

To: Minnesota Swimming House of Delegates
From: McKenna Togstad- Athlete Committee Vice Chair
Re: House of Delegates Report

Date: April 15, 2016

Hello all,

I can't believe another year has past and that my time as a member of the Minnesota Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors as the Athlete Committee Vice Chair. It has been an amazing experience and I'm so thankful that I have been lucky to have had this opportunity. I have also been fortunate to work with Lauren Harris and Ian Cooke who have also been excellent Athlete Representatives to work with. I will not be running for reelection as a Board member for the athlete committee but I do plan to run for a spot on the nominating committee so I can continue to be involved in MSI.

Athlete Committee

The athlete committee has continued to a critical part of MSI with all of its members being dedicated and hard working towards the sport of swimming. We did not have any conference calls this year but we did use the members support and voice when it came to Athlete of the Year. The committee and even the liaisons helped spread the word and continue our efforts with making this an annual award.

Athlete of the Year

One of our biggest initiatives as an athlete committee this year was organizing the second annual Athlete of the Year awards. Lauren, Ian, and I worked with Jack Swanson, Jim Hanton, and Bob Crunstedt to carry over what was done last year and how to make it even better for this year. We had a large success with the Senior age group with many participating in the nominating and voting. The Age Group group did not have much involvement but I see that as one area for improvement and goal we have for next year with the new athlete leadership. The award ceremony announcing who will receive the Athlete of the Year will be following the House of Delegates.

The Future

As I step down from the Athlete Vice Chair position, I am confident that whoever takes my place will continue to develop the athlete committee to make it the best it can be. I am sure that they will continue to provide a voice for the athletes during their year of service.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the members of the House of Delegates for allowing me the opportunity to represent athletes across the state as a Board member. I look forward to staying in touch and working with the board in other ways in the future!

Respectively submitted,
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