

USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes

September 19, 2024 / Virtual Meeting

Present: Julissa Arzave, Nic Fink, Lilly King, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, Melanie Margalis Fink, Matthew Rigsbee, Amanda Weir, and Andrew Wilson

Absent: Anthony Ervin, Natalie Hinds, Jack Nowacek, and Ashley Twichell Wall

Guests: Stacy Michael-Miller, Lindsay Mintenko, Ellery Parrish and Michelle Steinfeld

Call to Order: Caitlin Leverenz Smith called the September 19, 2024 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council to order at 10:04 AM MST

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: none

Agenda:

- Lindsay back fill plan (*Stacy*)
 - Update provided on staff responsibilities upon Lindsay's departure
 - Selection Procedures
 - Funding
 - International Games Preparation
 - Lindsay will provide a detailed list of who to reach out to for each topic
 - Athletes encouraged to reach out to Stacy if they have questions
- HoD preparation - any questions/ confirmation of the voting guide (*Caitlin*)
 - No questions were raised
 - Caitlin to distribute voting guide as a pdf to AAC
 - Will be in what's app prior to HOD on Saturday
- ABM (*All*)
 - Discussion of Meet the Candidates forum and review of candidate bios
 - AEC shared their perspective and process
 - Juli will share athlete track at ABM - all AAC athletes welcome to attend
 - Lunch and Learn with AAC and Board Athletes – all welcome
 - AAC has 30 minutes with Board
- Task Forces - National Team Director & CEO search (*Caitlin/Andrew*)
 - AAC will provide a pool of athlete candidates so an athlete can excuse themselves from group in the event of a personal coach applying for position

- Athletes inquiring about time commitment for task force before agreeing to be a participant.
- *CEO:*
 - AAC will provide a pool of athlete candidates
 - Athletes inquiring about time commitment for task force before agreeing to be a participant. 1-2 zoom calls through end of year.
 - Caitlin interested – Andrew to lead this nomination due to conflict of interest.
 - Message Andrew by weekend with potential candidates.
 - AAC to confirm list by Monday.

Next Meeting: In early October

Adjournment: Caitlin adjourned the September 19 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council at 11:02am MST.