



## **PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT**

To be submitted to Marie Lin ([secretary@pacswim.org](mailto:secretary@pacswim.org)) the Sunday prior to the next BOD meeting

**To: Executive Committee**

**From: David Benjamin, General Chair**

**Re: Agenda Items for October 18 Executive Committee Meeting**

I have two items to bring up at the meeting.

The first and most important is for us to discuss what Pacific Swimming can do for our friends affected by the North Bay fires. I reached out to Zone 3 officers last week and, at that time, it was still too early for them to identify their priorities and needs. In the meantime, other coaches and athletes have contacted me with their thoughts: Ray Mitchell (TERA) has raised the possibility of opening practices to Zone 3 swimmers who have lost their water; Robert Mitchell (Athlete-TERA) has suggested a fund raising challenge for PC clubs; Warren Lager (MP) has raised the possibility of finding pool time for Zone 3 swimmers on Saturdays and Sundays, because it will be difficult for them to travel to other clubs after school during the week. Please think about these ideas and bring your own ideas to the meeting. Obviously we want to hear from Zone 3 on what will be helpful to them – whatever Pacific may decide to do, I would think that we don't want to duplicate the efforts of others, and that we want our own efforts to be as effective as possible in helping Zone 3 athletes.

The second issue has to do with how to conduct phone meetings like this. I find phone meetings with 10-15 participants to be really difficult: people naturally want to respond right away to something that's said that they agree with or disagree with, but interruptions make it difficult for everyone's voice to be heard.

So, for motions, this is my plan. We'll hear first from the proponent of the motion, who can give us the background on the motion, explain the purpose of the motion, and tell us how things will work if the motion passes. Then we'll hear if there's a second. If there is, then I'll call on everyone in order to give everyone the chance to speak to the motion. After everyone has had the opportunity to speak to the motion, then I'll go around in order once more, to give each of you the opportunity to respond to what others have said. This means that if you hear something you want to speak to, you'll have to make a note to yourself so that you don't forget it. That's the plan – I hope you're ok with it; if not, let me know.