

### **Summary of Volunteer Task Force meeting #3: Combining the Roles of the Sanction Chair and the Top 10 Chair**

USMS plans to combine the Top 10 and Sanction Chairs into one position, Pool Competition Coordinator. USMS thinks this will streamline the process of meet administration by National. They report that this idea was based on surveys and previous workshops, and several LMSCs already combine the position. Open water events will continue to be sanctioned by the open water chair. After a brief presentation we attended breakout groups to discuss this idea. Most of the attendees seemed fine with the idea of combining the positions, but many swimmers were worried about the National Office proposal that they “assist with” approval or denial of the sanctions and that they communicate directly with the meet director concerning regulations and results. Many swimmers thought that communication with the meet directors should be done by local volunteers who are familiar with the people, venues, etc. In my opinion it looks like this change will be instituted in the near future, although no official plans were announced at the workshop.

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