

Annual Officials' Report

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A number of important goals were met over the past year in terms of recruitment and retention. This proved critical in staffing a meet schedule which increased by nearly 70% due to in season special sanctions. Additionally, we saw a significant increase in officials certifying at higher LSC levels.

Minnesota was proactive in addressing new USAS requirements to provide a full time administrative official for each sanction. This was accomplished by establishing a dry side training and certification track. Special thanks to Michael Bougie and our first three certified AO's, Katie Claus, Jen Reilly and Kim Togstad. Each of these individuals has contributed to a program that has turned out a stream of highly qualified administrative officials.

At the beginning of my term we had 142 officials listed in our system, many who were not actively working. We currently count over 240, including current trainees. 200 individuals were active during the past season.

Over the past year 30 officials received at least one new national certification. National certifications are important to improving overall officiating quality because these are the people who do most of the on deck training of our new trainees. By any measurement that level of advancement is one of the highest in USA Swimming. An increasing number of officials also travelled out of the LSC to national competitions which benefits the entire community.

Issues concerning officials were few and far between. One issue resulted in an official being asked to resign position. The action did not have any safe sport implications and was completed with the support of the host club.

I would like to thank the LSC for making my term a pleasure and successful. While the officials' community will need to continue to grow to meet the increasing swimmer population, we are poised to be able to do this with a new cadre of dedicated, highly professional officials.

Respectfully submitted

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Officials' Chair