRoberts reported that all fifty-nine Local Swimming Communities (LSCs) have signed LSC affiliation agreements; there will be proposed legislative changes for the Board of Directors to consider during their next meeting in April; and that USA Swimming has

identified a successor for the Senior Director, Risk Management as the current Senior
 Director, George Ward, will be retiring in April 2020.

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- **KEEPING ATHLETES FIRST INITIATIVE UPDATE**
- Lucinda McRoberts provided an overview on the working group, its composition and next steps, which will include monthly calls leading up to Convention to discuss each of the four initiatives: Online Member Registration, Safe Sport Club Recognition Assistance, Safe Sport Staff Resources & Program Development, and Coach Education & LMS.

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- **CFO UPDATE**
- Eric Skufca reiterated that the 2019 budget is projecting positively and will close by the end of February 2020, coinciding when the auditors arrive in early March.

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Tim Hinchey updated the Board regarding USA Swimming's personnel and the emphasis on assessing careers and positions within the organization to ensure the right people are where they need to be and to provide those people with appropriate education and staff engagement.

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Mr. Skufca reported that Finance is continuing to look beyond 2021 to build off the work already done and provide further education and feedback to each division to develop best practices. Mr. Skufca spoke about, where appropriate, moving away from quad budgeting and towards year-to-year budgeting with a zero-based budget each year and using more specified categories for budgeting.

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209 CCO UPDATE

Shana Ferguson reported that the USA Swimming Foundation staff is fully integrated into the USA Swimming staff.

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Jake Grosser presented on the Digital Swimming Index (DSI), including its ability to show
USA Swimming's digital impact on people year-over-year and to use the produced data and
analytics to make improved and efficient organizational decisions. Mr. Grosser went on to
explain the current trends of USA Swimming's impact through the USA Swimming website,
social media, and swim team searches.

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Ms. Ferguson presented an update on the USA Swimming website redesign, including the use of data to create intentionality, and additionally, showed mobile and desktop visuals of the redesigned website.

222	COMMUNICATION UPDATE		
223	Isabelle McLemore briefly reiterated upcoming media launches, including the website		
224	redesign, the 2020 Olympic Trials, and podcasts, among other exciting items.		
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226	CLOSING ROUNDTABLE		
227	NEXT MEETING / EVENTS		
228	Bob Vincent shared logistics for the upcoming Board of Directors meeting in April.		
229	• 2020 / April 24 - 25/ Fort Myers, FL - Open Water National & Junior Championships		
230	 2020 / September 23 / Jacksonville, FL - Convention 		
231	 2020 / September 26 / Jacksonville, FL - Convention 		
232	 2020 / November 22 / New York, NY - Golden Goggles 		
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234	MEETING ASSESSMENT		
235	The Board engaged in a round table discussion assessing the day's meeting, including		
236	expressing gratitude for the work being done by both the Board and staff.		
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238	CLOSED SESSION (2.3.6)		
239	LITIGATION UPDATE		
240	The Board went into closed session so USA Swimming's General Counsel, Lucinda		
241	McRoberts, could provide a legal update.		
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243	Isabelle McLemore provided a brief communications strategy while in closed session.		
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246	Bob Vincent, Board Chair, adjourned this meeting at 11:40 a.m. Mountain Time.		
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249	Respectfully submitted:		

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Lucinda McRoberts, CAO & General Counsel

Bob Vincent, Board Chair

USA Swimming Board of Directors Minutes Attachments

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Attachment 7	Page 3 – 2019 Budget vs. Projection
Attachment 8	Page 3 – Staff Report to the Board of Directors

AGENDA

A. Welcome



Bob

8:00

USA Swimming Board of Directors Board of Directors Meeting Friday, January 31, 2020, 8:00 am - 11:30 am Virtual ZOOM Call

	1.	Call to Order / Record of Attendance (2.6.2)	
	2.	Introductions	
	3.	Moment of Silence	
	4.	Agenda Review (2.3.3)	
	5.	Rules of Engagement	
	6.	Declaration of Conflict of Interest (2.5.4)	
	7.	CEO Welcome	
	8.	Board Chair's Welcome	
	9.	ACTION: Approve November 23, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes	
В.	Вс	pard Process	
	1.	CEO Bonus/Incentive Comp (2.3.5)	8:10
	2.	"Charge" to Nominating Committee (2.9.3)	8:15
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	1.	Broadest - Growth/Success of Swimming (1.0)	8:35
		a. Action: Motion to Accept	
D.	Ma	anagement Parameters Monitoring	
	1.	Treatment of Employees and Volunteers (3.3)	8:45
		a. ACTION: Motion to Accept	
	2.	Financial Condition & Activities - INT (3.4)	9:05
		a. ACTION: Motion to Accept	
E.	Br	eak	9:25
F	CI	osed Session	9:35

	1. Litigation Update	Lucinda	
G.	S. Staff Updates		
	1. CEO Update	Tim	
	a. COO Update	Mike	
	i. National Team Update	Lindsay	
	ii. Sport Development Update	Joel	
	 Flex Update & Motion 		
	b. CAO Update	Lucinda	
	i. Keeping Athletes First Initiative Update		
	c. CFO Update	Eric	
	d. CCO Update	Shana	
	i. Communications Update	Belle	
H.	Break		10:45
I.	Closing Roundtable		10:55
	Next Meeting / Upcoming Events		
	2. Task Assignments Review	Lucinda	
	3. Meeting Assessment		
J.	Meeting Adjournment		11:15

Total Meeting Time: 3h 15m

USA Swimming Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2019 / JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. LIVE

1	CALL TO ORDER
2	Bob Vincent, Board Chair, called the November 23, 2019 Board of Directors meeting to

3 order at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time with the following members in attendance:

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- 5 PRESENT: Maya Andrews, Chris Brearton, Kenneth Chung, Bruce Gemmell, Jennifer Gibson,
- 6 Cecil Gordon, Natalie Hall, Tim Hinchey, Lucinda McRoberts, Kathleen Prindle, Bill Schalz,
- 7 Jeanette Skow, Jim Sheehan, Davis Tarwater (via phone), Jay Thomas, Tom Ugast, Bob
- 8 Vincent.

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10 **GUESTS**

- Anne Berry (Foundation Board of Directors Nominee), Bill Charney (Charney Associates),
- 12 Greg Earhart (CSCAA), Tristan Formon (Eastern Zone Coach Director), Sean Redmond
- 13 (Western Zone Coach Director).

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- 16 Paula D'Amico, Cathy Durance, Shana Ferguson, Abigail Howard, Isabelle McLemore,
- 17 Lindsay Mintenko, Patrick Murphy, Eric Skufca, Joel Shinofield, Mike Unger, Scott Usher.

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MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed for USA swimming members who have passed away since the last USA swimming Board of Directors meeting.

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AGENDA REVIEW

24 Bob Vincent presented the agenda (Attachment 1).

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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT / COVENANTS

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DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (2.5.4)

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- 35 course of the meeting when a specific subject is being discussed and / or action is being
- taken, a declaration of a conflict of interest should be made at that time.

37 **CEO WELCOME**

- 38 Tim Hinchey welcomed the Board members, specifically the new members, and expressed
- 39 gratitude to the Board of Directors for their support of him and the USA Swimming staff.

41 **BOARD CHAIR'S REMARKS**

- Bob Vincent emphasized the need for "One Voice" as the safety of athletes continues to be
- 43 the top priority. Mr. Vincent addressed the ruling from the Stockton case in California,
- specifically that there should always be continuous efforts made regarding Safe Sport
- 45 matters and encouraged the Board to always do the right thing no matter the outcome of a
- 46 ruling.

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- MINUTES
- 49 **MOTION:** To approve the September 11, 2019 Board of Directors meeting minutes
- 50 (Attachment 2). Seconded. APPROVED.

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- 52 **MOTION:** To approve the September 13 14, 2019 House of Delegates meeting minutes
- 53 (Attachment 3). Seconded. APPROVED.

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- 55 **MOTION:** To approve the September 14, 2019 Board of Directors meeting minutes
- 56 (Attachment 4). Seconded. APPROVED.

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- 58 **MOTION:** To approve the October 4, 2019 Special Board of Directors meeting minutes
- 59 (Attachment 5). Seconded. APPROVED.

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- 61 **BOARD PROCESS**
- 62 **BOARD WORK PLAN UPDATE (2.3.2)**
- Bob Vincent presented proposed dates and locations for Board of Directors' meetings in 2020.

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- 66 **MOTION:** To approve the following dates and locations for the 2020 Board of Directors'
- 67 meetings.

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- 2020 / January 31 / Virtual
- 2020 / April 24 / Fort Myers, FL Open Water National & Junior Championships
- 2020 / September 23 / Jacksonville, FL Convention
- 2020 / September 26 / Jacksonville, FL Convention
- 2020 / November 22 / New York, NY Golden Goggles

Seconded. APPROVED.

BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (2.8)

Bob Vincent presented the proposed changes to the Nominating Committee and Investment Committee for the Board's consideration.

MOTION: To approve replacing John Bradley with Kathleen Prindle and the reappointment of "independent," Kurt von Moltke, on the Nominating Committee. Seconded. **APPROVED.**

MOTION: To accept the resignation of Stu Hixon and to replace him for one year with Will Indest, as well as the reappointment of Phil Lakota (3 years) to the Investment Committee. Seconded. **APPROVED.**

BOARD EDUCATION

WORLD CLASS EVENT MANAGEMENT

Mike Unger presented the concept of "trialization" of meets, which includes elevating meets to have more of an "event" atmosphere as opposed to just being a swim meet. Mr. Unger expressed the challenges associated with "trialization," including sponsors, broadcast partners, venue limitations, and expenses. Mr. Unger noted the investment in creating a bigger showcase at meets has paid off in some ways by new sponsors coming on board after being part of that event, as well as giving athletes a larger stage in which to compete.

NATIONAL TEAM UPDATE

Lindsay Mintenko provided a few updates, including a successful discussion with athletes regarding what the athletes would like from the National Team division and National Team onboarding; that the soon to be mandatory U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) coach tutorial has been completed by 5,500 coaches thus far with a goal of 20,000 by January 1, 2020; as well as noting the various ways in which the National Team division is getting ready for Tokyo 2020. Ms. Mintenko expressed her gratitude for the USA Swimming Foundation Board of Directors for approving an additional \$100,000 for National Team athlete support.

Ms. Mintenko also provided an update on National Team support given to athletes post-Olympic Games, including insurance and direct athlete support, and an update on mental health services provided to athletes.

111	CLEAN SPORT UPDATE DOPING/INITIATIVE
112	Mike Unger spoke about clean sport, including the importance of having an even playing
113	field for our athletes, various anti-doping educational efforts available for athletes, and
114	noted the valuable partnership between USA Swimming and USADA.
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116	Mr. Unger went on to report on the ongoing need for an Integrity Unit within the sport of
117	swimming, as well as issues with the open water venue in Tokyo for the 2020 Olympic
118	Games.
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120	USA SWIMMING FOUNDATION UPDATE
121	Cecil Gordon provided updates from the USA Swimming Foundation Board of Directors,
122	including revised Bylaws that expand the Board size and change director responsibilities
123	effective January 1, 2020; approval of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to further
124	formalize a relationship between USA Swimming and the USA Swimming Foundation; and
125	lastly, announced the candidates for the Foundation Board of Directors (Attachments 6 –
126	14).
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128	MOTION: To approve the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the USA
129	Swimming Board of Directors and the USA Swimming Foundation Board of Directors.
130	Seconded. APPROVED.
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132	MOTION: To approve the revised USA Swimming Foundation Bylaws. Seconded. APPROVED
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134	MOTION: To approve nominations for the USA Swimming Foundation Board of Directors:
135	Anne Berry, Jill Bornstein, Cynthia Eubanks, Jordan Kaplan, Teresa Lee, Dave Wiederecht
136	(renewal), Bill Maxson (renewal), and Maya Andrews (renewal). Seconded. APPROVED.
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138	CLOSED SESSION (2.3.6)
139	PERSONNEL UPDATE
140	The Board meeting went into closed session so Lucinda McRoberts could provide a
141	personnel update.
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143	LITIGATION UPDATE
144	The Board remained in closed session so USA Swimming's General Counsel, Lucinda
145	McRoberts, could provide a legal update.

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These minutes will be officially approved by the USA Swimming Board of Directors at its January 31, 2020 meeting.

148	MANAGEMENT PARAMETERS MONITORING ([4.4]
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- Bob Vincent noted that the Board is given monitoring reports in advance in order to
- answer questions prior to the Board meeting.

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- **POLICY 3.0: GENERAL MANAGEMENT CONSTRAINT**
- 153 Bob Vincent presented Policy 3.0 General Management Constraint (Attachment 15).

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Lucinda McRoberts clarified the deficiency within the report regarding the need to provide
 adequate notice of the anti-doping rules to all relevant individuals, specifically athlete
 support personnel.

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- 159 **MOTION:** To approve the performance monitoring report on Policy 3.0, "General
- 160 Management Constraint," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and
- 161 (b) that the report reasonably substantiates compliance with the policy requirements,
- 162 consistent with the CEO's interpretations. Seconded. **APPROVED.**

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- POLICY 3.1: TREATMENT OF MEMBERS/CUSTOMERS
- Bob Vincent presented Policy 3.1 Treatment of Members/Customers (Attachment 16).

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- 167 **MOTION:** To approve the performance monitoring report on Policy 3.1, "Treatment of
- 168 Members/Customers," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and (b)
- that the report reasonably substantiates compliance with the policy requirements, consistent
- with the CEO's interpretations. Seconded. APPROVED.

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- **POLICY 3.4: FINANCIAL CONDITION & ACTIVITIES**
- 173 Bob Vincent presented Policy 3.4 Financial Condition & Activities (Attachments 17 19).
- 174 Eric Skufca briefly described Policy 3.4 and noted the normalcy described in Policy
- 175 Provision #3 regarding the ebbs and flows of cash due to the membership cycle.

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Tom Ugast mentioned the decrease in loss since April and the work done by staff to manage the budget.

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- 180 **MOTION:** To approve the performance monitoring report on Policy 3.4, "Financial Condition
- & Activities," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and (b) that the
 report reasonably substantiates compliance with the policy requirements, consistent with the
- 183 CEO's interpretations. Seconded. APPROVED.

POLICY 3.6: BUD	ICY	ULICY 3.6:	RUD	GET
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Bob Vincent presented Policy 3.6 Budget and noted that approval of this report constitutes approval of the budget for 2020 (Attachments 20 - 22).

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- 189 Eric Skufca thanked the staff for their efforts towards completing the budget for 2020 then
- 190 took the Board through the most efficient way in which to understand the budget. Mr.
- 191 Skufca highlighted three areas within the budget, including: (i) the Foundation Board of
- 192 Directors' approved \$100,000 stipends to National Team athletes in 2019; (ii) a USA
- 193 Swimming Foundation to USA Swimming management fee for work done by USA
- 194 Swimming in lieu of a Foundation Executive Director in 2020; and (iii) the use of 2.5% of
- investment interest towards operations each year with the option to go up to 4.7%, as
- 196 opposed to the percentage inconsistently fluctuating year over year. This practice was
- 197 discussed with and approved by the Investment Committee and would commence with
- 198 fiscal year 2021.

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The Board engaged in discussion around credit cards fees, as well as programs within the budget that are geared towards supporting athletes in 2020.

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MOTION: To approve the performance monitoring report on Policy 3.6, "Financial Planning & Budgeting," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and (b) that the report reasonably substantiates compliance with the policy requirements, consistent with the CEO's interpretations. Seconded. **APPROVED.**

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- **POLICY 3.7: COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**
- Bob Vincent presented Policy 3.7 Compensation and Benefits (Attachment 23).

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MOTION: To approve that the performance monitoring report on Policy 3.7, "Compensation and Benefits," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and (b) that the report reasonably substantiates compliance with the policy requirements, consistent with the CEO's interpretations. Seconded. **APPROVED.**

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POLICY 3.9: BOARD AWARENESS AND SUPPORT

Bob Vincent presented Policy 3.9 Board Awareness and Support and noted that acceptance of this report includes a change to the requirement of posting Board meeting information from 10 days to seven days prior to the meeting (Attachment 24). Mr. Vincent reported that the reason behind the change is to give the Board the most up to date information.

The Board engaged in discussion regarding considerations for when reports are 222 223 disseminated to the Board.

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225 **MOTION:** To approve that the performance monitoring report on Policy 3.9, "Board Awareness and Support," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and (b) 226 that the report reasonably substantiates compliance with the policy requirements, consistent 227

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with the CEO's interpretations. Seconded. APPROVED. 229

CEO'S UPDATE

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Tim Hinchey submitted a written report (Attachment 25).

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233 **FLEX UPDATE**

234 Joel Shinofield reported that Flex Membership is a financial challenge for USA Swimming and presented recommendations to update Flex Membership, including a fee structure that 235 matches entry points at clubs, a "stair-stepped" approach into premium membership, and 236 the opportunity for clubs to create entry level programs that are competitive with other 237 238 youth sports options (Attachment 26).

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The Board engaged in substantial discussion around the suggested Flex fees, the number of swimmers competing in meets, downgraded memberships, insurance costs, and a communication plan with USA Swimming membership, as well as a timeline for rolling out Flex Membership proposed changes.

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The Board also briefly discussed elite athlete transgender procedures provided within the written staff report to the Board (Attachment 25) and how USA Swimming compares to other National Governing Bodies.

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- "ENDS" MONITORING
- POLICY 1.2: SUCCESSFUL ATHLETES, COACHES, AND CLUBS
- 251 Bob Vincent presented Policy 1.2 Successful Athletes, Coaches, and Clubs (Attachment 27).

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254 255 **MOTION:** To approve the performance monitoring report on Policy 1.2, "Successful Athletes, Coaches, and Clubs," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and (b) that the report reasonably substantiates achievement with the policy requirements, consistent with the CEO's interpretations. Seconded. APPROVED.

Joel Shinofield noted the need to create new Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Policy 1.2 with the addition of strategies for improvements of those and other KPIs.

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SAFE SPORT RECOGNIZED CLUB PROGRAM

Abby Howard presented on the Safe Sport Recognition Program, including its background, the various components of the program, challenges around athlete and parent education, as well as how the program is accessed via club portals; and that 91 clubs achieved Safe Sport Recognition Club status while 500 clubs have initiated the process. Ms. Howard also reported on the various trainings the U.S. Center for SafeSport (USCSS) provides and that USA Swimming is working with USCSS the on a licensing agreement in order to host those trainings on the USA Swimming platform.

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The Board discussed the importance of this program, including going from a voluntarily program to a mandatory program, as well as how to further communicate about the program and the best ways to acknowledge clubs that have become Safe Sport Recognized.

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ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

Joel Shinofield reported on the importance of online membership, including the need to catch up with how other programs register their members, direct contact with athletes and parents, and the ability to communicate and create campaigns around parent education, as well as opportunities for their kids to get involved in the sport, through Customer Relationship Management (CRM).

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Shana Ferguson provided an update linked to online membership, including an upcoming "welcome" campaign for kids and parents as athletes become USA Swimming members. Ms. Ferguson added that the CRM system and redesigned USA Swimming website will launch in 2020.

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Mr. Shinofield presented conceptional visuals of the online membership process.

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COACH EDUCATION AND ACCREDITATION

Joel Shinofield reported that the purpose of coach education and accreditation is to offer better resources for coaches, which would translate to better experiences for athletes and families. Mr. Shinofield also presented a timeline for launching coach education in fall 2021 with a soft role out of three core courses in summer 2020 followed by higher-level courses rolled out in summer 2021.

POLICY 1.4: RECOGNITION OF USA SWIMMING

Bob Vincent presented Policy 1.4 Recognition of USA Swimming (Attachment 28).

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MOTION: To approve the performance monitoring report on Policy 1.4, "Recognition of USA" Swimming," conveys (a) interpretations of the policy that are reasonable, and (b) that the report reasonably substantiates achievement with the policy requirements, consistent with the CEO's interpretations. Seconded. APPROVED.

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KEEPING ATHLETES FIRST ACTION PLAN

Bob Vincent presented on the development and implementation of a Keeping Athletes First Initiative, including a timeline over the past two years of efforts already in place, such as providing funds to Swim Assist, the development of CRM, online member registration, a new educational platform, and increased Safe Sport staff and development. Mr. Vincent additionally provided an outline of responsibilities, purpose and reporting expectations for the Keeping Athletes First Work Group who will continue developing and implementing the initiative moving forward.

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Mr. Vincent went on to explain the use of funds, including asking the staff for a five-year plan for Safe Sport staff development/training, creating and launching online registration, further investment in a membership education platform, and investment at the club level via the Safe Sport Recognition Program. Mr. Vincent also noted that the funds would come from Board Designated Funds from the sale of USSIC.

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The Board discussed details around the funds, including if the approved funds will be enough, measurement of how funds are used, and the specifics of how the funds are used within each of the four parts of the initiative.

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MOTION: To approve the use of Board Designated Funds to fund the following:

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             Safe Sport Club Recognition Assist. - - - $2.0MM
             Education/Certification Platform - - - - $2.0MM
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             Online Registration - - - - - - - $0.5MM
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             Staff Development/Training - - - - - $0.5MM
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             Total Funding Request - - - - - $5.0MM
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Seconded. APPROVED.

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CLOSING ROUNDTABLE

337 GOLDEN GOGGLES

Mike Unger provided an overview of the Golden Goggle Awards.

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NEXT MEETING / EVENTS

- 2020 / January 31 / Virtual
- 2020 / April 24 / Fort Myers, FL Open Water National & Junior Championships
- 2020 / September 23 / Jacksonville, FL Convention
 - 2020 / September 26 / Jacksonville, FL Convention
 - 2020 / November 22 / New York, NY Golden Goggles

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TASK ASSIGNMENTS REVIEW

348 Bob Vincent asked the Board to read chapter 24 of "Servant Leadership" before the next

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MEETING ASSESSMENT

The Board engaged in a round table discussion assessing the day's meeting, including

expressing gratitude for the work being done by both the Board and staff.

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355 CLOSED SESSION

MEDIA/COMMUNICATION TRAINING

The Board of Directors went into closed session to receive media/communication training.

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Following the training, staff left the room.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

The Board of Directors remained into closed session to discuss CEO Tim Hinchey's

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Bob Vincent, Board Chair, adjourned this meeting at 4:34 p.m. Pacific Time.

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Bob Vincent, Board Chair

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Performance Monitoring Report

TO: USA Swimming Board of DirectorsFR: Tim Hinchey, Chief Executive Officer

RE: Internal Report – Ends

Annual Monitoring on Policy 1.0: Broadest End – Growth and Success of Swimming

DA: January 22, 2020

I hereby present the monitoring report on the Board's Broadest Ends policy. The information contained in this report is true for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Signed May President & CEO

BROADEST PROVISION: USA Swimming exists for: The growth and success of swimming in the United States (with results optimizing use of available resources).

CEO's VISION OF SUCCESS: (italicized portion changed since last report)

"The growth and success of swimming in the United States" is the equivalent to "the bottom line" on how we, as a non-profit, assess organizational effectiveness. Everything we plan and do, and all resources expended, should be aligned towards our sport's growth and success.

As demonstrated by the four Ends monitoring reports submitted to and approved by the Board in the course of the year, and with the periodic revisions to the Ends statements the Board adopted in response to those reports, we believe this broadest End is comprehensively defined by the subsequent four statements, with emphasis on the first three: Competitive Success (1.1); Successful Athletes, Coaches and Clubs (1.2); and Public Engagement with Swimming (1.3).

Recognition of USA Swimming as the "Best in Class" NGB (1.4) is important and is in many ways an intended by-product of our future success. Achievement of "Best in Class" status adds luster to our initiatives to grow the sport. However, such status will be authentically merited only USA Swimming hits the marks on 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.

"...with results optimizing use of available resources" requires that competing priorities be weighed and considered in light of the broad set of needs and opportunities that are presented in the sport, and where we see the greatest opportunities to maximize the impact of our resources, including financial, staff, and relationships with other entities.

As the Ends are not stated with explicit prioritization, it is my obligation to convey to the Board, through the Ends reporting process and reflected in part by subsequent budget allocations, any shifts or changes in areas of emphasis. The Board has led this process through its articulation of Ends and its augmentation of our efforts with the Keeping Athletes First initiative and funding commitment. Our Ends monitoring reports will continue to be the primary vehicle through which we keep the Board informed of our vision/interpretation and key priorities and metrics.

To summarize:

- Sustained Competitive Success (1.1) always remains a top priority.
- Successful Athletes, Coaches and Clubs (1.2) addresses a broad spectrum of our programs and operations. As conveyed in our November report, strengthening our membership structure and coach education programs are two of the most critical initiatives we will undertake in the coming years.
- As to growth in Public Engagement (1.3), both passive audience engagement and active participation in the sport are emphasized, with priority being given to the diversity of swimming participants. In the long-term, growth in the number of people reached through our water safety awareness programs will positively impact the growth of the sport. We foresee growth in support for Learn-to-Swim initiatives to be the most

significant upside for the Foundation, and the newly expanded Foundation Board will address this, among other items, at its initial planning retreat in April.

REPORT:

As noted above, achievement of this End is constituted by the incremental achievements and progress made regarding Ends 1.1 - 1.4 in the aggregate. The Board has received periodic updates on all of these, and formal reports have been presented to and approved by the Board.

Our Ends reports have conveyed to the Board certain results areas in which we've had significant achievements and others in which performance must improve. As we head into this Olympic year, our staff re-organization has continued to gain momentum, the Board's leadership has further affirmed athlete safety as a foremost commitment, and our National Team has continued to perform extraordinarily. I report achievement.

Performance Monitoring Report

TO: USA Swimming Board of Directors FR: Tim Hinchey, Chief Executive Officer

RE: Internal Report – Management Parameters

Annual Monitoring on Policy 3.3: Treatment of Employees and Volunteers

DA: January 22, 2020

I hereby present the monitoring report on Management Parameters Policy 3.3 "Treatment of Employees and Volunteers," per the monitoring schedule set forth in Board policy and certify that the information contained in this report is true for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Signed Maydow, President & CEO

Broadest Policy Provision:

With respect to the treatment of employees and volunteers, the CEO will not cause or allow conditions that are unfair, unsafe or undignified.

CEO's Interpretation: (No change since last report)

I submit that the Board's concerns about employees are comprehensively addressed by this policy's subsequent provisions. My interpretations and reporting data are presented with those provisions, below.

Regarding volunteers, my interpretation is volunteer commitment and leadership participation have been and continue to be a vital organizational asset. As such, we are to ensure that volunteers at the NGB level are treated with respect and equitably (i.e. ensuring inclusion, fairness of opportunity and avoidance of nepotism). We are to ensure that appreciation for their commitment to the organization is expressed and that volunteers do not encounter physical harm or threatening situations while performing services on our behalf.

REPORT:

As I have informed the Board in periodic updates, our short-term intent is not to make immediate changes to the overall volunteer committee structure. Instead, we will identify potential modifications to operational committees that will enhance productivity and efficiency while ensuring we benefit from the perspectives and talent offered by volunteer leaders.

The most substantive changes to our operational committee structure in 2019 included appointing staff leaders (rather than liaisons) to operating committees and converting from live meetings, for which we incurred substantial travel expenses, to Zoom/virtual meetings. Exceptions are considered and made on a case-to-case basis and have included continuation of live meetings in 2020 for Rules & Regulations, Officials, Steering and LSC Development. We know that this change has created some consternation, particularly from some committee members who have been long-time participants. We are appreciative of the Board's support of our effort to be fiscally prudent in this regard, and for its own demonstration of leadership by converting the upcoming January 31st meeting to virtual.

With respect to volunteers, there have been no complaints received alleging mistreatment or other disrespectful actions committed or allowed by staff.

At our State of the Sport presentation in St. Louis in September, we acknowledged that there have been inconsistencies in our communications to the membership. As we've conveyed to the Board, upgrades to our website and implementation of a CRM platform are key to overcoming our recognized deficiencies. Outward-facing improvements that have been made thus far include on the website include an overhauled search function/navigation and an improved resource topic browser, while overall site development work continues and remains on schedule for a Spring 2020 launch. While we recognize that our commitment to improve communications is an on-going process and requires additional efforts, based on the lack of complaints or expressed concerns that we have receive of volunteer mistreatment, as interpreted above, I report compliance.

POLICY PROVISION #1: The CEO will not: Operate without ensuring employees are provided with written personnel policies, reviewed by qualified legal counsel, which clarify personnel rules for employees and provide for effective handling of complaints/grievances.

CEO's Interpretation: (No change since last report)

I interpret "May not operate without ensuring that employees are provided with written personnel policies... which clarify personnel rules for employees..." to mean that all employees must be provided an Employee Handbook that sets forth the expectations of employment such as work hours, overtime pay, expense reimbursements, personnel leave, procedures to follow in case of emergencies, as well as examples of and expected response to unacceptable conduct.

I interpret "reviewed by qualified legal counsel" to mean that an attorney competent in human resource matters has reviewed and approved the initial and all material changes to the *Handbook*, with exceptions for minor procedural matters (e.g. vacation scheduling, reimbursement procedures, etc.).

Finally, I interpret "provide for effective handling of complaints/grievances" to mean that personnel policies must provide a process and assurances that formal complaints/grievances will be addressed professionally and fairly. The manual should outline the manner in which a complaint/grievance is to be initiated and what the concerned employee has the right to expect from the process. Further, I interpret this to mean that even if the result of the process is not satisfactory or pleasing to such employee, he or she would agree that their grievance was heard, considered and responded to in a timely, courteous and confidential manner.

REPORT:

Personnel policies are contained in our Employee Handbook, which was substantially updated, with legal review by outside counsel, and distributed to all employees in January 2019 (and to all new hires since).

All employees sign an acknowledgment of receipt, and these written acknowledgements are maintained in personnel files. The acknowledgement also conveys awareness of access to the Board's Governing Policies, as required by Provision 1A, below.

A copy of the current Employee Handbook is available for Board members' review upon request.

I report compliance.

POLICY PROVISION #1A: The CEO will not: Allow employees to be unaware of the Board's governing policies including, but not limited to, this Treatment of Staff policy, along with the CEO's interpretations of staff's protections under this policy.

CEO's Interpretation:

To meet this requirement, and those of Provisions #1 and #3, the Employee Handbook must reference, and employees must be made aware of and how to access the Board's Governing Policies Manual. This is to include specific reference to this Treatment of Employees and Volunteers policy. Further, upon the Board's acceptance of these interpretations as reasonable, they are also to be made accessible to and, upon request, explained to employees.

REPORT:

The Employee Handbook references the Board's Governing Policies manual and includes the link to access its most current version on the usaswimming.org website. Additionally, this Monitoring Report is included in the Board meeting minutes and is publicly available (including to all staff) at www.usaswimming.org.

I report compliance.

POLICY PROVISION #2: The CEO will not: Allow employees to be unprepared to deal with reasonably foreseeable emergency situations.

CEO's Interpretation: (No change since last report)

Response plans are to be in place, with employees provided appropriate orientation/training, as pertinent to different components of our operations. Examples of "reasonably foreseeable" situations include situations that could occur in two distinct contexts: at our OTC headquarters or at events.

At OTC, there are potential internal emergencies, key examples including but not limited to data breaches and security or other impediments to building access or egress. At events, the most prevalent concerns are weather related emergencies and, at events with high attendance, intruders with malice.

REPORT:

Basic emergency procedures remain in place. For example, we maintain and regularly update a Disaster Recovery Plan (with 12 appendices that range from inventory and configuration to SWIMS info and restore procedures) to address potential data breaches. We also have a "text tree" for contacting all staff. This has been predominantly used to address changes in office hours/closings due to inclement weather but would be applicable in other emergency situations.

Our OTC headquarters does provide a greater degree of protection from some risks, such as intruders, than we would be exposed to in a regular office space, including security check-ins at points of access to campus, locked gates, and keycard access. The USOPC also hosts risk management events that USA Swimming regularly attends.

As to events, we are more actively identifying risk factors and appropriate steps that will enhance our preparedness. In addition to existing coordination with local facilities, Joel Shinofield is actively working on security/safety best practices at meets, which will also be an area of immediate focus for our next risk manager. Obviously, our most significant upcoming event is the Olympic Team Trials - Swimming in Omaha, where we partner with the Omaha Police Department, Omaha Fire Department, Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA) Security, FBI and Homeland Security to ensure appropriate event safety precautions and risk mitigation.

In summary, effective risk management requires that we stay aware of changes as to the types of emergencies that are reasonably foreseeable and respond accordingly. This is an ongoing process, never completed. As to the results in the past year, there've been no notable deficiencies in preparation for or execution of events. **I report compliance.**

POLICY PROVISION #3: The CEO will not: Retaliate or allow retaliation against an employee for non-disruptive, internal expression of dissent, or for reporting to management or to the Board of Directors (per the process for handling of grievances in the personnel policies) acts or omissions by USA-S personnel, management or the Board of Directors that the employee believes, in good faith and based on credible information, constitutes a violation of state or federal law or a governing policy of the Board.

CEO's Interpretation: (No change since last report)

"Expression of dissent" is any statement by an employee that indicates disagreement with a decision made by management and/or the Board of Directors. Such expression is "non-disruptive" when there is no refusal to perform work, no encouragement of others not to perform work, when it is made in a courteous and internal manner, i.e. not publicly, including social and other forms of media. Employees who disagree non-disruptively (as defined above) with management or board decisions may not experience "retaliation" from the CEO or any other member of management, such as firing, reassignment to less desirable jobs or job hours, or initiation of a formal discipline procedure.

The remainder of this provision ensures "whistleblower protection" to employees who report inappropriate activities/behaviors in the manner outlined in the Employee Handbook. Given its importance to workplace culture, and liability implications if not afforded, we are to ensure that employees who use that process to report alleged wrongdoing, as defined above and on a "good faith" and "credible information" basis, are to also be protected from retaliation by the CEO or any other member of management.

REPORT:

Robyn Beresh, our Director, Human Resources and Employee Engagement, reports that in 2019, the total number of formal concerns expressed to the Human Resources Division was five. In all such cases, the concerns raised were investigated and addressed, ranging from termination to no action. There is one outstanding complaint pending.

I report compliance.

POLICY PROVISION #3A: The CEO will not: Prevent employees from grieving to the Board when (a) internal grievance procedures outlined in the Employee Handbook have been exhausted and (b) the employee alleges that Board policy has been violated.

CEO's Interpretation:

The Employee Handbook has explicit provisions that explain these protections to employees and encourages them to raise serious concerns so that they can be productively addressed.

The Employee Handbook must convey that if the grievance process does not produce a result satisfactory to the grieving employee, the employee may bring the concern to the Board as a last step in the process, <u>but only if</u> the grievance includes an allegation that Board policy has been violated. In such a case, he or she must be provided with a

notice/reminder that, per the Employee Handbook, the matter may be presented to the Board "via written correspondence to the Board Chair." "Prevention" of a staff member from doing so would include any threat of reprisal.

While this policy provides employees the opportunity to elevate a grievance to the Board under the very specific enumerated circumstances, I interpret it as also affirming that the Board will support my personnel-related decisions, as long as consistent with Board policy.

REPORT:

As noted above, the revised Employee Handbook addresses the specific complaint/grievance process requirements consistent with this *Treatment of Employees and Volunteers* policy, including the ability to elevate the concern to the Board It has not had to be invoked, as none of the concerns/complaints addressed to our Human Resources department were unresolved at the senior management level. **I report compliance.**

Performance Monitoring Report

TO: USA Swimming Board of Directors

FR: Tim Hinchey, Chief Executive Officer

Eric Skufca, Chief Financial Officer

RE: Internal Report – Management Limitations

Quarterly Monitoring on Policy 3.4: FINANCIAL CONDITION & ACTIVITIES

We hereby present the monitoring report on the Policy 3.4 "Financial Condition and Activities" in accordance with the monitoring schedule set forth in Board policy.

Similar to prior years and given the timing of this Monitoring Report as it relates to the completion of the 2019 financial "close" results, all stated 2019 financial results herein are preliminary as of our latest projections. Final 2019 results will be completed by late February 2020.

We certify that the information contained in this report and the accompanying Income Statement and Balance Sheet, are true for the quarterly period ending December 31, 2019 on a preliminary basis.

Signed _______, President & CEO _______, CFO ________, Date January 21, 2020

BROADEST POLICY PROVISION: "With respect to financial condition and activities, the CEO will not cause or allow the development of fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation of actual expenditures from Board priorities established in Ends policies."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) I submit that the Board's concerns about avoiding fiscal jeopardy are comprehensively interpreted in this policy's subsequent provisions. Regarding expenditures, I interpret "material deviation from Ends priorities" to mean avoidance of waste, such that all expenditures be viewed and can be correlated as investments towards the achievement of USA Swimming's Ends.

REPORT: As to expenditures deviating from Ends policies, anticipated expenditures were itemized in our approved FY 2019 budget and are subject to review by the Board, using its monitoring system to ensure adherence to our Budget Policy (3.6). All expenditures/procurements during this reporting period have been authorized and determined to be consistent with the FY 2019 budget and Ends achievement.

We therefore report COMPLIANCE.

Interpretations and reporting data on the fiscal jeopardy provisions are presented with those provisions, below.

POLICY PROVISION #1: "The CEO will not manage finances without adherence to applicable Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) I interpret this to be a clearly articulated standard, addressed to the best of our Chief Financial Officer's ability throughout the year, with compliance verified at the conclusion of each fiscal year in the report of the independent auditor.

REPORT: The organization's financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 were audited and issued a clean opinion. The Chief Financial Officer continues to abide by GAAP.

We report COMPLIANCE.

POLICY PROVISION #2: "The CEO will not expend more funds than have been projected to be received in the fiscal year, except up to the amount of any Board-approved operating deficit for such fiscal year."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) This policy requires that annual operating expenses be less than total projected revenues, with the exception being up to the amount of a deficit-spend that the Board may have approved for a given fiscal year.

REPORT: The previous version of this Monitoring Report dated November 15, 2019 included our latest comprehensive 2019 projection. In this projection, we anticipated a FY 2019 operating deficit of (\$2,339,236), worse than the budget approved by this body in November 2018 by (\$102,136), or (4.6%). Understanding our 2019 financial results won't be finalized until late February 2020, below are some of the more material, deviations from our November projection known at the time of this Monitoring Report:

- Splash Magazine expenses are trending better than the November projection by approximately +\$225,000 as the Winter issue will be recorded in fiscal year 2020 instead of the projected 2019 given the publish/fulfillment date,
- U.S. Open Events program is trending better than the November projection by approximately +\$120,000 due to efficiencies gained on the meet's sport presentation and event signage as well as the determination of what items should be expensed within the Commercial vs. Events divisions,
- Sport Development education development programs are trending better than the November projection by approximately +\$100,000 due to the determination of the engagements' scope/timing (many of the technology projects could initiate in 2020),
- Golden Goggle Awards net results are trending better than the November projection by approximately +\$45,000 due to event cost savings,
- National Team mental health initiatives were still anticipated at the time of the November projection, but will predominantly initiate in 2020 (approximately +\$30,000).
- Commercial Event Marketing expense is trending greater than the November projection by approximately (\$90,000) given the scale of some of our larger events and determination of what expenses should ideally be recorded within the Commercial vs. Events divisions,
- Legal operating expenditures are trending approximately (\$35,000) greater than the November projection.

We reported NON-COMPLIANCE based on the November 2019 comprehensive projection, but noting the concerted efforts by the Strategy Team and Division Directors, our preliminary year-end assessment makes us optimistic that final 2019 results can be "compliant."

POLICY PROVISION #3: "The CEO will not allow cash and cash equivalents to drop below that amount necessary to meet operating expenditures over a 30-day period."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) This policy requires that we maintain liquid investments adequate to meet one month of operating expenses. I interpret these to include cash expenses only (not depreciation).

REPORT: On a preliminary basis, cash and cash equivalents were \$4,153,690 at December 31, 2019 with 2020 budgeted monthly operating expenses at approximately \$3,400,000 – thus in compliance at year-end. We note cash and cash equivalent balances were below the \$3,400,000 threshold at specific times throughout the quarter (e.g. Prior to October 10, 2019 when our first round of 2019-2020 membership cashflow was received from our LSCs as anticipated), but these times were known, projected, and did not interfere with operating expenditures.

We therefore report COMPLIANCE.

POLICY PROVISION #4: "The CEO will not borrow funds (with exception of credit cards used for normal business purposes and paid in full each month.)

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) CEO/Staff are not authorized to borrow funds or use corporate assets as security for any purchase contracts. Use of credit cards by staff is permitted, with each card paid in full on a monthly basis.

REPORT: Strategy Team members are not currently utilizing corporate credit cards, but approximately twelve other staff have corporate credit cards, with balances paid in full through the last statements. We have no other current debt.

We report COMPLIANCE.

POLICY PROVISION #5: "The CEO will not use Board-designated Operating Reserve funds."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) Accessing the Operating Reserve fund is purely at the discretion of, and requires explicit authorization by, the Board of Directors.

REPORT: The required Operating Reserve has been tapped approximately \$1,030,000 on a preliminary basis in 2019 for the Board approved Safe Sport contingency funds and Board approved legal expenditures. The Board approved \$750,000 in 2018 to be spent on Safe Sport contingency (\$719,564 was spent in 2018 and \$30,000 in 2019 for a total of \$749,564). The \$1,000,000 of legal dues were also approved by the Board in 2019. Both initiatives were Board approved to be used out of the Board-designated Reserve.

We report COMPLIANCE.

POLICY PROVISION #6: "The CEO will not operate without settling payroll obligations and payables in a timely manner."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) Payroll must meet its obligations every two weeks. For other payables, I interpret "timely" to mean by the date stipulated in agreement with the vendor, or if not explicit, within thirty days of invoice (assuming provision of goods or services has been completed).

REPORT: Payroll has met the schedule as interpreted above. USA Swimming processes payables weekly. There were no invoices in dispute as of December 31, 2019 and all payables have been paid on time.

We report COMPLIANCE.

POLICY PROVISION #7: "The CEO will not allow tax or other government-ordered payments or filings to be overdue or inaccurately filed."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) All tax and governmentally required payments or filings (payroll, Form 990, 1099's, etc.) must be made in a timely and accurate manner.

REPORT: All withholding taxes and other such payroll payments and filings have been made within deadline by our payroll provider, ADP. Forms 1099/1096 were filed by January 31, 2019. Form 990 was under the annual filing extension to November 15, 2019 and was filed on time. There are no outstanding filings and there have been no late penalties.

We report COMPLIANCE.

POLICY PROVISION #8: "The CEO will not execute a purchase commitment, check or electronic funds transfer for greater than \$250,000, unless such expenditure was explicitly itemized in budget monitoring data previously disclosed to the Board. Splitting orders to avoid this limit is not acceptable.

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) Any expenditure in excess of \$250,000 that was not disclosed as part of our budget plan must be approved by the Board.

REPORT: No such expenditures in excess of \$250,000 have been incurred that were not part of our approved budget plan thus far in this fiscal year.

We report COMPLIANCE.

POLICY PROVISION #9: "The CEO will not acquire, encumber, lease or dispose of real property."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) All decisions regarding the purchase, lease, sale or other claim of/on land, buildings, office or warehouse space are considered to be at the discretion of the Board.

REPORT: No decisions or changes with respect to real property were made during this reporting quarter outside of the Board approved office remodel. Associated with the remodel, Finance reviewed and analyzed

all applicable fixed assets and appropriately updated our financial records and fixed asset balances to accurately reflect our assets that are still active and applicable given the remodel.

We report COMPLIANCE.

POLICY PROVISION #10: "The CEO will not operate without aggressively pursuing material receivables after a reasonable grace period."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (*Italicized portion* changed since previous report) USA Swimming is not to be lackadaisical regarding collections. "Material" is interpreted to be receivables that, when collected, are of greater value than the cost of collection (including staff time), but generally anything *over* \$10,000.00 (*previously* \$100,000.00). "Aggressively" is interpreted to mean that we will seek legal counsel after a "grace period" of 60 days and reasonable collection efforts have been unsuccessful.

REPORT: Primary receivables are membership dues, sponsorship payments, event fees, etc. At quarter end, there were no applicable receivables that were over 60 days past due. For our other year end receivables (those either under \$10,000 and/or less than 60 days past due), we anticipate successful resolutions without legal intervention.

We therefore report COMPLIANCE.

POLICY PROVISION #11: "The CEO will not operate without adequate internal controls over receipts and disbursements to avoid unauthorized payments or material dissipation of assets."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) Controls must be in place that ensure that all disbursements are appropriately authorized. Further, all payments (checks, credit card purchases, petty cash, etc.) and capitalized assets must have corresponding documentation sufficient to satisfy the auditor. I interpret fulfillment of this policy to be evidenced by written Policies and Procedures that the auditor considers when performing audit procedures. Complete implementation (or absence) of recommendations brought forth by the auditor in a Management Letter is further evidence of compliance.

REPORT: Controls in place are consistent with Board policy. The 2017 and 2018 fiscal audits were not accompanied by any Management Letter recommendations.

We therefore report COMPLIANCE.

#11A: "The CEO will not operate without clearly delineated procedures and limitations for reimbursement of authorized expenses incurred by board members and committee members, and others who are entitled to reimbursement from USA-S."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) Staff is to maintain, disseminate and ensure adherence to travel/expense reimbursement policies applicable to staff, Board members and other volunteers.

REPORT: All travel/expense reimbursement processes have been uniformly applied with minimal exceptions (e.g. a missing cab receipt) that are neither material nor regular.

We report COMPLIANCE.

#11B: "CEO credit card statements and/or expense reimbursements must be reviewed and authorized for payment by the Vice Chair-Fiscal Oversight. CEO credit card statements must be reviewed and approved within 30 days of payment."

CEO's INTERPRETATION: (No change since previous report) Documentation/receipts for CEO credit card statements and expense reports are to be provided electronically (Concur) to the Vice Chair – Fiscal Oversight for approval before payment.

REPORT: Vice Chair-Fiscal Oversight reviewed and approved all expense reimbursements submitted by the CEO during the fourth quarter 2019. As to credit card statements, the CEO does not currently utilize a corporate credit card.

We report COMPLIANCE.

USA Swimming 2019 Preliminary Balance Sheet 1/21/2020

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	Preliminary 12/31/2019	Final 12/31/2018	\$ Change	Preliminary 2018 to 2019 Directional Explanation		
ASSETS				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
CURRENT ASSETS:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,153,690	\$ 7,217,977	\$ (3,064,287)	↓ primarily due to ↑ cash needs in 2019 (remodel, BOD approved proj., operating deficit, etc.).		
Accounts receivable	1,464,808	1,198,074	266,734	Flux due to timing of business & partner payments. YE balance is primarily sponsorship rec.		
Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	2,013,592	1,402,452	611,140	↑ primarily due to ↑ agreements with vendors (insurance, marketing partners, CRM, travel, etc.).		
Total Current Assets	7,632,090	9,818,503	(2,186,413)			
FIXED ASSETS:						
Leasehold Improv., IT Systems, FF&E, Other	17,125,428	13,609,972	3,515,456	↑ primarily due to building remodel project and IT capital projects.		
Accumulated depreciation & amortization	(9,655,260)	(9,018,964)	(636,296)	Balance follows depreciation schedules on all active fixed assets above.		
Total Fixed Assets	7,470,168	4,591,008	2,879,160			
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS:						
Long-term Investments	34,037,760	32,023,658	2,014,102	↑ primarily due to portfolio gains netted with distributions.		
OTHER ASSETS:						
Investment - Swim Trials, LLC	207,630	107,629	100,001	↑ investment in or capital call for the Trials Joint Venture entity.		
Prepaid rent	1,976,092	2,164,760	(188,668)	Follows schedule pertaining to our building lease agreement with the USOPC.		
Total Other Assets	2,183,722	2,272,389	(88,667)			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 51,323,740	\$ 48,705,558	\$ 2,618,182			
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
CURRENT LIABILITIES:						
Accounts payable	1,392,608	1,744,550	(351,942)	Flux due to timing of business & vendor payments (travel, CRM, legal, member reimbur., etc.).		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	1,889,930	1,603,786	286,144	Flux due to timing of business & vendor invoicing (USOPC, payroll/benefits, meet host payables, etc.)		
				Balance consists primarily of subsequent year's membership revenue and \uparrow Trials revenue to be		
Deferred revenue	15,857,251	14,315,659	1,541,592	recogn. in the following year.		
Total Current Liabilities	19,139,789	17,663,995	1,475,794			
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES:						
Total Liabilities	19,139,789	17,663,995	1,475,794			
NET ASSETS:						
Unrestricted:						
Undesignated Net Assets	14,207,319	12,034,931	2,172,388			
Board Designated - USSIC	17,976,632	19,006,632	(1,030,000)			
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	32,183,951	31,041,563	1,142,388	Circilente Detrined Couries for a few modits again. Countyleting difference has		
Total Net Assets	32,183,951	31,041,563	1,142,388	Similar to Retained Earnings for a for-profit entity. Cumulative difference between revenues and expenses and also equal to assets less liabilities.		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 51,323,740	\$ 48,705,558	\$ 2,618,182			

1/2020 Update: Investment results are final at time of January BOD meeting, thus "below the line" investment gains have been updated herein.

All other lines are consistent with the 11/2019 projection as total 2019 results are not final.

	Approved Budget 2019	Current Forecast 2019	\$ Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	% Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Comment
REVENUE:					
Membership	\$ 23,203,900	\$ 23,203,900	\$ -	0.0%	Utilizing "Cost of Flex" reserves below. Projecting ~\$700K to be used with \$1M approved/budgeted to be used
Corporate Revenue	5,582,500	5,056,375	(526,125)		
Consumer Revenue	229,500	191,500	(38,000)		See Corporate Revenue above.
USOPC Partnership	5,304,500	5,305,500	1,000	0.0%	
Investment Income	1,788,900	1,798,900	10,000	0.6%	
Foundation	915,700	1,136,250	220,550	24.1%	
Sport and Events	721,500	1,242,900	521,400	72.3%	expenses).
Other Income	248,400	248,447	47	0.0%	
Total Revenue	37,994,900	38,183,772	188,872	0.5%	
EXPENSES: Technical/Sport:					See Program expense projections for full detail. Material items below:
Sport Development	4,907,800	4,775,663	132,137	2.7%	Club & Coach education (+\$130), LEAP (+\$22K), Committees (+17K).
·					Summer Nationals Event Production (-\$245K), US Open (-\$100K), Omega VIK (-\$80K) nets zero with revenue, Altitude Camps (\$-275K) nets
Events and Member Services	7,250,300	7,879,826	(629,526)		
National Team Division	10,892,400 23,050,500	10,773,541 23,429,029	118,859	1.1% -1.6%	
Total Technical/Sport	23,050,500	23,429,029	(378,529)	-1.0%	
Other Programs:					
Commercial	6,751,600	6,527,499	224,101	3.3%	Payroll (+315K), Mbrship promo (Flex) (+\$200K), Event Marketing (-\$208), DP app (+\$88K), Splash Magazine (-\$70K), Comms Ops (-\$73K)
Risk Management	3,179,200	2,919,987	259,213	8.2%	Insurance premiums.
Foundation & Make a Splash Support	311,000	311,000	400.044	0.0%	Net zero with portion of FDN revenue line (Swimming staff allocation).
Total Other Programs	10,241,800	9,758,486	483,314	4.7%	
Administration:					
Executive	1,552,500	1,743,311	(190,811)	-12.3%	Consultants more than budgeted (\$158K).
Finance	1,139,300	1,228,429	(89,130)		
Business Affairs	4,247,900	4,363,751	(115,852)		
Total Administration	6,939,700	7,335,492	(395,792)	-5.7%	
Total Expenses	40,232,000	40,523,008	(291,008)	-0.7%	
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(2,237,100)	(2,339,236)	(102,136)	-4.6%	
Planned Reserve Investments:					
Disaster Donations	-	(25,000)	(25,000)		BOD approved disaster relief assistance if/when properly requested and not to exceed an annual amount of ~\$25K.
Special IT Projects (CRM)	(950,000)	(622,914)	327,086		Spent the \$327K in 2018 so this will bring us to approved amount through 2019.
Remodel Depreciation	(120,000)	-	120,000		TBD based on lease ext. with USOPC. \$150K USOPC and \$25K El Pomar Grants received in '19, taking it above the line in '19.
Safe Sport Expenses / Contingency	-	(30,000)	(30,000)		Remainder of \$750K total approved in 2018.
Legal	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)		To seek BOD approval.
Cost of Flex	(1,000,000)	(700,000)	300,000		Projecting less than what was approved for 2019.
Athlete Leadership Camp	(214,000)	(165,000)	49,000		
Total Reserve Investments	(2,284,000)	(2,542,914)	(258,914)	-11.3%	
Surplus (Deficit) Before Investment G/(L)	(4,521,100)	(4,882,150)	(361,050)	-8.0%	
Investment Gains (Losses)		4,015,000	4,015,000		2019 portfolio gains. In addition to what is taken to Investment Income "above the line".
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (4,521,100)	\$ (867,150)	\$ 3,653,950	80.8%	

USA Swimming, Inc. BUDGET VS. PROJECTION 2019

	Year to Date Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Projected	Favorable (Unfavorable)
OPERATING REVENUE:				
MEMBERSHIP:				
Athlete Membership Flex	\$18,990,480 252,180	\$18,361,200 413,250	\$19,003,260 251,690	\$642,060 (161,560)
Cost of Flex	0	1,000,000	720,315	(279,685)
Outreach Athlete Membership Seasonal Athlete Membership	53,210 560,820	56,825 701,760	53,215 561,600	(3,610) (140,160)
Non-Athlete Membership	2,368,610	2,413,860	2,384,280	(29,580)
Life Membership Allied Membership	37,334 500	36,000 1,000	35,000 1,000	(1,000)
Club Membership	212,310	212,310	212,310	0
Seasonal Club Membership Affiliate Membership	4,800 500	4,560 800	4,680 800	120 0
Single Meet Open Water	1,510	1,920	1,510	(410)
Delegate Fees Other Membership Income	500 624	350 65	350 (26,110)	0 (26,175)
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	22,483,378	23,203,900	23,203,900	0
PARTNERSHIP MARKETING REVENUE:				
Corporate Sponsorship	3,107,378	5,035,000	4,813,500	(221,500)
Supplier Income Licensee Income	170,625 10,000	352,500 25,000	202,875 15.000	(149,625) (10,000)
Web Advertising	0	135,000	0	(135,000)
Print Advertising	20,330	30,000	25,000	(5,000)
List Rental Income/Mailing Service TOTAL PARTNERSHIP MARKETING	3,121	5,000	0	(5,000)
REVENUE	3,311,454	5,582,500	5,056,375	(526,125)
CONSUMER REVENUE:				
SwimBiz	6,530	10,000	6,500	(3,500)
Royalties Publication/Video Sales	106,165 180	97,500 0	100,000 0	2,500 0
SwimOutlet	63,941	120,000	85,000	(35,000)
Splash Magazine Subscriptions TOTAL CONSUMER REVENUE	595 177,410	2,000 229,500	0 191,500	(2,000)
TOTAL GONGOMEN NEVENOL	177,410	223,300	131,300	(30,000)
USOC PARTNERSHIP: USOC Performance Funding	2,266,650	3,022,200	3,022,200	0
USOC Performance VIK	60,000	60,000	60,000	0
USOC Direct Athlete Support	2,207,300	2,207,300	2,207,300	0
USOC International Relations Grant TOTAL USOC PARTNERSHIP	4,546,750	15,000 5,304,500	5,305,500	1,000 1,000
TOTAL 0300 FARTNERSHIP	4,540,750	3,304,300	3,303,300	1,000
INVESTMENT INCOME:				
Investment Income - Operating Budget Interest Income - Savings	1,738,899 3	1,738,900 0	1,738,900 0	0
Interest Income - Short Term Securities	57,216	50,000	60,000	10,000
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	1,796,118	1,788,900	1,798,900	10,000
FOUNDATION AND SWIM-A-THON:				
USA Swimming Foundation	555,000	855,700	1,076,250	220,550
Foundation Rent	0	60,000	60,000	0
TOTAL FOUND. AND SWIM-A-THON	555,000	915,700	1,136,250	220,550
SPORT AND EVENTS:				
Golden Goggle Awards Coach Education Clinics	13,104 147,268	0 210,000	75,000 188,000	75,000 (22,000)
Altitude Camps	437,281	295,000	525,000	230,000
Pro Swim Series Host Fees	55,000	60,000	65,000	5,000
International Swim League (ISL) Facilities Conference	150,000 8,673	0 8,000	225,000 8,600	225,000 600
Club Governance Programs	235	0	0	0
Custom Visits (BAP) Safe Sport Leadership Conference	9,300 3,275	6,000 0	9,300 0	3,300 0
Safe Sport Materials	12,348	0	12,000	12,000
International TV Rights Other Registration	0 144,284	70,000 72,500	0 135,000	(70,000) 62,500
TOTAL SPORTS AND EVENTS	980,768	721,500	1,242,900	521,400
OTHER INCOME:				
NCAA Top Times List	96,720	96,700	96,700	0
Combined Federal Campaign Imputed Interest - Prepaid Rent	3,926 113,811	0 151,700	0 151,747	0 47
Other Revenue	(65,570)	0	0	0
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USA Swimming, Inc. BUDGET VS. PROJECTION 2019

TOTAL OTHER INCOME	Year to Date Actual 148,886	2019 Budget 248,400	2019 Projected 248,447	Favorable (Unfavorable) 47	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$33,999,765	\$37,994,900	\$38,183,772	\$188,872	
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
TECHNICAL/SPORT:					
SPORT DEVELOPMENT					
Athlete Development Programs 1117 LSC Camps	\$9,225	\$10,200	\$10,200	\$0	
1118 Zone Select Camps	118,223	120,600	118,424	2,176	
1119 National Select Camps 1120 Camp (VIK)	14,218 19,125	108,700 25,000	108,700 25,000	0	
1135 Tech Services Support	19,125	2,900	2,900	0	
1163 Open Water Select Camp	62,500	60,500	62,718	(2,218)	
Program Group Total	223,320	327,900	327,942	(42)	
Coach Education and Development 1213 Coach Education Development	22,556	62,800	62,800	0	
1231 USA-S Hosted Coaches Clinics	62,577	100,000	73,850	26,150	
1237 Non-USAS Clinic Participation 1240 Online Coach Clinics/Podcasts	24,245 5,032	38,100 15,900	38,100 5,099	0 10,801	
1242 Coach Mentoring	79,591	116,100	114,100	2,000	
1245 Master Coach Program 1290 Travel & Program Support	65,160 114,696	139,400 171,000	114,245 171,000	25,155 0	
Program Group Total	373,858	643,300	579,194	64,106	
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Club Education and Development 1302 Club Excellence Program	442,535	463,000	463,000	0	
1305 Club Recognition Program	0	7,500	7,500	0	
1311 Club Governance Programs 1314 Club Resources	13,105 11,721	47,000 33,600	25,670 33,600	21,330 0	
1332 Club Research Technology	25,695	50,600	30,600	20,000	
1390 Travel & Program Support	119,795	169,100	144,200	24,900	
Program Group Total	612,850	770,800	704,570	66,230	
LSC Development & Education					
1470 LSC Consulting 1475 LEAP Program	36,096 33,608	60,000 70,500	60,000 48,500	0 22,000	
1481 Leadership Workshops	5,680	37,300	37,300	0	
Program Group Total	75,384	167,800	145,800	22,000	
Facilities Advocacy & Development					
1505 Build a Pool Conference	38,324	62,700	62,700	0	
1507 Aquatic Industry Relations 1590 Travel & Program Support	16,470 9,927	22,400 11,800	22,400 11,800	0	
Program Group Total	64,720	96,900	96,900	0	
Membership Growth and Diversity					
1638 Diversity Management Support	51,913	113,500	113,500	0	
1640 Community Swim Team Development 1645 Zone Diversity Camps & Meetings	21,256 22,905	65,600 45,400	65,600 30,400	0 15,000	
1651 Diversity VIK	12,431	15,000	15,000	0	
1665 Diversity Select Camp	72,877	71,100	72,920	(1,820)	
Program Group Total	181,382	310,600	297,420	13,180	
Committees					
1823 Convention Education Committee	8,868	13,500	9,006	4,494	
1830 LSC Development Committee 1841 Disability Swimming Committee	25,419 215	26,400 600	25,500 600	900	
1842 Diversity Committee	20,931	20,800	20,950	(150)	
1851 Age Group Development Committee 1856 Club Development Committee	0	800 600	100 100	700 500	
1865 Zone Director Committee	422	0	0	0	
1885 Senior Development Committee	0 55,855	73,900	56,356	11,100 17,544	
Program Group Total	33,033	13,900	50,550	17,544	
Administration	222 727	207 100	0.40.050	(20.450)	
1990 Administration & Operational Support 1999 Salary and Benefits	232,727 1,577,926	307,100 2,209,500	343,250 2,224,231	(36,150) (14,731)	
Program Group Total	1,810,653	2,516,600	2,567,481	(50,881)	
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TOTAL SPORT DEVELOPMENT	Year to Date Actual 3,398,022	2019 Budget 4,907,800	2019 Projected 4,775,663	Favorable (Unfavorable)
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EVENTS AND MEMBER SERVICES				
Events 2005 Olympic Trials	8,336	14,500	12,500	2,000
2018 Winter National Championships	2,365	239,700	339,700	(100,000)
2019 National Championships/Trials 2022 International Swimming League Events	793,526 1,428	550,400 0	793,900 15,000	(243,500) (15,000)
2023 US Open	879	0	0	O O
2025 Pro Swim Series 2027 Speedo Sectionals	312,179 205,000	344,300 215,000	369,300 215,000	(25,000) 0
2028 IM Xtreme Games	4,000 95,000	24,000	8,000	16,000
2029 Zone Championships 2035 Futures Championships	121,662	110,000 137,800	95,000 137,800	15,000 0
2045 Jr. National Championships (Summer LC) 2050 Jr. NTL. Champ. (Winter SC) & Long Course Inv.	141,693 7,827	138,400 139,500	141,950 144,500	(3,550) (5,000)
2069 Open Water Championships	85,140	101,500	85,500	16,000
2077 National Events Uniforming VIK 2076 Bag Tags VIK	13,500 896	40,000 10,000	40,000 10,000	0
2716 Omega Timing Systems VIK	0	320,000	400,000	(80,000)
Program Group Total	1,793,430	2,385,100	2,808,150	(423,050)
Member Programs				
2411 Member Dues and Services	7,953	18,300	8,364	9,936
2412 Technology Projects 2418 SWIMS 2.0	0 127,438	12,500 160,000	500 168,600	12,000 (8,600)
2423 Rulebook	99,506	147,000	100,000	47,000
2431 Swimposium 2432 Zone Workshops	56,815 268,601	134,100 230,000	110,000 268,900	24,100 (38,900)
2434 On-Line Registration	67,387	150,000	96,500	53,500
2498 Awards	16,519	13,200	17,790	(4,590)
Program Group Total	644,218	865,100	770,654	94,446
Member Programs - Officials	55.400	100.000	100.000	•
2433 Officials Training Sessions 2437 Officials On-Line Testing	55,100 0	132,000 2,600	132,000 0	0 2,600
2438 Officials Certification Program	0	15,200	5,200	10,000
2440 Officials Clinic 2441 Officials International Travel	800 19,862	2,300 30,100	800 20,380	1,500 9,720
2450 Officials Mentoring & Training	748	4,300	3,000	1,300
Program Group Total	76,511	186,500	161,380	25,120
Other Programs and Services				
2501 Publications and Video Sales 2502 Mailing Service	27,956 109	40,000 500	35,000 500	5,000 0
2505 Trials Hospitality	0	1,500	1,500	0
2518 Altitude Camps 2519 Times Projects	519,073 23,418	300,000 38,900	575,000 38,900	(275,000) 0
2535 Pool Environment Research & Education	0	20,000	0	20,000
2715 TV/Web Cast Production	1,134,328	1,261,000	1,391,000	(380,000)
Program Group Total	1,704,886	1,661,900	2,041,900	(360,000)
Committees & Governance	100.007	112 500	100.070	(0.270)
2801 Convention 2802 Convention - Athletes	130,867 90,389	112,500 128,200	120,870 108,200	(8,370) 20,000
2825 Registration / Membership	14,346	16,200	14,500	1,700
2832 Awards 2835 Credentials / Elections	381 3,263	300 3,000	380 3,000	(80) 0
2836 Rules and Regulations	21,971	31,800	22,300	9,500
2857 Times & Recognition Committee 2862 Program & Events Committee	6,198 750	23,000 27,400	18,000 1,000	5,000 26,400
2866 Officials 2887 Athletes Executive Committee	19,228 10,356	19,300	19,550 20,500	(250)
Program Group Total	19,356 306,749	30,500 392,200	20,500 328,300	63,900
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Administration 2990 Administration & Operational Support	184,892	208,200	236,690	(28,490)
2999 Salary and Benefits	1,067,265	1,551,300	1,532,752	18,549
Program Group Total	1,252,157	1,759,500	1,769,442	(9,941)
TOTAL EVENTS AND MEMBER	0-4	7 050 000	7 070 000	(000 505)
SERVICES	5,777,951	7,250,300	7,879,826	(629,525)
NATIONAL TEAM				
Competitions			===	-
3001 Olympic Games 3013 Pan American Games	150 80,246	500 58,100	500 100,100	0 (42,000)
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	Year to Date Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Projected	Favorable (Unfavorable)
3015 World University Games	482,009	363,400	485,955	(122,555)
3022 International Swimming League 3031 Long Course World Championships	0 339,854	0 457,500	10,000 340,000	(10,000) 117,500
3033 Short Course World Championships	476	0	0	0
Program Group Total	902,735	879,500	936,555	(57,055)
Junior Team Programs 3009 Jr. Team International Competition	116,207	202,500	116,260	86,240
3045 Junior Team Camps	41,258	60,200	42,000	18,200
3050 FINA World Junior Championships 3051 Jr. Team Pro Swim Series	321,163 7,700	364,700 38,500	322,700 15,000	42,000 23,500
3053 World 100	11,654	20,600	15,050	5,550
3992 Ntl. Jr. Team Program Support	20,762	41,000	30,000	11,000
Program Group Total	518,744	727,500	541,010	186,490
Open Water Programs 3040 FINA Open Water Jr. Championships	7,948	34,500	8,300	26,200
3061 Open Water World Championships	27,839	49,500	28,000	21,500
3063 Open Water University Games 3065 Open Water World Cup	0 79,071	20,500 91,500	0 84,500	20,500 7,000
3067 Open Water Camps	14,947	50,200	20,610	29,590
3068 Open Water - Foundation 3075 Open Water International Camps	20,427 102,680	25,000 79,100	25,000 103,100	0 (24,000)
3495 Open Water Program Support	20,071	29,000	24,000	5,000
Program Group Total	272,983	379,300	293,510	85,790
Camps				
3005 Olympic Games Prep Camps 3069 National Team Specialty Camps	0	20,000 28,100	0 5,100	20,000 23,000
3071 Altitude Training Camps	24,729	39,000	39,000	23,000
3073 National Team Camps	55,049 454,003	43,000	55,300	(12,300)
3076 National Team International Camps 3479 Advance Team Visits	454,003 21,006	594,600 21,000	455,600 26,100	139,000 (5,100)
Program Group Total	554,787	745,700	581,100	164,600
Athlete Services	4 000 077	1 504 000	1 70 1 000	(450,000)
3101 Athlete Support-Stipends & Grants 3103 Athlete Support-Medals & Records	1,269,677 472,500	1,584,800 600,000	1,734,800 472,500	(150,000) 127,500
3107 Athlete Support-Op Gold Qualification Bonus	493,750	585,000	585,000	0
3025 Pro Swim Series Athlete Support 3021 World Cup Athlete Support	586,627 556	830,000 9,500	730,000 2,000	100,000 7,500
3127 National Team Investment Grant	267,990	600,000	600,000	0
3106 ConocoPhillips Athlete Support 3110 National Team Uniforming (VIK)	39,748 335,358	100,000 325,000	150,000 350,000	(50,000) (25,000)
3120 Athlete Support-Olympic Prep	2,132	20,000	3,000	17,000
3130 Foundation Travel & Training 3131 Foundation Athlete Endowments	54,970 22,500	80,000 80,000	55,000 80,000	25,000 0
3453 Drug Control Program	8,954	70,200	40,200	30,000
Program Group Total	3,554,762	4,884,500	4,802,500	82,000
Coach Services	222.000	200.000	222.222	0
3203 Coach Incentive & Reward Program 3210 Olympic Team Prep - Coaches	330,000 48,835	330,000 20,000	330,000 55,000	(35,000)
3220 Contract Labor - National Team Tech Advisor	60,723	83,700	83,700	0
3222 National Team Consultant 3460 Olympic Staff Recognition	27,923 29,370	37,100 37,000	34,100 30,000	3,000 7,000
3010 Coach Education	21,462	34,100	34,100	0
3077 National Team Coaches Meeting Program Group Total	113,624 631,938	114,000 655,900	114,000 680,900	(25,000)
,	001,000	000,300	000,300	(20,000)
High Performance Support 3301 National Team Performance Support	103,619	155,600	155,600	0
3310 USOC Practitioner Travel Support	54,502	26,700	59,935	(33,235)
Program Group Total	158,121	182,300	215,535	(33,235)
Sport Medicine & Science	400	•	00.000	(00.000)
3201 Athletes and Coach Wellness Programs 3353 Sport Medicine & Science Network	400 102,404	0 117,600	30,000 113,975	(30,000) 3,625
3155 Elite Athlete Accident Coverage	35,500	35,000	35,550	(550)
3200 Athlete Life Skills 3351 Athlete Testing & Lab Expenses	14,208 13,739	40,000 27,100	15,000 27,100	25,000 0
3390 Sport Medicine & Science Program Support	15,477	51,700	20,000	31,700
Program Group Total	181,728	271,400	241,625	29,775
Other Programs and Services				
3481 National Team Equipment 3496 National Team Selection	10,620 3,250	18,500 0	16,000 3,300	2,500 (3,300)
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3499 Team Management Technology	67,068	0	67,070	(67,070)
Program Group Total	80,939	18,500	86,370	(67,870)
Committees				
3846 Sports Medicine	0	3,300	0	3,300
3850 Open Water Development 3868 Open Water Committee	0 7,228	800 16,900	0 7,900	800 9,000
3882 National Steering Committee	13,247	16,600	13,300	3,300
3888 National Team Ath Committee	65	12,300	300	12,000
Program Group Total	20,541	49,900	21,500	28,400
Administration				
3990 Administration & Operational Support	233,934	222,600	610,359	(387,759)
3999 Salary and Benefits	1,222,982	1,875,300	1,762,576	112,723
Program Group Total	1,456,916	2,097,900	2,372,936	(275,036)
TOTAL NATIONAL TEAM	8,334,194	10,892,400	10,773,541	118,859
TOTAL TECHNICAL/SPORT	17,510,167	23,050,500	23,429,029	(378,529)
OTHER PROGRAMS:				
COMMERCIAL				
Parnerships & Event Marketing	047.400	407.000	000.040	(44.740)
5901 Marketing & Contract Fulfillment 5905 Sales Development Support	217,128 28,992	187,900 50,000	232,646 45,000	(44,746) 5,000
5620 Family Program	41,604	34,600	48,600	(14,000)
5715 SwimBiz	84,153	75,000	85,000	(10,000)
5709 National Marketing 5760 Junior Nationals Marketing	560,483 2,332	334,190 75,000	520,190 5,000	(186,000) 70,000
5762 Pro Swim Series Marketing	173,574	143,340	195,340	(52,000)
5764 Pro Swim Series Marketing	3,030	36,000	96,000	(60,000)
5770 Other Event Marketing	2,110 7,800	38,570 10,200	18,570 10,200	20,000
5755 USA Swimming House-Trials 5913 Multicultural Promotions	7,800	98,600	10,200	98,600
5902 Merchandise Program	9,985	26,000	25,731	269
5911 Aqua Zone-Olympic Trials	14,254	15,000	15,000	0
Program Group Total	1,145,446	1,124,400	1,297,277	(172,877)
Communications				
5109 APA Appearance 5722 Social Media Aggregation	27,255 5,850	50,000 0	37,725 15,000	12,275 (15,000)
5714 Public Relations	29,269	75,000	35,000	40,000
5724 Communication Operations	193,685	171,200	244,000	(72,800)
Program Group Total	256,060	296,200	331,725	(35,525)
Creative Services				
5720 Video Production Services	5,394	25,000	16,175	8,825
5711 Splash Magazine 5730 USASwimming Productions	531,454 741,225	812,700 856,200	882,700 854,700	(70,000) 1,500
5710 Membership Recruiting/Promo (Flex)	196,619	450,000	249,003	200,997
5904 Marketing Contract Labor	6,500	0	25,000	(25,000)
Program Group Total	1,481,192	2,143,900	2,027,578	116,322
Business Intelligence & Digital Platforms		10=	c= cc=	
5713 Deck Pass 5716 Swimjitsu	6,523 8,298	125,000 0	37,082 10,780	87,918 (10,780)
5726 Business Intelligence	0,230	ő	5,000	(5,000)
5718 usaswimming.org - Web Site	372,246	527,200	535,200	(8,000)
Program Group Total	387,067	652,200	588,062	64,138
Administration & Operational Support				
5990 Administration & Operational Support	221,849	243,500	306,325	(62,825)
5999 Salary and Benefits	1,328,721	2,291,400	1,976,533	314,868
Program Group Total	1,550,570	2,534,900	2,282,858	252,043
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	4,820,334	6,751,600	6,527,499	224,101
RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES				
Member Programs	0.400.407	2 102 202	2 900 000	222.000
9413 Member Insurance Premiums & Retention 9415 Other Risk Management	2,488,107 10,000	3,102,800 16,700	2,869,000 10,000	233,800 6,700
Program Group Total	2,498,107	3,119,500	2,879,000	240,500
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Committees				
9827 Operational Risk Committee Program Group Total	20,688	32,300	21,462 21,462	10,838
Administration				
9490 Administration & Operational Support	12,738 12,738	27,400 27,400	19,525 19,525	7,875
Program Group Total TOTAL RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES	2,531,532	3,179,200	2,919,987	259,213
FOUND. & MAKE A SPLASH SUPPORT				
6667 USA Swimming Staff Allocation TOTAL FOUNDATION & MAS SUPPORT	0 0	311,000 311,000	311,000 311,000	<u>0</u>
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS	7,351,866	10,241,800	9,758,486	483,314
SUPPORT DIVISIONS:				
EXECUTIVE Other Executive				
7920 CEO Contingency	54,605	60,000	60,000	0
7930 Board Chair Travel and Expenses 7945 CSCAA Grant	37,097 90,000	35,000 125,000	40,991 120,000	(5,991) 5,000
7971 Organizational Relations - Domestic	50,081	80,000	65,000	15,000
7984 Organizational Relations - Internat'l 7981 International Relations	24,177 26,495	65,000 69,100	43,000 50,600	22,000 18,500
Program Group Total	282,456	434,100	379,591	54,509
Committees & Governance				
7803 Board of Directors	85,195	185,300	140,788	44,512
7808 Task Force & Other Committees 7811 International Relations Committee	104,626 8,778	34,000 31,000	191,741 13,000	(157,741) 18,000
7820 Nominating Committee	1,468	0	1,795	(1,795)
Program Group Total	200,067	250,300	347,324	(97,024)
Administration 7990 Administration & Operational Support	95,044	100,300	138,500	(38,200)
7999 Salary and Benefits	584,702	767,800	877,896	(110,096)
Program Group Total	679,746	868,100	1,016,396	(148,296)
TOTAL EXECUTIVE	1,162,269	1,552,500	1,743,311	(190,811)
FINANCE				
Other Programs 8500 LSC/Club Financial Resources	5,056	10,000	6,610	3,390
Program Group Total	5,056	10,000	6,610	3,390
	3,333	70,000	0,010	3,333
Committees 8895 Investment Committee	104	300	200	100
8880 Audit Committee	104	<u>300</u> 600	300	300
Program Group Total	104	800	300	300
Administration 8990 Administration & Operational Support	129,883	133,200	189,750	(56,550)
8999 Salary and Benefits	843,850	995,500	1,031,769	(36,270)
Program Group Total	973,734	1,128,700	1,221,519	(92,820)
TOTAL FINANCE	978,894	1,139,300	1,228,429	(89,130)
BUSINESS AFFAIRS				
Legal and NBR 9695 Legal	312,513	150,000	360,000	(210,000)
9692 National Board of Review	24	54,000	500	53,500
9690 Legal - Admin. & Oper. Support Program Group Total	5,889 318,426	212,400	18,500 379,000	(10,100)
Program Group Total	310,420	212,400	379,000	(700,000)
Safe Sport 9335 Safe Sport - Background Checks	17,099	61,200	20,000	41,200
9375 Safe Sport Online Education 9386 Safe Sport Athlete Fellowship	45,000 11,956	77,200 21,500	67,700 12,500	9,500 9,000
9385 Safe Sport Programs	164,176	235,800	165,704	70,096
9387 Safe Sport - USOC Center for Safe Sport 9388 Safe Sport - Leadership Conference	155,205 47,829	158,200 63,600	156,200 47,830	2,000 15,770
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	Year to Date Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Projected	Favorable (Unfavorable)
9389 Safe Sport - SwimAssist	113,274	100,000	150,000	(50,000)
Program Group Total	554,539	717,500	619,934	97,566
Other Programs				
9380 Human Resources	89,980	97,600	112,535	(14,935)
9290 Government Affairs 9295 Information Technology Support	8,640 447,684	167,700 640,200	8,700 565,800	159,000 74,400
Program Group Total	546,303	905,500	687,035	218,465
Committees				
9810 Safe Sport Committee	11,909	32,500	12,500	20,000
Program Group Total	11,909	32,500	12,500	20,000
Administrative				
9990 Administration & Operational Support	166,847	198,500	244,234	(45,734)
9999 Salary and Benefits	1,628,258	2,181,500	2,421,048	(239,549)
Program Group Total	1,795,105	2,380,000	2,665,282	(285, 283)
TOTAL BUSINESS AFFAIRS	3,226,282	4,247,900	4,363,751	(115,852)
TOTAL SUPPORT DIVISIONS	5,367,445	6,939,700	7,335,492	(395,792)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$30,229,478	\$40,232,000	\$40,523,008	(\$291,007)
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$3,770,287	(\$2,237,100)	(\$2,339,236)	(\$102,135)



TO: Board of Directors FROM: Tim Hinchey III

COPY: Staff & Selected Others

DATE: January 24, 2020 **SUBJECT:** General Update

Dear USA Swimming Board of Directors,

In advance of our busy agenda, please see below some additional updates from our staff regarding current ongoing business at USA Swimming.

Best regards,

Tim Hinchey III

USA Swimming President & CEO

TECHNICAL/SPORT

National Team

Talkspace was launched in January for all current National Team athletes, as well as 2016 Olympians. In less than one week, eight athletes had already signed up for the service, in addition to the six who are currently using Athletes' Assist. We are currently looking for additional ways to expand our Talkspace relationship, including offering this opportunity to National Team coaches.

Over 120 athletes and 15 coaches used the Olympic and Paralympic Training Center (OPTC) as their training hub over the holidays. This gave the National Team staff several opportunities to work with athletes and coaches as they prep for the Olympic Trials and Games.

Sport Development

Team Services conducted video review services at the Toyota U.S. Open and the two Winter Junior National meets.

<u>Meet</u>	Views & Downloads	Average per Athlete Index
Toyota U.S. Open	1,423	1.23 views/athlete
Winter Juniors East	1,161	1.34 views/athlete
Winter Juniors-West	1,453	1.50 views/athlete

The *Coach Connection* newsletter was relaunched in late 2019, providing a newer format and striving to be more conversational in nature. The monthly newsletters focus on an overall theme and encourage coaches to offer feedback and comments. The relaunched newsletter "open rate" is up 20% from last year.

The Performance Development Managers (previously Sport Performance Consultants) are each scheduling 10, two-to three-day club visits, for the year with additional shorter club/coach visits bookending the 10 major visits. We are finalizing a standard operating procedure for pre- and post-communication, which will include a "club report" that will help prepare Team Services for the upcoming implementation of the CRM software.

The Program Development Managers (previously Zone Sport Development Consultants) are working closely with the LSC Development Managers in improving coach involvement at the LSC level. It is our opinion that coaches need to be more actively involved in governance at the LSC.

USA Swimming announced in December the top 200 performing 18&Under teams in the Club Excellence Program. This is a very competitive program, whereby the top 20 teams are awarded Gold medal status, teams ranked 21-100 are awarded Silver medal status, and teams ranked 101-200 are awarded Bronze status. The Gold and Silver medal teams are also eligible to receive grant dollars to use toward furthering the performance of their athletes. Some quick statistics on the program:

- 19th year, started in 2002
- over \$6,700,000 has been awarded in grants
- 551 teams have participated in the 19 years with 86 different teams receiving the Gold medal status
- Nine teams have participated and been ranked in all 19 years of the program
- Nine teams have been ranked Gold for more than 10 years leading with Nation's Capital Swim Club and SwimAtlanta who each have been ranked Gold for 17 of the 19 years
- 18 teams were new to the ranking this year
- Smallest number of athletes on a team in each of the three categories: Gold-149 athletes, Silver-55 athletes and Bronze-53 athletes

Education & Programs

LEARN updates:

- Learning Management System (LMS)/Platform:
 - Frontrunner: Build internally; waiting for scope and estimated timeline from Mike Meadows. Vetting this is the last component before fully committing
- eLearning:
 - o Contracted with Ninja Tropic for the production/editing of content
 - Also working with their Instructional Designer to build Key Learning Objectives, scripts, and storyboards
- Curriculum:
 - Engaging with outside Task Force to review first-pass curriculum for Core curriculum
 - Identifying content experts

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Strategic Planning was conducted this past December, and key programming included:

- Community Swim Programs
- Education
- Diversity Camp progression (moved to Morgan Weinberg under Programming with other camps)
- Diversity Coach Mentorship (will be blended into the Community Swim Program)

The 2020 Community Swim Team Program MOUs include:

- Chicago Park District
- LA Recreation and Park
- Indy Park and Recreation (in development)
- Oakland Park and Recreation (in development)
- Minnesota Community Swim Program (anticipated Fall/Winter 2020)

Women's Leadership and She LEAD/We LEAD dates and locations for 2020:

Event Type	Dates	Location	Facilitator(S)	Special Guests
She LEADS	April 3-5,	La Foret-	Roberta Kraus &	Amy Bilquist, Breeja
	2020	Black Forest,	Cathy Wright-Eger	Larson & Tricia Downing
		CO		
Women's	April 17-	La Foret-	Lynn Kachmarik &	Bobbi McPherson
Leadership	19, 2020	Black Forest,	Cathy Wright-Eger	
Summit		CO		
We LEAD	June 20-	Omaha, NE	More Brave &	TBA
	22, 2020		James Leath	
Women's	August	Oahu, HI	True North Sports	TBA
Leadership	14-16,			
Summit	2020			
We LEAD	August	Oahu, HI	True North Sports	TBA
	15, 2020			

Upcoming Spring/Summer Camps:

- o 2020 Zone Select Camp athlete selection going on now
- o 2020 camp staff selection going on now (ZSC/NDSC/ZDSC)
- o Application open for National Diversity Select Camp (closes February 7)
- o Application opens for Zone Diversity Select Camp February 3 (closes March 13)

Membership

The Officials' Committee met Jan. 10-11 in Denver. They reviewed results from the survey of LSC Officials Chairs and officials working winter national meets and outlined goals and initiatives for the committee to work on in 2020. Many of the initiatives revolve around streamlining official education, communication to officials from the grassroots up and standardization of officiating standards and selections at both the local and national level.

National Committee Assignments were recently announced and email invitations were sent in early December to anyone who was newly appointed, or reappointed, to a national committee.

This year there will be one Zone workshop that includes all four zones. The workshop will be held in Chicago, May 1-3. There will be sessions for LSC general chairs, admin vice chairs, officials, safe sport chairs, and DEI chairs. If any members of the Board would like to attend, please contact Sydney Pinello at spinello@usaswimming.org to get a copy of the registration form.

The following LSCs are hosting Swimposiums this spring:

- April 4 Missouri Valley (Kansas City)
- April 25 Connecticut (New Haven)
- May 3 Adirondack (Albany)

For more information about these events, please contact Cathy Durance at cdurance@usaswimming.org.

LSC Athlete Leadership Summit grants were announced in January. We received 21 applications and were able to provide funding to 18 LSCs: Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Inland Empire, Maine, Maryland, Missouri Valley, New England, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pacific, San Diego-Imperial, South Dakota, Snake River, Utah and Virginia. Grants ranged from \$500 to \$2,000. The grant review task force was made up of three members of the Athletes' Executive Committee and two staff members. For more information about this grant program please contact Morgan Weinberg at mweinberg@usaswimming.org.

The Athletes' Executive Committee (AEC) met by conference call in January. Topics of discussion included continuing/improving communication with LSC athlete reps, the LSC Athlete Leadership Summit Grant Program, athlete appointments to national committees, zone athlete reps participating in the zone workshop this year, the Keeping Athletes First Initiative, and planning for this year's convention in September.

COMMERCIAL

Focus for the Commercial business unit in the first quarter continues to be on revenue-driving business development, enhanced data analytics for enterprise-wide decision making, professional attention to digital platforms, improved internal and external communications, world-class creative and video production, and streamlined athlete marketing efforts.

Digital Platforms

The CRM team continues to progress through the user adoption and training stages of all new systems. We continue to finalize adjustments to Foundation historical data mapping to preserve giving data from as far back as 2007. By preserving and transferring giving data (and associated contact records), we can use the enhanced reporting within Salesforce to compare future giving campaigns to historical campaigns. This will be particularly useful during the Olympic year, as we will compare 2020 giving to 2008, 2012 and 2016. After "warming" our Marketo IP address, we are now ready to move forward with campaign distributions. The first campaign deployed will be a database-wide opt in/opt out campaign, where every contact in our system can personalize the type of emails they receive from USA Swimming. We have traditionally used a universal opt-out, but now contacts will be able to subscribe to or unsubscribe from specific categories (newsletters, promotional messages, event information, etc.). We expect personalized content preferences to improve open rates, engagements and conversions on calls-

to-action (CTA's) in the messages. The IT team has started training on maintenance of our Master Data Management (MDM) system and we have added requirements to the project to make sure our data architecture is GDPR, CCPA and COPA compliant.

The front-end redesign of our new USA Swimming website continues on schedule and on budget with a launch date of April 30, 2020. The new site will offer quicker load times, intuitive navigation, a cleaner mobile interface for those accessing the site from the pool deck, enhanced SEO, and the clean design befitting a world-class organization.

Partnerships

The Partnerships Team recently finalized sponsorships with Marriott, Xfinity, and BIC. We also launched a three-month Sport Tech Accelerator with Comcast to enhance both individual and team athletic performance by providing high performance expertise and USA Swimming brand affiliation in return for evaluation of potential start-up companies to further grow the sport of swimming. We continue to offer non-traditional "swimming" sponsorships, such as the entitlement of the Ready Room from Marriott, Golden Road's Red Carpet Show at Golden Goggles, Deck Pass Live, and Iconic Brand Moments presented by Xfinity. With the 2020 Trials quickly approaching, we are more aggressively engaging USOPC prospects and continually leveraging our current partners to activate additional hospitality and entertainment options at USA Swimming House and USA Swimming Live.

Title sponsor TYR along with Neptune Benson and Toyota continue to activate at the TYR Pro Swim Series events through retail sales and experiential marketing. These TYR Pro Swim Series events come to Knoxville, TN, Des Moines, IA and Mission Viejo, CA in the first quarter of 2020, and we will wrap up the 2020 series in Indianapolis in May. As a part of the USA Swimming Championship Series, our goal is to deliver world-class events and hospitality for our athletes, coaches, spectators and partners.

Communications

In November, 12 Olympic hopefuls participated in the joint NBC / USOPC Promotional Shoot media day in Los Angeles. The full day affair allowed for NBC and its various properties to capture hours of content to use across their channels to promote Team USA ahead of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Media outlets such as NBC Olympics, NBC Sports, NBC News, TODAY show, CNBC, NBCSN, MSNBC were on hand to shoot our athletes. A similar event is scheduled for March in Los Angeles for non-rights holding media such as ESPN, CBS, ABC, FOX, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, USA Today, Sports Illustrated, GQ, and Snapchat.

USA Swimming Olympic medalists Elizabeth Beisel and Cullen Jones, in partnership with US Masters Swimming and the Boston Celtics, recently spent an afternoon in Boston touting the importance of water safety to youth and adults. This community and PR opportunity featured Celtics player Grant Williams, the No. 22 overall pick in last year's NBA draft, who we will track through his three-month journey to learn to swim. Other Celtics players are slated to join Williams in lessons, and we will capture the graduation ceremony in another PR event this spring.

In 2019, USA Swimming's social media platforms saw an average of 15.6% growth in followers, the largest (34.8%) coming from the younger-targeted demographic of the USA Swimming Next Gen Instagram account. This growth report includes data from all of USA Swimming's main social channels, USA Swimming Foundation, USA Swimming News, USA Swimming NextGen and USA Swimming Insider.

The first *Kickset* podcast episode of 2020 has been released, featuring USA Swimming National Team Director of Sports Medicine & Science Keenan Robinson. Previous versions of the podcast series, which features coaches, athletes and staff members who will share their perspectives on various topics in the swimming world, can be viewed at www.soundcloud.com/kickset.

In the 2019-2020 season, USA Swimming has signed 53 professional athletes to the APA program, and together they have completed 45 of the 101 community appearances since September 1, 2019. A further 25 athlete appearances have been scheduled for January to May 2020.

APA

Highlighted Appearances:

- Children's National Main Hospital Visit with Katie Ledecky
- Fan Zone Experience at the Toyota U.S. Open with Nic Fink, Ryan Held, Melanie Margalis and Andrew Wilson
- Operation Teammate Meet & Greet at Toyota U.S. Open with Kelsi Dahlia and Jacob Pebley.
 - Our Olympians met with 22 military children from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. These 22 children have had a mom or dad deployed for a combined total of 421 months, that's over 35 years of separation

Fan Zone Experience at the TYR Pro Swim Series at Knoxville with Madisyn Cox, Bethany Galat, Ryan Held, Melanie Margalis and Justin Ress

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Safe Sport

The Safe Sport program remains committed to expanding Safe Sport training and education opportunities for various audiences across multiple mediums. In furtherance of this goal, in December 2019, USA Swimming and the U.S. Center for SafeSport ('the Center") formalized an agreement to allow USA Swimming to host all the Center's training offerings on the USA Swimming LEARN platform. The Center's parent training course, "Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport," is now available on the USA Swimming LEARN platform, and its minor athlete training courses are expected to be available on the LEARN platform in February 2020. The Safe Sport team will also have new content for swimming parents available on www.usaswimming.org by February 2020 and will next focus on making that same parent website content available on member club websites via Team Unify.

In an effort to continue to provide resources to member clubs and Local Swimming Committees, the Safe Sport team finalized its agreement with Match Up Promotions to offer direct USA Swimming Safe Sport branded products through www.usaswimmingbrandstore.com. This offering will eliminate the previous practice of USA Swimming having to order, inventory, warehouse, bill and ship the ordered items to clubs and LSCs. All branded items will also contain information connecting to online Safe Sport content and reporting tools.

Looking forward, the staff is working to prepare its 2020 strategic plan related to the continued growth of member clubs achieving Safe Sport Recognized Program status. The staff also continues to seek opportunities to develop partnerships with other organizations, including the YMCA and U.S. Masters

Swimming ("USMS"). The team will be meeting with YMCA of the USA to align the child safety policies across the two organizations. The Safe Sport staff continues communication with USMS to ensure USA Swimming banned and suspended individuals are not permitted pool deck access through USMS membership. In November 2019, USA Swimming provided USMS with lists of individuals permanently suspended or ineligible for membership and individuals suspended or ineligible – specific date in a searchable format to allow USMS to cross-reference the lists to the USMS membership database. Additionally, the Safe Sport staff will be creating enhanced resources including an updated Safe Sport Club Toolkit and family resource guide. The staff is also working on resources for clubs and headquarters staffs to implement at USA Swimming sanctioned events.

Risk Management

In December, the Senior Director, Risk Management, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Administrative Officer & General Counsel attended a meeting with our strategic risk financing consultant, Beecher Carlson, to discuss its risk financing analysis and anticipated premium increases in 2021. We are also working with Beecher Carlson to complete the Cyber/Media Liability and Tech E&O policy for a February renewal.

We continue to work on a Special Event Policy for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Swimming, and we are in the final stages of hiring our next Risk Manager to succeed George Ward following his retirement this Spring.

Finally, the 2019 Report of Occurrences are in the process of being summarized and the usual year end accident analysis provided to the Operational Risk Committee and LSC Operational Risk Chairs. The Operational Risk Committee had its beginning of the year organizational meeting and planning session for 2020 activities earlier this month.

Human Resources

For the final quarter of the year the Human Resources team was primarily focused on Annual Performance Reviews and the Compensation cycle. Using ADP for the Performance Reviews lead to a clean and easy to use system for both employees and managers. The feedback received was overall very positive, and we are looking forward to ways in which we can continue to make the process relevant to the different divisions.

The Employee Engagement group continues to meet, and the first program lead completely by members of the team was a great success. USA Swimming donated over 250 toys to Christmas Unlimited, which serves children in the Pikes Peak region.

For 2020 the HR team will be focusing their efforts in three main areas.

- 1. Learning and development for employees
- 2. Improving the technical capabilities of the Human Resources function
- 3. Enhancing communications and engagement throughout the organization

The first quarter initiatives focusing on achieving these goals are the following:

- 1. Beginning work on defining the expected competencies for each level within the organization (e.g., Manager, Senior Manager, etc.). The expected outcome for this project will be two-fold:
 - i. define the expectations that the Strategic Team has for each role; and

- ii. provide a roadmap for employees looking to grow in their careers.
- 2. Prepare Compensation Statements for all employees. This document will provide a true picture of the value of USA Swimming's very generous benefits package. The HR team plans to distribute these to all employees by mid-February.
- **3.** The employee engagement group will be focusing on narrowing down their ideas and coming up with a plan for 2020 the goal is at least one major event per quarter, with smaller activities throughout the year.

Information Technology

The development phase of the website redesign project started on November 11, 2019. The design firm, Spire Digital, provided specifications for 56 widgets – 44 of those 56 widgets are complete, putting the development phase of the project at approximately 78% complete.

The project to move the Online Meet Entry (OME) application from the legacy website to the new website continued until the meet administration features were complete. Meet entry features still need to be moved but are on hold until after the Olympic Games.

The design phase of the Online Member Registration project started in early January 2020. The development phase is expected to begin at the end of January. This first development phase will allow for a non-athlete membership that is not attached to a club.

Discovery continues to finalize the design and estimated level of effort to build the Learning Management System in-house. Documentation will be delivered to the Sport Development Team at the end of January.

Several smaller, yet significant projects have been completed over the past two months. These include:

- Buy One Get One (BOGO) memberships
- Improved E-commerce checkout process
- Meet Merge tool that allows duplicate times to be removed from SWIMS
- Reports on times not imported for swimmers 18 and older without Athlete Protection Training

The IT team has recently deployed new technologies that have significantly increased USA Swimming's security posture. USA Swimming's public applications, SWIMS and the USA Swimming website are now protected by a web application firewall (WAF) that provides an unprecedented amount of visibility into our application traffic. This technology allows the team to block known cyber threats and vulnerabilities at the application layer and provides the visibility used to identify and prevent potential cyber threats or unwanted traffic to those applications in near real-time.

The team has also deployed Next Generation network firewalls at USA Swimming Headquarters and will be deploying them into the public application infrastructure (SWIMS, Website) by the end of the first quarter. The firewalls are a major upgrade, providing similar visibility and protections as the WAF mentioned above, but extending the protection to all corporate network assets.

The IT team deployed Multi-Factor Authentication and new password complexity requirements, which has been adopted for staff and users of the corporate network and SWIMS application. The IT team has also been working to secure USA Swimming's email infrastructure to ensure delivery and prevent spoofing of the USA Swimming domain. In order to combine and effectively correlate the information

the tools listed above provide, USA Swimming has deployed a managed SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) tool to monitor and report all potential security events with 24/7 coverage. This allows the IT team to be more efficient in responding to actual security events versus the false positives that can delay response and remediation efforts.

FINANCE

The auditors from Waugh and Goodwin are scheduled to be on-site for our 2019 audit from March 9-20. In preparation for their upcoming year-end fieldwork, they worked with Finance to complete their on-site interim/pre-audit work in mid-December.

The Finance department is in the process of closing our books for both entities for calendar year 2019. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring all 2019 balance sheet accounts and transactions are correctly recorded such as cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, prepaid expenditures, fixed assets and related depreciation, investment accounts, accounts payable, accrued expenses, net asset accounts, among others. All accounts will be fully reconciled, and all applicable year-end journal entries will be made to ensure our general ledger and internal financial statements are final and ready for the year-end audit. We anticipate completing our close by late February ahead of the auditors beginning their fieldwork in March.

Sometimes the joke can be, "It's always budget season." Final 2020 Budgets for both entities were presented and approved at the November 2019 Board meetings. We have already begun discussions and strategies around the 2021 (and beyond) budgets and have initial collaboration meetings scheduled with various divisions in January and February.

Both the USA Swimming and USA Swimming Foundation Tax Return Form 990s were filed timely in advance of the November 15, 2019 annual deadline. As we work to close the books for 2019, we concurrently prepare schedules to be used in preparation of our 2019 tax returns.

Finance has been actively driving the Travel Task Force, an internal group focused on reviewing and updating the organization's travel policy and travel provider. The goal of the update is to construct a policy that fits the needs of our users, is reasonable to our organization, and is relatively clear to interpret and execute. The goal is to roll out the update in the first quarter of 2020.

In an effort to move towards a more paperless Finance department and to automate both the expense report and check request process, we are working with Concur, a current vendor, to implement their "Concur Invoice" product. A lot of heavy lifting has been completed over the past few months with assessing our needs, mapping our accounts, etc. The goal is to begin testing and implementing in Q1-Q2 2020.

Now that the building remodel is essentially complete, Finance is working closely with the USOPC, our auditors, and Business Affairs (our internal Project Manager) in order to execute our building lease extension with the USOPC. Additionally, we are reconciling our fixed assets, leasehold improvement schedule, and balance sheet to ensure our new assets are being recorded and depreciated/amortized appropriately.

FOUNDATION

The new year marked the official integration of formerly-Foundation staff into USA Swimming staff. The Development team under Scott Usher, responsible for all Foundation fundraising from annual fund through Major Gifts and Planned Giving, is now an integral part of the Commercial business unit. Tina Dessart has moved to the Sport Development team to lead learn to swim efforts at the "base of the pyramid," and Kaitlyn Palmieri is now working on event marketing on the Partnerships team.

High level updates:

- 2019 grant awards totaled \$618,200 to 117 Make a Splash Local Partners, with a proposed service level of 28,627. End of year reports on usage of funds and service levels were due December 17, 2019 and are currently being evaluated.
- 2020 grant application submissions total 276, the largest applicant pool to date, and these will be heading to review for funding consideration by the end of the month.
- The 2020 Make a Splash Tour presented by Phillips 66 is finalizing three (3) stops: Philadelphia, PA, Billings, MT, and Borger, TX; a non-related community swimming event is under review for Omaha, NE during the pre-Trials test event.
- While final reconciliation is continuing for donations to the annual fund, the Golden Goggle Awards auctions raised more than \$165,000 at the 2019 event (a 6% increase over 2018).
- Major Gifts and grants totaled more than \$1,725,000 for 2019.
- To-date in 2020, \$250,000 has been raised in major gifts with one (1) new Donor and Athlete Partnership and one (1) Learn-to-Swim Fund.
- As of November 12, 2019, the Annual Fund has received \$414,650 in revenue (versus \$408,939 YTD in 2018).
 - o *Champions Club, donations \$1,000-\$10,000,* is currently at \$247,565.07 (\$238,975 YTD in 2018).
 - o *Performance Camps* raised \$115,000 (\$112,500 YTD in 2019). We had 47 attendees at both camps, and saw success by increasing the number of Youth Performance Camp attendees from 25 to 30. We will be evaluating the efficacy of the camps after 2020.
 - o Donations under \$1,000 is currently at \$48,575 (\$50,444 YTD in 2018)