

Hi, here is my convention report.

Hi! My name is Hailey Schneider and I am the senior athlete representative for Wisconsin Swimming. I had the opportunity to attend the USA swimming convention in Chicago this year, it was my first convention and a wonderful experience. I was able to meet athletes from all over the country and I learned new ideas to take home with me to try.

Athlete meetings were very well organized and very informative. We talked about the history of swimming and how we can help make it better. Along with that, we also discussed things like the "Make A Splash" organization and how we can encourage our local teams to join the organization. We also discussed ideas on how to get kids to learn how to swim. Along with trying to find ways to encourage kids to learn how to swim we brainstormed ideas on how to close the gap between swimming lessons and competitive swimming. We also felt that we needed to find ways to raise awareness of the athlete representatives in our local LSC's. We discussed possible ways to get information from the athlete representatives to the athletes in the LSC and to other athlete representatives from other LSC's. One of the important issue we discussed in the House of Delegates was the FINA ruling on the Suit issue, which was adopted to be put in place on October 1, 2009.

This was a great experience and very beneficial. I am glad I had the opportunity to be a part of it.

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