

# CSCAA Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2023 12:00 PM EDT

*Meeting took place via Zoom*

**The following individuals were present:**

Mandy Commons-DiSalle (President), Cincinnati  
Matthew Barany (Treasurer), Richmond  
Brad Shively, Washington University  
Clark Campbell (Past President), Kansas  
Arthur Albiero (President-Elect), Louisville  
Matt Crispino (Secretary), Princeton  
Brad Boswell, Appalachian State  
Teresa Fish, Illinois Wesleyan  
Katie Kasprzak, Pittsburgh

Andrew Makepeace, Findlay  
Steve Schafer, Grand Canyon  
Eric Skelly, Cumberland  
Tom Stebbins, UCLA  
Jimmy Tierney, McKendree  
Samantha Barany, CSCAA Staff  
Maureen Palchak, CSCAA Staff  
Mike Tubb, CSCAA Staff  
Paul Barrett, CSCAA Accountant

**The following individuals were not present:**

Brad Shively, Washington University  
Jeanne Fleck, Fresno State  
Edie Ashman, CSCAA Staff

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### Topics

1. **Roll Call and Introduction**

2. **Review of the Numbers**

- Samantha Barany led the Board through a review of CSCAA financials. The staff analyzed the budget.
- Membership: Membership renewals are on track with last year at this time.
- Open water: Registrations are very close to last year; currently at 167 with almost three months until the event. The committee is meeting regularly and planning is on track.
- Mentoring network: Very strong level of engagement, with over 200 participants divided into groups of four.
- Travel: The CSCAA staff has been getting out to campuses, to USA Swimming events and meetings. This spending on relationship building is critical to the overall mission of the CSCAA. The relationship with USA Swimming CEO Tim Hinchey is a good one, and the staff is optimistic that our USA Swimming grant will be renewed post-2024.

3. **60 Day Download**

- **CSCAA Event Updates:**
- NIC: RSVPs are open and the manual is being finalized.
- Annual Meetings: The webpage is being built out for Indy 2024. First 36 hours will be devoted to "business" while the latter half will feature more educational content.
- **CoachRaise:** The CSCAA staff, after a broad review, is going to continue its investment in coachraise, albeit at a lower price point. The summer cohort will meet twice in the academic year to assist them in seeing through fundraising goals for the year. A new cohort will be developed after the annual meetings.
- **Swim Across America:** While our Open Water swimming objectives and those of Swim Across America don't directly overlap, we are working with them to create a relationship that will help both organizations.

- **DIII Hall of Fame:** The webpage has been built out, and it will live on the CSCAA site. Teresa Fish and Brad Shively continue to spearhead the effort.
- **Olympic Trials:** The rules waiver to allow swimmers to continue training prior to Olympic Trials has been approved for Division III. The staff does not anticipate any issues in getting full approval for Division I and II.
- **NCAA Update:** Championship dates have been put into RFPs, and those RFPs are out now. Many members have wondered if moving the dates back will affect conference championship dates, and the answer is simple: “only if you want it to.” Additionally, the team diving event is in the rule book and continues to be evaluated at the Division I subcommittee level.
- **MSU Board of Trustees:** Samantha Barany visited the MSU Board of Trustees to make the case for Michigan State Swimming and Diving. Mike Bottom was also there and gave a compelling talk. Samantha feels strongly that the program has a chance to be resurrected.

#### 4. **Looking Ahead**

- **Public Board Meeting Minutes:** As a nonprofit, our meeting minutes must be online on a publicly accessible link.
- **Grant House Lawsuit:** There were several minutes of discussion surrounding the Grant House lawsuit, with commentary on the potential legal and financial implications from Brad Boswell. Board members were advised that it’s important for each member to have a general understanding of what is happening as it is a source of concern for most ADs.

#### 5. **Bylaws Review**

- Mandy DiSalle and Matt Crispino outlined some of the suggested changes to our CSCAA Bylaws.. Some of the important points discussed at this meeting were:
- Creating a new mission statement (Article III)
- Removing “honorary” membership and revising the language and qualifications for “life” membership (Article IV, Sections 1-4).
  - Rethinking the eligibility requirements to serve on the Board (Article V, Section 1)

#### 6. **Approval of Minutes**

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July meeting. It was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
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#### 7. **Future Meeting Dates**

- November 29, 2023
- January 24, 2024
- March 27, 2024
- May 5, 2024 at Annual Meetings in Indianapolis

#### 8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 PM.