



Highlight of Decisions and Outcomes from the 2009 Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada Congress held on February 19-21, 2010

Full Congress meeting Minutes can be viewed [here](#).

Executive Director Dan Wolfenden presented a “State of the Union Address”. The Annual Report to the Membership of Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada presentation can be viewed [here](#). Information and data was presented on sport development, membership, governance, finance, marketing and communications.

Approved the audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2009; reflects a surplus of \$21, 374.

Appointed the firm of Ousley Hanvey Clipsham and Deep to produce audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2010.

Accepted as information reports from Board members, national committees and member provincial associations, ratified the decisions of the Executive Board. Those reports can be viewed in the pre-meeting [Congress Manual](#).

A presentation was made on the 2009 World Water Ski Championships, reviewing the highlights as well as lessons learned. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

A presentation was made on the transition and upcoming plans for the NCCP Program as well as its alignment with LTAD. The NCCP Program presentation can be viewed [here](#).

A presentation was made on the status and upcoming plans for the Rip ‘n Ride Program. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

A presentation was made on the background of the Strategic Plan and a draft 2010-11 tactical plan for implementation of the strategic plan, centering discussion around the four strategic goals of WSWC. The draft Tactical Plan presentation can be viewed [here](#).

A presentation was made on membership, how Rip ‘n Ride, National Coaching Certification Program and Long Term Athlete Development are all inter-connected and critical to membership growth, and the need and opportunities for creation of a national membership registration system. Plans for its development and implementation were outlined. The presentation can be viewed [here](#). Plans for enhancing Rip ‘n Ride’s marketability and implementation were outlined.

By-law amendments and a corresponding standing policy on Board Composition and Electoral Process, designed to implement a new governance structure, were approved. An ad hoc committee was formed to review and further edit/define for the future.

Jo-Anne Moore was appointed as interim PSO Presidents' Representative on the current Executive Board until such time as an election can be conducted once the amended by-laws are approved by Industry Canada.

The status and details for future events were established as follows:

- 2010 Atlantics Halifax, NS. Dates and location to be confirmed by NSWSA by February 28th.
- 2010 Westerns Shalom Park, Edmonton, AB. Dates to be confirmed by WSWA by February 28th.
- 2010 Easterns Summerski, Newmarket, ON. Dates to be confirmed by WSWO by February 28th..
- 2010 Barefoot Nationals Dates and location to be confirmed, likely between BC and Alberta. Louis Simard of Barefoot Committee asked to confirmed by February 28th.
- 2010 Water Ski Nationals Albert Dyck Park, Abbotsford, BC, August 16-21
- 2010 Adaptive Nationals Confirmed as integrated within Water Ski Nationals
- 2010 Wakeboard Nationals TBD. Date and location to be determined by end of February.

Nova Scotia was awarded the 2010 WSWC Congress subject to its scheduling in the usual November timeframe.

The following were elected by acclamation to positions on the WSWC Executive Board, 2009-2011:

Todd Johnson – High Performance Director
 Matt Rini - Technical Director
 Barb March-Burwell - Director at Large
 Shawn Gratzfeld - Wakeboard Director

The annual WSWC Annual Awards banquet was held at which winners of 2009 awards were announced as follows:

Jaret Llewellyn – Male Water Skier of the Year
 Whitney McClintock – Female Water Skier of the Year
 Aaron Rathy – Male Wakeboarder of the Year
 Ashley Leugner – Female Wakeboarder of the Year
 Nicole Blackmore - Top Barefooter of the Year
 Caitlyn Rowland - Junior Female Athlete of the Year
 Mark McMorris - Junior Male Athlete of the Year
 Pete Andrews – Adaptive Athlete of the Year
 Steve Bush and Matt Rini – Coaches of the Year
 Mike Collombin – Volunteer of the Year
 Russ Dickson – Official of the Year

Water Ski and Wakeboard Alberta – Province of the Year

All athlete recipients will be presented their award at the athlete's respective National Championships in the presence of their peers.

Five individuals were touchingly enshrined into WSWC's Hall of Fame:

<i>Athlete Category</i>	<i>Builder Category</i>	<i>Pioneer Category</i>
Greg Athans	Rob Bocoock	Wally Sokolowski
Lisa Long (Sokolowski)	Louis Simard	

A fundraising silent auction was held during the Awards banquet, which raised \$3325.