

General Chair's Report

Once again it is time for my bi-annual report to the HOD. I never know what to say in this report but I am still amazed at how many people give their time to make this sport such a wonderful experience for the athletes involved. I would like to say Thank You to those who serve as officials, coaches, and the parents who spend countless hours and finances in order to keep this sport afloat, no pun intended. I am honored to be a part of it all.

This year at the convention in Dallas there was a major overhaul in the structure of USA Swimming. It was the concept of moving from a Management Model to a Governance Model of running the organization. There was great debate for the change but it will be a better way of operating USA Swimming for the future. The restructuring won't be perfect and it will need some fine tuning but it be more progressive and enable the board to do some generative thinking for the betterment of USA Swimming. Ohio was presented with a \$2500 check for achieving and renewing LEAP II. We will be working on and putting some things in place to obtain our LEAP III in the upcoming year.

The BOD has passed a budget for the upcoming year to present to the House of Delegates. Each year we struggle with setting forth a balanced budget or one that we can feel comfortable presenting to our constituents. It is not an easy task as we rob Peter to pay Paul but we will get through this. It is the goal of the board to set up a budget that enables Ohio Swimming to thrive in the next four years.

I would also like to welcome the new board members that were elected at the Spring HOD meeting. Their transitions have been smooth and they are already moving forward in their respective positions. I look forward to working with them in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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