

USA Swimming Convention Report

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- I. General Comments
 - a. This was my first time attending the convention, and it was a fantastic experience. I feel like through this I have gained a new appreciation for the governance of our sport in the US, and I feel my experience will help me provide better, more effective leadership for NCS. Thank you to NCS for providing this opportunity.
- II. Meetings Attended
 - a. First-Timer Education
 - b. LSC Development
 - c. Club Development
 - d. Club Coaches Panel
 - e. National Team Steering
 - f. College Swimming 101 For Coaches & Parents
 - g. Observations of Breaststroke Technique
 - h. Meet the Candidates
 - i. Southern Zone Meeting
 - j. House of Delegates
- III. First-Timer Education
 - a. Discussed the overall structure of USA Swimming
 - b. Discussed protocols for HOD meeting
 - c. Discussed convention schedule
- IV. LSC Development Committee
 - a. General Discussion Items
 - i. Retention of new athletes
 - ii. Handling of overcrowded meets due to influx of new swimmers from Olympic Games
 - iii. Allocating funds from new swimmer memberships
 - iv. Athlete involvement in the LSC
 - v. Meeting the needs of novice athletes ages 11-16
 - b. LEAP
 - i. LSC recognition program based on CRP
 - ii. Designed to ensure LSC's are following required legal guidelines – Level 1
 - iii. Designed to recognize LSC's who are achieving at the highest level and to gather best practices among highly successful LSC's – Levels 2-3
- V. Club Development Committee
 - a. USA Swimming membership trends
 - i. Positive growth in overall numbers and retention of athletes
 - ii. Lack of full-time female coaches

- iii. Goal – provide through Club Portal club-specific membership trends over the past 8 years
 - iv. Educate clubs that these statistics are available
 - b. IMX
 - i. Lack of club participation and education on the program and its purpose
 - ii. Proposed new program (IM Ready) for novice athletes
- VI. Club Coaches Panel
 - a. Mike Gobrecht (West Shore), Chris Davis (Swim Atlanta), Correia (Swim Macon), Harvey Humphries (Athens Bulldogs)
 - b. Panel discussion / Q&A about issues surrounding club coaches
- VII. National Team Steering Committee
 - a. Olympic Trials / Games Review
 - i. Performance
 - ii. Challenges for the future
 - iii. Observations on what was learned
 - b. How do we get faster as a nation?
 - i. Discussion on how as a nation we are going to continue to lead the world in swimming performance
 - c. National Junior Team program review
- VIII. College Swimming 101
 - a. Mark Davis (Miami of Ohio), Tom Phillips (Marietta YMCA), John Howell (Emory), Athlete (Minnesota)
 - b. Q&A session addressing college swimming and recruitment issues pertinent to club coaches and parents
- IX. Observations of Breaststroke Technique
 - a. Led by Russell Mark from USA Swimming
 - b. Presentation of common traits between world-class breaststrokers
- X. Meet the Candidates
 - a. Introduction and Q&A session for USA-S Board of Director nominees
- XI. Southern Zone Meeting
 - a. Election of officers
 - b. Discussion and voting on Zone Senior Meet
 - i. Southern Zone will host a Zone Championship for 15 and over athletes August 5-8 at Woodlands, TX
 - ii. 15-18 athletes will still compete at current Zone Championships
 - c. Approval of Vision and Mission statements
- XII. House of Delegates Meeting
 - a. President's Report – Jim Wood
 - b. State of the Sport address – Chuck Wielgus
 - c. Board Elections
 - d. Legislation