

CCCAN Elects Errol Clarke of Barbados as CCCAN President 2011-2014

The CCCAN Congress was held at 1:30 pm on Saturday, July 17th at the "Complejo Acuático RUM" (the RUM Aquatics Complex) located at Recinto Universitario de Mayagüez (RUM), the University of Puerto Rico's campus in Mayagüez. The CCCAN Congress was held on the eve of the XXI CENTRAL AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SPORTS GAMES in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. The swimming competition begins on Sunday, July 18th and the diving competition will commence on Monday, July 19th at the RUM Aquatics Complex. A total of 22 of the 24 CCCAN member Federations were represented at the CCCAN Congress.

President Orban Mendoza who was in good health and spirits opened the CCCAN Congress, welcomed the delegates and presided over his final CCCAN Congress as it's President.

The elections of the President and the members of the CCCAN Executive was the order of business of the CCCAN Congress.

FINA Vice President Dale Neuberger and Fernando Canales (USA), were present. They were invited to attend the CCCAN Congress as observers and were asked to collect and count the written ballots for each election.

ELECTION OF CCCAN PRESIDENT

There were three (3) nominations for the position of CCCAN President.

Errol Clarke proposed by Barbados (BAR) and seconded by Grenada (GRN);

Felix Calderon was proposed by Puerto Rico (PUR) and seconded by Costa Rica (CRC);

Kiril Todorov Minchev was proposed by Nicaragua (NCA) was seconded by the delegate from Antigua Barbuda

Each candidate was afforded 3 minutes to present his platform. Felix Calderon made his presentation first in Spanish and English. Errol Clarke followed and made his presentation in English and then in Spanish with the assistance of Fernando Calanes who translated. Kiril Todorov Minchev briefly offered his comments but advised the Congress that he was withdrawing as a candidate and supporting Errol Clarke.

Errol Clarke was elected CCCAN President when he received a majority of the votes. Errol is the immediate past CCCAN Vice President for the English Speaking Caribbean Islands. He is also a FINA Referee and is a member of the FINA Technical Swimming Committee. He will assume the office of CCCAN President on January 1, 2010.

ELECTION OF CCCAN SECRETARY

Two candidates were for secretary were nominated:

John Eyre (JAM) was nominated Jamaica (JAM) and seconded by Bahamas (BAH);

Kiril Todorov Minchev (MEX) was nominated by Nicaragua (NCA) with Honduras (HON) seconding the nomination;

The incumbent CCCAN Secretary, John Eyre, was reelected to this position after receiving a majority of the votes. John is also the President of the Amateur Swimming Association of Jamaica and a Member of the UANA Technical Swimming Committee.

ELECTION OF CCCAN TREASURER

Two candidates were nominated;

William Cody was proposed by Puerto Rico (PUR) and was seconded by Antigua and Barbuda (ANT);

Mariana Lopez was proposed by Costa Rica (CRC) and seconded by Mexico (MEX);

Mariana Lopez was elected to as the new treasurer of CCCAN when she received a majority of the votes. Mariana is the President of the Panama Swimming Federation.

CCCAN VICE PRESIDENT ELECTION

Vice President for the Spanish Caribbean Islands -- The incumbent Vice President, Mrs. Lilliam de Salano (DOM) was proposed by Puerto Rico (PUR) seconded by the Dominican Republic (DOM). As there were not other nominations, Lilliam was returned to office unopposed.

Vice President for the English Caribbean Islands -- There were two nominations for this position:

Bahamas (BAH) proposed Algernon Cargill (BAH) and was seconded by Antigua Barbuda (ANT).

Trinidad and Tobago (TRI) proposed Wendell Lai Hing (TRI) and was seconded by Grenada (GND).

Algernon Cargill is the new CCCAN Vice President for the English speaking Caribbean after receiving a majority of the votes. Algernon is a newcomer to the CCCAN Executive but serves as the President of the Bahamas Swimming Federation and is a FINA Referee.

Vice President for Central America -- There were two nominations for the Vice President for Central America.

Panama (PAN) nominated Walter Soto (CRC) with Mexico (MEX) seconded

Ismael Gonzalez (GUA) was nominated by his Federation, Guatemala (GUA) and was seconded by El Salvador (ESA).

Walter Soto claimed the position of CCCAN Vice President for Central American receiving a majority of the votes case. Walter is a new comer to the CCCAN Executive. He is the current President of the Costa.

Those elected as officers of the new CCCAN Executive will take office on January 1, 2011.

UNANIMOUS ELECTION OF ORBAN MENDOZA AS CCCAN HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT

Panama proposed that Eng Orban Mendoza be named as a CCCAN Honorary Life President. This motion was seconded by Puerto Rico. The motion was carried unanimously that Orban Mendoza shall be the CCCAN Honorary Life President.

On behalf of the Jamaican Swimming Federation, John Eyre presented a plaque to outgoing CCCAN President Eng Orban Mendoza, thanking him for his work in developing aquatics in CCCAN, UANA and FINA.

COMMENTS OF CCCAN PRESIDENT ELECT ERROL CLARKE

CCCAN President-Elect Errol Clarke was afforded the opportunity to address the CCCAN Congress. He thanked everyone for their contribution to aquatics in their National Federations and within CCCAN. Errol noted that this was the first time that the CCCAN President was elected from an English speaking region of the Caribbean. He asked everyone to put aside any differences that might exist and to work together to develop a successful program of aquatic sports in the CCCAN region.

Respectfully submitted,

John Eyre, CCCAN Secretary
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