

**AGE GROUP CHAIR REPORT
MINNESOTA SWIMMING HOUSE OF DELEGATES
MAY 14, 2005**

1. Team Zoning and Team Tiering for the 2005 Summer Season was published on March 13, 2005.
2. The 2005-2006 MSI Meet Schedule will be voted on for final approval at the April 19 MSI monthly meeting. After several weeks of research, committee work and the preliminary presentation for input at the February 15 MSI monthly meeting, I am confident that the schedule will be unanimously approved.
3. I recommend that any further legislation regarding meet fees, awards, or any other financial issues associated with hosting meets be completed prior to the July Bid Meeting, preferably in April or May. Any new legislation will impact clubs' willingness to bid. Furthermore, making any substantial changes after the Bid Meeting would not be in good faith after finalizing the various hosts and weekends.
4. I support the meet fee increases and awards legislation put forth by Paul Lundsten from STAR. Hopefully, that legislation will pass at the April 19 monthly meeting. The cost of doing business goes up in every industry, including swimming.
5. My understanding of this summer's Zone Team arrangements is that bus transportation is being investigated for 13/Olders. I support that effort, as the distance (Ann Arbor, MI) and recent participation trends indicate that bus transportation for the older swimmers may help increase their participation.
6. I advocate air transportation for the Zone Team Coaching Staff, as attracting applicants may be difficult if coaches must drive (or ride the bus).
7. With financial considerations now part of the Coach of the Year Awards (MSI recently passed legislation supporting several initiatives for sponsoring coach travel), appropriate measures will be taken to ensure heightened coach participation in voting for those awards at the Summer State Meet. In previous years, participation in such voting has been minimal. This must be rectified in order to satisfy the spirit and intent of MSI's involvement (financial and philosophical).
8. Upon the resignation of the previous Age Group Chair last August, 2004, I was appointed in September, 2004, to serve until the completion of the current term, which expires on May 14, 2005 (House of Delegates). I have decided not to run for re-election due to the time constraints. I would be happy to provide turnover files and/or directly meet with my successor to assist with transition.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
LLOYD LARSEN**