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As I write my final report as General Chair. I had a chance to reflect on my tenure and would like to recognize the many hours of travel and effort given by all board members, chair and vice-chair volunteers and efforts of the office staff. Thank you to all who are consistently engaged and communicating in the effort to meet the needs of an expanding population of swimmers in Minnesota.

Things I have learned from my experiences as General Chair;

- There are many hard working volunteers that give willingly of their time and efforts to provide the best competitive opportunities to the swimmers in Minnesota.
- Positive growth is a wonderful learning curve
- Perspective is important to support growth as a swimming community
- Swimmers are all achieving, all the time.
- Efficient and engaged board members are the backbone to a successful General Chair

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the members of the swimming community in Minnesota as General Chair. This position became easier when the Executive Director position became a part of the MSI community. The Executive Director is able to help build efficiency into communication and committees throughout the year. Each year is a learning year for the best practice and use of the Executive Director's time and energy. My hope is that this position will continue to embrace the different efforts needed to support the growth and success of Minnesota Swimming.

I would 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 have the greatest respect for the athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers who demonstrate good sportsmanship at the swim meets. By practicing kindness, tolerance and patience, they become role models for the swimming community.

Finally, MSI is always interested in improving our service to the swimming community. I encourage athletes, families and volunteers to 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.

Respectfully submitted,
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General Chair MN Swimming.