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**FROM:** National Time Verification (NTV) Chair  
South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI)

**TO:** House of Delegates  
South Texas Swimming, Inc.  
Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas

**SUBJECT:** Report of the NTV Chair

- I. Nine non-USA Swimming meets have been Approved for Observation so far in 2009.
  - A. Seven were High School (UIL and TAPPS) Championships; two were collegiate.
- II. Six have already been Approved for 2010.
  - A. Five High School Championships; one collegiate.
  - B. Based on past experience, at least four more can be expected.
- III. Effective and functional orientation of non-USA Swimming coaches as regards the Observation process and the eligibility of times from non-USA Swimming competition into the SWIMS Database, remains a significant, ongoing and aggravating problem.
  - A. The additional workload placed on the South Texas SWIMS Users is unreasonable and totally unnecessary.
    1. Christy Binkley and Angella Woodard
    2. The technical and administrative support provided by USA Swimming has been much less than helpful
  - B. Formal presentations were made by Ron Raper to the Texas High School coaches at the TISCA Annual Meeting in Austin last month. The undersigned provided input to those presentations.
  - C. It remains to be seen if those presentations will have any sort of positive influence on the matter.
- IV. Significant revisions were made to the NTV Program at last month's USA Swimming Convention, which will be implemented in very short order.
  - A. Most will have the effect of making it easier to have times from other than Sanctioned or Approved Meets loaded into SWIMS, but also at the expense of additional workload for SWIMS Users.
  - B. In my opinion, they also appear to weaken the integrity of the NTV Program.
- V. NTV Forms A and B were revised within the last three weeks and those revisions have been posted in PDF and Word on the STSI Officials Home Page.

Respectfully submitted 10 October 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. B. Graham".

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