

# Surf Life Saving Association of Wales

## Memorandum

**From:** Coach Co-ordinator

**To:** All Members

**Date:** 09<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Subject:** Advanced Practitioners' (AP)

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In order to deliver the Surf Sports modules for the new coaching structure in Wales, SLSA Wales need to appoint 'Advanced Practitioner' to deliver the coaching content. The six sports are:

- Beach (coaching material done)
- IRB Competition (coaching material not done)
- Board Paddling (coaching material done)
- Stillwater (coaching material not done)
- Surf Ski (coaching material done)
- Surf Swimming (coaching material done)

On the initial coaching material circulated to clubs, the following criteria were specified for someone to be suitably appointed to these prestigious positions:

**Advanced Practitioner (AP)** ~ One for each of the Surf Sports disciplines, will be selected by invitation only, but would have demonstrated AP status in their chosen sport by winning Gold Medals in the Welsh Open Water Championships, medalled in the British/European/World Open Water Championships and represented either Wales or Great Britain in International competition. Good communication skills are also essential for this prestige appointment.

It is also recognised that there could also be members with specific skills who do not meet all or some of above and if they feel they are in that category and would like to apply for one of these positions, they should contact Phil Rees in the first instance

SLSA Wales intends to deliver Coaching Courses starting March/April 2012 and we like to appoint all the APs' by the end of this year. If possible we would like two APs' for each of the disciplines and as a minimum we would ask that they deliver at least one three hour module each year. The appointment would be for three years.

Therefore help us by helping to raise the standard of coaching which will raise the standard of our competitors and by association, our 'lifesavers' by putting **YOUR** name forward and helping to develop 'Coaching Excellence' in SLSA Wales.

Any questions on this, please contact Phil Rees on 01443 686098 or email: philrees2003@yahoo.co.uk