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General Chair Report
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First of all, I would like to apologize for not attending the HOD Meeting and the Awards Banquet this spring but I had a previously scheduled vacation. So, thank you for understanding.

I just attended a conference in Denver for General Chairs, D & I, Officials and Safe Sport Chairs and it was amazing. Ohio Swimming is moving in a positive direction for future success. There is an overhaul of USA Swimming Bylaws that will be voted on at convention this Fall and passed along to the LSC level. The information regarding the 12 and under technical suit ban is in its final stages and is anticipated to be rolled out in the next 12 months. Safe Sport is undergoing a transformation at the national level and the reporting procedures for occurrences are changing. If you have any questions about those changes you can speak with our LSC Safe Sport Chair who can help you with any Safe Sport-related matters.

I would like to thank Anne Lawley for serving on the BOD as the Admin. Vice Chair for the last 4 years. She has done a spectacular job keeping the bylaws together and keeping me in line during meetings. Her direction and leadership will be missed.

This past winter's Championships from the Regional Meets to JOs went very well this year. There were some changes in the formatting of the JO meet but overall was successful. Thanks to the Age Group Committee for all the hard work to make that meet a success.

Our officials can be found on all kinds of decks around the country these days. Way to go! The committee is working hard to stay on top of the rule changes and the procedures that are critical to running great meets and people around the country are seeing this and are asking our officials to help run the bigger meets. My hat is off to those officials that are doing such an outstanding job to support our athletes weekend after weekend.

Please remember to take the information back to your clubs from the HOD Meetings. We understand that there is a lot of information presented but it is important (well some of it) to disseminate the information from the meeting back to your club. If you aren't able to attend, please refer back to the reports and the minutes from the meeting which are posted on the Ohio Swimming website (under Governance).

Once again, it is my pleasure and an honor to serve as the General Chair. The people that are currently serving on the board are excellent people that make my job easy as General Chair. Good luck to those that are on the ballot for the upcoming election.

Respectfully submitted,

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