



Dear USA Synchro Family and Friends,

Congratulations to our new 2011 World Championship Team that was selected this past weekend: **Christiana Butera** (El Cajon, Calif.) representing Wheaton College, **Morgan Fuller** (Sunnyvale, Calif.) representing Stanford University, **Megan Hansley** (New Canaan, Conn.) representing Stanford University, **Heidi Homma** (Orinda, Calif.) representing NorCal Synchro, **Mary Killman** (McKinney, Texas) representing Santa Clara Aquamaids, **Danielle Kramer** (Santa Clara, Calif.) training with NorCal Synchro, **Jourdan Meltzer** (Oakland, Calif.) representing NorCal Synchro, **Michelle Moore** (Tonawanda, N.Y.) representing Stanford University, **Leah Pinette** (Bristol, Conn.) representing Santa Clara Aquamaids, **Brooke Taylor** (Las Vegas, Nev) representing the Arizona Aquastars, **Lyssa Wallace** (San Antonio, Texas) with University of the Incarnate Word and the Cygnets of San Antonio, **Katy Wiita** (Vancouver, Wash.) representing MAC Synchro and **Alison Williams\*** (Northridge, Calif.) who has petitioned to try out for the team. Also congratulations to Mitou Nguyen of NorCal Synchro and Jessica Webb of Lindenwood University who competed only to be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Team. The team was selected following USOC approved procedures as this is also a Pan American Team that will be representing us at the Pan American Games this October in Mexico. The team is scheduled to begin training in Indianapolis shortly with new head coach Mayu Fujiki. I wish them the very best in their training and competition.

Thank you to the University of the Incarnate Word, their synchro team, and coach Kim LoPorto as well as the Cygnets of San Antonio and coach Melodie Wallace for their efforts in hosting the National Team Trials. Thank you to Elizabeth Knowles who volunteered on deck all weekend long. Thanks to our 10 judges for their time and work as well, and to Sue and Harry Johnson for scoring.

We are having a very important meeting of the Board of Directors this weekend in Indianapolis. We are discussing governance and board changes for USA Synchro that will modify the current structure of the organization as requested by the US Olympic Committee. The USOC is the parent organization of USA Synchro and as such plays a significant role in our existence. The USOC also has a role in approving our team trials procedures and in the naming of our Pan American and Olympic Teams. Topics on the agenda are the budget, goals for the year, the FINA updates, and governance reform. Also attending the meeting will be Dale Neuberger from FINA, Rick Adams from the USOC, and Kae Rader from Rader Consulting and formerly with the USOC and the Indiana Sports Corporation, will be presenting most of the day on Saturday on governance materials.

All the Best,

Duke Zielinski, President, USA Synchro