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To: Minnesota Swimming House of Delegates

From: Megan Burrows, Senior Athlete Representative

To begin this, I would like to thank everyone who has helped mentor and guide me during my 3 years as an athlete representative for Minnesota Swimming. I have truly learned a tremendous amount that have shaped me as a person and will continue to in the future. The love and passion that grew for swimming during my time on Minnesota Swimming pushed me to continue my swimming career in college. I will be studying nursing and swimming at the University of Sioux Falls in the fall and cannot wait to take it on.

As for the Athlete Committee, we only met once this year. This is mostly my fault as senior year began and I got wrapped up in it. What I had previously said I did not want to happen, did happen and I take full responsibility for it. However, during that one meeting, our athletes spoke strong-heartedly about our previous summer state meet and I believe they have every power to change what is needed to help every athlete succeed. In addition to that, we discussed the possibility of a scholarship program, which at the time, had no real footing yet. But with the help of John Bradley, this is much closer than I could have ever imagined. It will NOT be based off of performance, giving every athlete a chance to strive for it.

Byron Jia, Noah Rice, and I began working with JB in February on many different ideas. One being the Minnesota Day of Swimmer Service, which will be held on September 15th of this year. I find it extremely important that our swimmers learn the significance of giving back to our community. So, thank you JB for this! Secondly, we have begun working on an Awards Ceremony that will honor many swimmers, coaches, and officials who had stood out during the year. I look forward to seeing how this turns out and hope to come back from college to attend it.

Finally, I would like all of the athletes in the state of Minnesota to tell our future athlete representatives what changes you would like to see. You are the exact reason we get involved and without all of the athletes, Minnesota Swimming would not exist. I hope to continue serving you through the nominating committee this next year. So once again, I apologize for my lack of involvement this past year and wish all our athletes the absolute best!

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Burrows