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Junior Athlete Representative Report 2016 House of Delegates

Over the past year, the MNswim Athlete Committee has worked together to provide representation for our constituents, the athletes of Minnesota Swimming, and has also planned and carried out events to recognize outstanding athletes of all ages. I am proud to have been a part of this all, in the role of Junior Athlete Representative.

One event I am happy to say that the athlete leadership has executed again this year is the MNswim Athlete of the Year award ceremony. This is an opportunity for outstanding athletes to be commended for their performance in the pool, as well as for embodying MNswim's core values of Sportsmanship, Integrity, the Pursuit of Excellence, and Fun. My hope is that the future athlete leadership will continue to manage this event, and I will certainly do what I can to help this upcoming year.

I am thankful to have been a member of the Technical Planning Committee this past year, where much of the planning takes place regarding the specifics of in-season meets and the coordination of MNswim's championship meets. This was an interesting experience, and through it I learned a great deal about planning and executing meets. As an athlete I was able to provide another perspective to the committee, and though no longer an athlete I would like to remain involved in the TPC.

Now I am moving on in some respects, working towards some goals this next year outside of Minnesota Swimming or the sport for that matter. As such, my involvement in Minnesota Swimming will be reduced, however I will remain on the Minnesota Swimming Athlete Committee in a non-voting role and will be present at Board of Directors meetings. I will remain on the committee to advise future Athlete Committee members, as many seasoned members are moving on to college in the coming year, and it is important to maintain some experience therein. Most importantly, I would like to thank all the members of MNswim, the Board of Directors and everyone else for creating such a great culture of swimming in Minnesota, and providing me with the opportunity to assume a position of leadership within the sport. I learned many important lessons from my time as Junior Athlete Representative, and while I will be stepping down from this role, I will do my utmost to help carry the efficacy of the past few year's leadership to the future Athlete Committee.

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