

**North Carolina Swimming Fall Meeting
October 4-5, 2008**

***Convention Report
Southern Zone Director***

United States Aquatic Sports Convention, Atlanta Hyatt Hotel, Atlanta, GA

- Attended USA Swimming Board of Directors meeting
 - Reports from members of Board
 - USSIC (Insurance Company) discussion about the possible future opportunity of using accrued capital
 - Approval of Budget for 2009-2012 Quad
 - Thanks to outgoing Board members, including Treasurer Peter Carney

- Attended Senior Development Committee
 - Proposal to have Senior Zone Championships
 - Bridge gap between Junior Championships and Sectionals
 - \$10,000 Funding to meet host

- Attended SWIMS Times Module Workshop
 - Hosted by Suzanne Heath
 - Supported by SATERA programmer and Larry Herr (USA Swimming)

- Attended Officials Committee Meeting
 - Reports from officials who attended Olympic Games in Beijing
 - Report of survey by Officials Chairs concerning Evaluation Program
 - Instructions on handling swimmers with disabilities

- Attended General Chairs Workshop
 - Address by Chuck Wielgus, USA Swimming Executive Director
 - Discussion of LSC Development Committee activity, including LEAP Program

- Attended Diversity Workshop
 - Heard presentation by three programs that have used innovative ways of reaching diverse populations
 - Heard a history of swimming by Bruce Wigo (ISHOF) concerning African swimmers in previous decades

- Attended Open Water Meet Directors and Officials Seminar
 - Heard from swimmers, coaches and officials who have participated in international competition

- LSC Leadership Workshop
 - Presented by Sue Anderson and USA Swimming Club Development staff
 - Basic guidelines for LSC success
 - Introduction to LEAP program

- Attended LSC General Chairs Meeting
 - In depth introduction to LEAP, a program that builds on the Club Recognition model to aid in LSC improvement

- Attended Evaluators' Training for Officials

- Southern Zone Meetings
 - Reports by Officers
 - Election of new Officers
 - Site selection for 2010 Zone Meet (Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA)
 - Adoption of Senior Meet and site selection for 2009 and 2010 meets (Woodland, TX)
 - Developed Zone Mission and Vision statements
 - I was re-elected for two years

Respectfully submitted,

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Southern Zone Director