



To: UANA National Federation Presidents

From: Dale Neuburger, UANA President

Re: UANA Technical Committees and Specialized Commissions

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Copies: UANA Zone Presidents and UANA Executive Committee Members

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to communicate directly with you for the first time since becoming UANA President at the conclusion of the Pan American Games in Toronto, and I look forward to the next four years with great anticipation, knowing that two of the important sporting events in the world – the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 and the Pan American Games in Lima in 2019 – will take place in South America and will be the focus of our collective attention in the coming months and years.

The summer of 2015 was memorable for many reasons.

In July, the Pan American Games were staged in Toronto, and the competition in five aquatic disciplines was outstanding. Our Canadian hosts set new standards for well-managed competition, in beautiful new aquatic venues, and created a welcoming environment that was appreciated by athletes, coaches, team personnel, and spectators.

Significantly, athletes in swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, and water polo qualified to participate in Rio next year, and the quality of the performances was outstanding, reflecting the continued development of our sport in all four Zones.

Later in July and extending into August, the FINA World Championships took place in Kazan, and athletes from 184 National Federations worldwide took part, including 39 of the 42 UANA members. It was a fantastic celebration of our sport, and it truly was the “best ever.” Immediately afterward, Masters athletes took center stage, with athletes from 44 National Federations, including 14 UANA members, participating in a fantastic competition that established many new traditions.

And, in August in the Americas, UANA junior championships in synchronized swimming in Canada, with 12 participating National Federations, and in water polo in Jamaica, with 10 men’s teams and 6 women’s teams, showcased outstanding young athletes, including some who will undoubtedly have an impact in elite competition in the coming years.

Over the last six weeks, I have put emphasis on forming the six technical committees that will carry out the important work of UANA over the next four years.

Reflecting the significant number of individuals in the Americas who are included on FINA Lists (Referees, Judges, and Officials), the composition of each of the technical committees has been expanded from eight to twelve members, including two additional members from CCCAN; one additional member from CONSANAT; and, one athlete member. Thus, 72 individuals will have UANA Technical committee positions in this term, and I am certain that UANA will benefit from this expansion.

Likewise, the UANA Technical committees will have 18 leadership positions, as each will have a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary.

And, each of the technical committees will have a UANA Executive Committee liaison, as follows: Guno van der Jagt, swimming; Kathy Seaman, diving; Margo Mountjoy, synchronized swimming; Brenda Villa, water polo; Algernon Cargill, open water swimming; and, Marcos Jara, Masters. Secretary-Treasurer Errol Clarke and I will have general oversight of the committees and will provide direction, as needed.

Finally, UANA will have four specialized commissions, each with five members (one from CONSANAT, the United States, and Canada, and two from CCCAN): Athletes, Coaches, Sports Medicine, and Legal. These 20 members of these commissions will ensure that UANA benefits from the advice and experience of athletes and coaches; that UANA distributes important medical information that supports the health and safety of the athletes; and, that UANA will have the advice of skilled lawyers so that we can modernize the UANA Constitution through an Extraordinary Congress in 2017.

As you know, nominations for the technical committees and specialized commissions were solicited through the Zone Presidents, with the mandate that any prospective member must be nominated and supported by his/her National Federation. Within CONSANAT, each of the twelve National Federations submitted nominations, and in CCCAN, 23 of the 28 National Federations put forward candidates. Combined with the nominations for Canada and the United States, there was great interest in serving UANA expressed by many capable and committed people.

With the approval of the UANA Executive Committee, I am pleased to announce the names of the individuals who will serve on the technical committees and specialized commissions in the 2015-2019 term. The complete list is attached and is also available at this link: [UANA Committee List](#)

Finally, I have had individual contact with many National Federation presidents since the beginning of August, with the goal of establishing an "action plan" that places emphasis on your most pressing issues. I will continue this process throughout the Fall, hoping to have complete information by year-end.

I look forward to an aggressive agenda for UANA in the months ahead, and I am appreciative for your continued support and assistance.

All best wishes and special thanks,



Dale Neuburger
President