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This year has given Minnesota Swimming many positive memories! Just a few that comes to mind:

- The increase of competitive swimmers in Minnesota in all levels of competition from “C” Finals expanding to multiple sites to the 2011 MSI Zone Team.
- The success of Mallory Weggeman with all her outstanding achievements, being recognized for the third consecutive national award for outstanding performance by adapted swimmer.
- Incredible national and international success from MSI swimmers including David Plummer and Rachel Bootsma among others.
- The achievements of the 42 Scholastic All American swimmers.
- The success of the University of Minnesota Gopher Women Swim team, many MN swimmers are on the team.
- The willingness of the swim community to stretch their boundaries and try different meet formats and swimming events such as IMX competitions and the Navy SEAL Challenge.
- The Women In Officiating (WIO) initiative for which USA Swimming is now looking at adopting some of the ideas created by MSI.

I would also like to thank all the athletes, coaches, officials and families who volunteered their time to host meets, officiate at meets, time at the meets and who generously give of their time to serve on committees. The success of MSI is built on the time and efforts of all who serve the swimming community in a variety of ways.

I appreciate all the athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers who are respectful and demonstrate good sportsmanship at the swim meets. By practicing kindness, tolerance and patience, they become role models for the swimming community.

MSI is always interested in improving our service to the swimming community. Please make an effort to have your voice heard by volunteering on committees, coming to the monthly meetings, communicating with appropriate committee chairs and becoming involved with swimming at different levels. As an Olympic year, 2012 brings swimming back into the spotlight. Let’s make it another great year for our swimmers!

Respectfully submitted,
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