

USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes

October 28, 2024 / Virtual Meeting

Present: Topher Bishop, Nic Fink, Carson Foster, Natalie Hinds, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, Allison Schmitt, Olivia Tighe, Ashley Twichell Wall, Josie Uerling, Amanda Weir and Andrew Wilson

Absent: Anthony Ervin

Guests: Carli Brashier, Stacy Michael-Miller, Michelle Steinfeld

Call to Order: Caitlin Leverenz Smith called the October 28, 2024 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council to order at 11:33AM MST

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: none

Agenda:

- Invitation to athlete town hall for CEO Task Force
 - Opportunity to share insights and perspective
 - Have to register to attend
- Chair and Vice Chair Election
 - Caitlin will run for one year if no other candidates
 - Caitlin would like to be able to transition and mentor a vice chair who wants to be the Chair after her term ends
 - Can divide responsibilities differently if concern around time commitment
 - Motion to elect Caitlin Leverenz Smith to be Chair of the AAC
 - Andrew Wilson motion
 - Nic Fink second
 - Vote: 7-0 to approve
 - Motion to elect Nic Fink to be Vice-Chair of the AAC
 - Andrew Wilson motion
 - Allison Schmitt second
 - Vote: 7-0 to approve
- Introduction of AEC members
 - Topher Bishop
 - Josie Uerling
 - Olivia Tighe
- Plan for 2028
 - Some perspectives are that National Team Managing Director should have a say
 - Shared three potential scenarios for discussion:
 - Discussed each scenario in detail
 - Discussion regarding:
 - the importance of camp
 - the personal coach role
 - team camaraderie
 - captains/coach role
 - setting tone for Olympics early on
 - Athletes agreed that Option 1, a traditional team camp, was the best option

- Selection Procedures 2026 Pan Pacs
 - Discussion regarding:
 - 2025: Selection meet
 - 2026: Paper selection
 - 2027: Selection meet

Discussion regarding people taking time off until January 2025.

- Notification needs to go out soon so athletes can make decisions regarding returning to training

Next Meeting: November 2024

Adjournment: Caitlin adjourned the October 28 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council at 12:38pm MST.