

UANA TSSC REPORT TO UANA EXECUTIVE

May 2009 - April 2010

The UANA TSSC has been busy once again this year. Our Coaches sub Committee became active, conducted a Coaching Needs Assessment and shared that information at a Coaches Meeting held during the 2009 UANA Pan Am Junior Synchronized swimming Championship in Huntersville, North Carolina, USA. The Coaches Sub Committee has continued to work to develop an email Coaches database so they can communicate regularly with Coaches in the Americas. They will host another Coaches meeting at this year's UANA Pan Am event as well as a short clinic.

As a TSSC we of course supported USA Synchro who very ably hosted 2009 UANA Pan American Juniors as mentioned above. It was wonderful that they were also able to host a FINA Development Clinic following the competition. In these past months our attention has been focussed on completion of the Bid Contract with the Peru Swimming Federation and supporting them in the planning of the 2010 UANA Pan Am Age Group Synchronized Swimming Championship in Lima, Peru – September 1 -6. We are all looking forward to this 3rd UANA Pan Am Age Group event.

We continue to use the UANA web site and our email databases to communicate somewhat regularly with our synchro friends across the Americas. Our Calendar of Events is updated annually; the annual UANA Pan Am event Bulletins are posted and emailed and we promote FINA events as well (such as Judges School) and other competitions and clinics as we hear about them. Our thanks again to John for his continued support as we use the website more effectively as a communication tool for the synchro family in the Americas.

This past fall we also largely completed our UANA Synchro Map which will help us guide some of our activities over the next years.

We are pleased to see 2 FINA Judges Schools hosted in the Americas in 2010; the Miami School is complete with the 2nd school to take place in mid-May in Peru. Participation of judges from the Americas in these schools is critical to our long term goal of seeing more UANA judges move up on the FINA list and be selected for the Olympic Games, World Aquatic Championships, etc.

One of our goals is to see more 'Open' competitions hosted in the Americas; a goal that has seen progress this competitive season with both new events on the calendar and existing ones being expanded.

Next among our action steps is to post the bid for the 2010 UANA Pan Am Championships. With the support of the UANA Executive we would like to change our format from alternating Age Group and Junior events year to year (for 3 out of the 4 years of the quad). Our 4th year event is Pan American Games of course– for our Senior athletes). We propose to offer an Age Group (12 & Under, 13-15, 16-18), Junior and Senior Duet event to be held annually. The Junior event is not proving to draw the numbers for it to be viable event for host federations. By providing another Senior Duet

competition opportunity we support our long term goal of UANA entering more Duets in the FINA competitions.

We have not proceeded with appointing an Athletes Representative at this time and would appreciate further direction from the UANA Executive on this matter.

The following CONSANAT Federations have qualified for the 2011 Pan American Games.

	SOLO	DUET	TEAM
1.	Brazil	Brazil	Brazil
2.	Colombia	Colombia	Colombia
3.	Argentina	Argentina	Argentina
4.	Venezuela	Venezuela	
5.	Chile	Uruguay	

Recently we welcomed Ana Maria Lobo from Brazil to our UANA TSSC; Ana Maria replaces Lisa Mitchell (Uruguay) who recently moved away from Zone 1. Lisa has been a great asset to our Committee and we thank her for her service.

As a TSSC, we are a team who always want to do more but like many people involved as sport volunteers, we recognize and accept the limitations we work within. However we are still proud of the advances we have made and look forward to more good things ahead.

Our thanks to the UANA Executive and our UANA Executive Judy McGowan for the support you give us to carry out our work and dreams for Synchronized Swimming in the Americas.

Respectfully submitted by,

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