

SwimmingSA Incorporated

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MEMO

29th November 2024

Club Presidents	Club Secretaries	SwimmingSA Board	SwimmingSA Staff
Club Nominations Officer	□Club Team Managers	□ Technical Official	⊠Life Members
Club Treasurers	□Club Coaches	SSA Committees	Other

Notice of 2024 Annual General Meeting for SwimmingSA Inc

The 2024 SwimmingSA AGM shall be held on **Sunday 19th January 2025** commencing at 12pm after session five of the SA Open Championships in the Function Room at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, 443 Morphett Road, Oaklands Park SA 5046.

Notice/s of motion from Members are now being called for inclusion at the Annual General Meeting. Notices and Nominations must be submitted in writing to SwimmingSA no later than **20th December 2024 by 12 noon**.

Nominations are being called for vacancies for the following positions:

- Board of SwimmingSA three vacancies
- Governance, Audit & Risk Committee up to five positions
- Competitions Committee up to seven positions
- Development Committee up to seven positions
- Technical Committee up to seven positions
- Country Committee up to ten positions

An application form for these vacancies is attached to this notice and can also be found on the SwimmingSA website. Email or Post notices for inclusion and nomination forms to SwimmingSA Public Officer Michelle Doyle: <u>michelle.doyle@sa.swimming.org.au</u> or 443 Morphett Road, Oaklands Park SA 5046 prior to **20th** <u>December 2024</u> by **12 noon**.

As per the Constitution, a copy of the Agenda, together with notice of any other business and voting information, will be circulated by 29th December 2024.

PLEASE REGISTER ON SWIM CENTRAL TO PROVIDE YOUR RSVP OR APOLOGY FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION LINK



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Additional Information for Clubs

Appointment of Delegates

Where a Club is permitted by the Constitution, it shall be entitled to appoint a Delegate to vote at a General Meeting. Each Club shall notify SwimmingSA of the name of their Delegate within thirty days of their Annual General Meeting or if a General Meeting is called by SwimmingSA pursuant to clause 23 (of the Constitution) then the Clubs shall notify SwimmingSA of the name of their delegate within 14 days of the meeting. Where a Club fails to notify SwimmingSA of the name of their delegate the Club shall be entitled to attend but have no voting rights at the meeting.

A Delegate must:

- a) not be a Director (of SwimmingSA);
- b) be an Individual Member of the Club which appoints them; and
- c) be appropriately empowered by their Club to make decisions at General Meetings.

Delegates as Representative

Delegates shall represent their Club at General Meetings and shall have full power to consider and vote on resolutions at General Meetings.

Alternate Delegates

A Club may appoint an Alternate Delegate. An Alternate Delegate must comply with the requirements for Delegates set out in clause 12.1 (of the Constitution) and has such rights and powers as does a Delegate. Where a Club appoints an Alternate Delegate, it shall advise SwimmingSA not less than ten working days prior to the meeting at which it is intended to vote. A Delegate present at a General Meeting may not represent more than one Club.

It is again important to remind Clubs that Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be a registered 2024-25 member of your Club and SwimmingSA Inc. in order for them to be eligible to vote.

Proxies

If unable to appoint a Delegate or Alternate Delegate a Club must appoint a proxy to attend any meeting and act on their behalf. Clubs must notify SwimmingSA of their intent to appoint a proxy not less than ten working days prior to the meeting at which they are intending to participate.

A Proxy must be:

- A member of SwimmingSA
- Appropriately empowered by the Club appointing him to make decisions at General Meetings

A Proxy may be:

- The Chair of the Meeting
- A Director or Committee Member of SwimmingSA

Clubs need to be represented at the AGM where voting may take place. I therefore urge you to make sure your Club is appropriately represented.

If your Club has not yet notified the SwimmingSA office of the names of your Delegate and Alternate delegate, or if they have changed since lodgement of the 2024-25 Affiliation Form, please notify SwimmingSA by **29th December 2024.**

Should you have any questions or notices please direct them to: Michelle Doyle SwimmingSA Public Officer Email: michelle.doyle@sa.swimming.org.au



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2024 SWIMMINGSA Inc CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members are advised that SwimmingSA Incorporated is calling for nominations for Directors of the Board and Members of Committees.

All Committee Positions are vacant as per the notice of meeting. All nominations for committees will be considered by the Board and appointments made to committees at the Boards discretion at their first meeting after the AGM.

There are two positions for Elected Directors to be filled at the election to be conducted as outlined below. The following Directors terms **expire** at the 2024 Annual General Meeting:

- Anthony Couche
- Marina Gvozdeva
- Fiona Twizell

In relation to the nomination process, all registered financial members of clubs are eligible to be nominated. As such, it is requested that this notice be disseminated amongst your club's eligible members as soon as possible.

Please find attached the SwimmingSA Director Position Description and Nomination Form for Director and Committee Positions.

In accordance with Clause 14.4.2 of the Constitution, nominations for the position of Director must be in writing on the prescribed form and include:

- Signature of the nominee expressing willingness to accept the position for which they are nominated; and
- Signature of a witness, who shall be a member of SSA of the age of 18years.

Nominations complying with Clause 14.4.2 of the Constitution as detailed above, must be received by the Public Officer at the following address <u>michelle.doyle@sa.swimming.org.au</u> or 443 Morphett Road, Oaklands Park SA 5046 prior to **12 noon 20**th **December 2024.**

Following the closing date and prior to the election process, SwimmingSA's Governance, Audit and Risk Committee will provide to Members a list of all nominees with a short summary of the experience, capabilities and strengths of all individuals who have been nominated. The Committee will not be providing recommendations to Members as to how to direct their votes and encourages all nominee's and clubs to contact each other as necessary to enable an informed opinion and vote by clubs.

The election for three Directors of SwimmingSA Inc will be held via the electronic voting process and will open on 2nd January 2025 and close at COB 13th January 2025. In the case of a tie for the election of director positions a second round of voting called for on 13th January 2025 and closing on 15th January 2025. The outcome will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 19th January 2024.

Detailed information regarding to access and use the electronic voting system will be provided to clubs with the agenda.



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POSITION DESCRIPTION – SWIMMINGSA BOARD DIRECTOR

Purpose of the Position

The Board of SwimmingSA is seeking to elect/appoint Director/s whose skills align with the strategic direction of the organisation and complement the current skill mix of the Board. This role will also contribute to all governance activities of the Board of SwimmingSA including providing input on matters of corporate strategy, CEO performance and policy formulation, as well as overseeing financial performance, risk management and compliance. This role is seen as an important appointment in the continued progression, improvement and growth of this sport and the business.

Organisation Context

Established in 1898 SwimmingSA Inc is the governing body for the sport of swimming in South Australia registered as a not-forprofit incorporated association. SwimmingSA is affiliated with Swimming Australia and has forty-one member clubs across South Australia and Broken Hill.

The SwimmingSA Vision is to be an attractive, enjoyable, satisfying and rewarding sport for South Australians of all levels, ability and experience. The SwimmingSA Mission is to provide a structure, which creates, and supports increased participation, enjoyment and athletic achievement for South Australians within the sport of swimming.

More information about the organisation's Strategic Priorities and Governing Documents can be found on the SwimmingSA website <u>Click Here</u>.

About the Board

The Board of Directors is composed of 7 elected Directors and 2 appointed Directors. Establishment of the Board of Directors for SwimmingSA is set out in the Associations Constitution Section 14 - Click Here for more detail.

Term

Subject to the provisions in the Constitution relating to the earlier retirement or removal of Directors, each Elected Director shall hold office for 3 years and an Appointed Director holds office for 1 year with three directors retiring at each AGM.

Location and Time Commitment

The Board currently meets as needed (generally monthly) each year. Board meetings are held online or at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre at Oaklands Park.

Remuneration:

This is a voluntary role.

Principal Accountabilities & Functions

The role and functions of a Director may include but are not limited to:

- To act as a Director of SwimmingSA inc in the best interests of the Association with honesty and good faith towards its members, employees, partners, funding agencies, sponsors and the communities within which SwimmingSA operates.
- To provide leadership for the Members of SwimmingSA Inc
- To ensure the resources of SwimmingSA are efficiently managed to fulfil the objects of the Association
- To use personal and professional skills together with contacts, experience and judgement, acting with integrity and independence to optimise both the short and long-term performance of SwimmingSA and in particular the areas of her/his own portfolio of responsibility.
- Provide technical input, advice and guidance on projects and act as a sounding board on potential issues.
- To apply due diligence in all decision making
- To carry out duties with consistent regard for the SwimmingSA Constitution and ensure the Association operates within the bounds of the appropriate legislation
- Attend all Board meetings called during the year, unless prevented by exceptional circumstances.
- Attend the Annual General Meeting and such other General Meetings as may be necessary.
- Undertake other lawful functions as directed by the Chairman of the Board.



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Qualifications and/or Experience

- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of a Company Director.
- Experience in corporate governance, attributes such as financial literacy and industry expertise are desirable.
- A proven track record of success as a key organisational player significantly involved in delivering strategic objectives.
- Excellent strategic and analytical thinking skills combined with a practical and pragmatic mindset and a strong interest in serving the non-for-profit sporting sector.
- An ability to successfully manage a business(s); Experience and knowledge in the Government and Public sector; Experience and knowledge in Corporate and Private sector.
- Team player with personal impact and superior interpersonal and communication skills, able to work
 effectively with a broadly-based group and represent SwimmingSA effectively externally.
- Understanding of the organisational structure of swimming at club, region, state and national level
- Understanding of the structure of sport in South Australia and Australia
- Understanding of the strategic objectives of SwimmingSA

Desirable skillsets - candidates should possess experience in one or more of the following areas:

- An appreciation and/or understanding of swimming in terms of High Performance.
- A background and experience in community sport and participation.
- Complementary skills in areas such as accounting and finance, legal, stakeholder relations, human resources, investment, marketing and social media skills.
- Experience and knowledge in research techniques and consumer insights.
- Experience and knowledge in commercialisation of assets and business development.

Corporate Governance

It is essential for Directors to have an understanding of the operations of boards and the underpinning principles of corporate governance. SwimmingSA encourages all Directors, who have not yet already taken a course of equivalent content, to complete a basic course on corporate governance during the first year of a director's term.

How to Apply:

To apply for this opportunity please complete the nomination form and attach your CV prior to the closing date. Upon submitting your form, you will receive notification of receipt. If you do not receive this within 24hrs please email michelle.doyle@sa.swimming.org.au.





NOMINATION FORM – 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nominations must be submitted to the SwimmingSA Public Officer via:

• Electronic: <u>michelle.doyle@sa.swimming.org.au</u> Please note nomination form must be signed when submitting an electronic nomination

All nominations must be received by the SwimmingSA office no later than COB 20th December 2024

I	(Insert	t full name) being a financial member of the
	Swimming Club, hereby nor	ninate for the position/s of:
(Please tick the box/s you wish to nominate for)		
Positions Elected by SwimmingSA Membershi	ip:	
Board Director *Please ensure you submit (in addition to	to this form) the required background inform	ation for this position
Positions Appointed by Board:		
Competitions Committee Member		
Country Committee Member		
Development Committee Member		
Governance, Audit & Risk Committee Mer	mber	
Technical Committee Member		
By submitting this nomination, I am declaring Club and willing to except the position/s for w		Member of a SwimmingSA Member
Signed by Nominee:		Date / /
Signed by Witness:		Date / /
Witness Name:		Club:
Office Use Only		
Nomination Received By:		
Date Nomination Received:		
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Declaration of eligibility to be a member of the Board of SwimmingSA

The Association Incorporations Act 1985 (SA) has conditions that prohibit certain persons from being on a Committee or Board. The specific Clause is detailed below.

In order to have your application accepted for nomination to the Board of SwimmingSA you need to declare that you are not prohibited by the Act.

Section 30 Associations Incorporations Act 1985 (SA) - certain persons not to be members of the committee (Board)

- 1. A person who is an insolvent under administration must not, without leave of the Commission, be a member of the committee of an incorporated association or be in any way (whether directly or indirectly) concerned in or take part in the management of an incorporated association.
- 2. A person who has been convicted within or outside the State
 - a) on an indictment of an offence in connection with the promotion. formation or management of a body corporate; or
 - b) of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty punishable on conviction by imprisonment for a period of not less than three months; or
 - c) of an indictable offence; or
 - d) of
 - i. an offence against section 39A; or
 - ii. an offence against a provision applied by section 41B; or
 - iii. an offence against section 60,

must not, within a period of five years after his or her conviction or, if he or she was sentenced to imprisonment, after his or her release from prison, without leave of the Commission, be a member of the committee of an incorporated association or be in any way (whether directly or indirectly) concerned in or take part in the management of an incorporated association.

- 3. When granting leave under this section, the Commission may impose such conditions or limitations as it thinks fit and any person contravening or failing to comply with any such condition or limitation that is applicable to him or her is guilty of an offence.
- 4. The Commission may, at any time, revoke leave granted by it under this section.

I (insert full name) declare that

- 1. I am not prohibited under any Acts or Legislation to hold the position of a Board member for SwimmingSA.
- 2. I am a financial Member of my Club.
- 3. I will be committed to my position as a Board member if elected and understand my position will be as a representative of SwimmingSA not a Club.

Signed:

Date: / /

Please ensure your complete and return this form with your nomination



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NOMINATION FORM – DIRECTOR POSITIONS ONLY 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nominee Information		
Name		
Home Address		
Mobile Number		
Email Address		
Employment/Position		
Education		

Previous Board or Committee experience (if any)

Name of Organisation	Role	Date From	Date To

Qualifications			
□ Accounting/Finance	🗆 Law		
Business/Commerce	□ Marketing/Communications		
□ Governance	Coach / Official		
Human Resources	□ Research/Education/Training		
Work Health & Safety			
Other			

Skills - Governance	
Corporate Governance	Financial Literacy
Club Governance	Policy Development
Strategic Management	Business Performance
Risk Manager	Compliance & Legal Responsibilities



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Skills - Technical		
Government Relationships	CALD/Disability	
Financial Investment	Official / Coach / Athlete	
Information Technology	Branding & Marketing	
Property/Asset Management	□ Research/Education/Training	

Affiliations or Organisations you belong to	Role

Short listed nominees will be required to undergo formal probity checks including a National Police Criminal Records check and an Australian Securities and Investments Commission Disqualification Register check.

Have you ever been a bankrupt or disqualified from owning a business or being a director of an Association or Company?

□ Yes

□ No

If YES please give details



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Please provide a 100 word capability statement that would be used on our website and in Annual Reports.

Please provide 2 referees

	Name of person & Relationship to Nominee	Contact Details
1.		
2.		

CV or Statement of Expertise:

To assist in the assessment of nominations by Members, please provide a CV, statement or information regarding how the nominee's skills and experience might fulfil any of the following specific skill sets:

- Passion a genuine interest and passion in advancing the sport of Swimming in South Australia.
- Strategy strategic thinking and experience with developing and delivering on strategic plans and objectives.
- Mentoring experience in mentoring and developing organizational capability and capacity
- Risk an understanding of risk management and planning.
- Financial literacy accountancy qualifications or a strong ability to understand financial statements and arrangements.
- Government experience / understanding knowledge of and/or contacts in local, State or Federal government, especially in relation to funding of projects.
- Business networks strong corporate / business and sporting relationships and experience in fostering these relationships to assist the sport and attract partnerships and sponsorships.
- Industry Knowledge experience with developing and running sporting clubs and centres.

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