

OCTOBER UANA-USA SWIMMING OFFICIALS CLINIC IN SAN ANTONIO:

There were 79 officials from 47 Local Swimming Committees within the USA and 12 officials from 9 other UANA federations: Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Mexico, Suriname. In addition there were 10 facilitators and presenters including: Carol Zaleski; UANA Executive Committee member and Chair of the FINA Technical Swimming Committee; Jim Sheehan, USA Swimming Officials Chair; George Block, USA Swimming Vice President who presented what a coach and athlete are looking for from officials at meets.

The clinic covered all aspects of swim officiating from stroke & turn questions through Chief Judge, Starter and Referee. There was also a segment on open water officiating and special presentations on underwater replay review and a peek into what it takes to put on an event like the USA Olympic Trials.



Ada Molasco offered the following praise for the clinic and its presenters: "The Swimming Officials Clinic was very useful to me personally as the week after the event we held a judges course in the Dominican Republic. I was in the position to share much of the valuable information that I obtained. I was able to cover several additional topics that were taught in San Antonio. This type of event will surely improve and guarantee our knowledge and will certainly result in better officials and superior officiating."

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