



Convention Education Committee

- The committee held its in-person meeting on Feb 2-3, at the Marriott Grand in St. Louis.
- Next year's Convention: St. Louis, MO, Sept. 11-14, Hyatt Regency Hotel **at the Arch**. This hotel is located directly across from the Gateway Arch and park, and within walking distance of Busch Stadium. Lots of eateries also in walking distance, although Paddy's BBQ needs an Uber. If you drive to St. Louis, parking is high. Daily self-park \$30; daily valet \$40.
 - Confirming that there will be no programming on Tuesday. Attendees can use that day to travel, and the evening to socialize as they see fit.
 - There will be a shorter Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday morning. It may or may not be open to the public. Other programming will go against it.
 - Most committee meetings on Wednesday, workshops on Thursday and Friday. Keynote speaker on Wednesday afternoon (working on selection).
 - Continued move to shift more educational material and programming to Zone workshops and other standalone workshops. Could mean LSCs send fewer people to Convention and more to workshops.
 - An improved Meet the Candidates and State of the Sport will be included, and possibly a streamlined Friday awards presentation at HOD.
 - AEC Convention planners working on a schedule that will allow athlete reps to participate in more general Convention programming, rather than spending all time in Athlete programming.
 - ConvEd working on two ideas for better networking and discussion: scheduled topical Round Tables, and a more informal Brain Space where people can post a topic and schedule a time/table in a meeting area.
 - ConvEd also will conduct a 2nd annual LSC Scavenger Hunt.
 - Content of convention will be developed by USA Swimming staff. Initial schedules due to USAS in a month.
 - If you have ideas for a topic or burning issue, please let me know.
 - This is the first year for the "new" crew running the overall United States Aquatic Sports Convention. Nadine Day (formerly president of USMS) is the overall chair; Van Donkersgoed is in charge of exhibitors. Expect more cooperation and sharing across NGBs. Also expect more paperless options for schedules and flyers.

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