

Montana Swimming General Chair Report Fall 2018

Montana Swimming has come a long way in the past four years and I am proud to have been a small part of that, working with some highly dedicated volunteers. I thank you, my friends, for the commitment you have given to our sport.

Our LEAP 1 & 2 accomplishments reached the highest level we could possibly attain in USAS and will help guide future administrations to even greater success. I strongly encourage our future board members to take LEAP seriously and spread the knowledge gained by completing the requirements to the rest of the LSC members.

I think one of our greatest accomplishments is the participation of our members. We have sent more athletes to convention than most other LSCs and the experiences these young people have can not be calculated in a monetary sense. We have also had athletes participate in Leadership Camps, Diversity Camps, and Safe Sport weekends. Getting our athletes involved like never before helps build a strong future.

Our adult volunteers attended meetings, seminars, workshops, etc., in unprecedented numbers. These included the USA Aquatic Sports Convention, Safe Sport, Diversity, Officials, Coaches, Sports Medicine, Rules & Regs, Leadership, and the Mighty 2500. These folks bring back knowledge to the LSC which helps us advance in all areas.

Our coaches organized the “first in a long time” coach retreat which was extremely well attended and a great step in making our huge LSC seem just a little smaller.

As my term is up as General Chair of MTS, I encourage all to participate at some level of volunteerism as it is a highly rewarding way to help our athletes whether part time always getting DQ'd for underwater recovery, our college scholarship winners, or our future Olympians.

Respectfully submitted,
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