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Montana Swimming House of Delegates,

I would like to start by thanking all of Montana Swimming for the opportunity to serve as the Montana LSC Officials Chair the last 4 years. I look forward to dedicating my expertise and knowledge to the next Montana Swimming Officials Chair to keep all Montana Swimming officials at the great level they have attained and the respect they have received when they attend and work upper level meets around the country.

I would like to report that, as of September 11, 2018, we have 108 registered officials with 88 officials certified as stroke and turn, starters, administrative officials and referees. There are currently 2 stroke and turn trainees and another who has completed all his deck requirements and is currently completing his registration.

We had a very successful long course season that concluded with the 2018 Montana Swimming LC State Championship Meet in Bozeman in July 2018. We had a great turn out of officials who worked the meet over the three days. These officials made the meet run extremely well and the comments which were made during and after the meet were all positive. The meet was completed ahead of the projected time line each day.

Montana Swimming had numerous officials who traveled and worked the Western Zones Meet, the Sectional Meet and the new USA Futures Meet this summer. Montana Swimming also sent officials to the USA Swimming officials meeting this past year and we have a new referee scheduled to attend a meeting later this year. These national meetings provide those attending additional learning experiences and the information they gain and bring back helps to improve our own Montana Swimming officials.

As we get ready to start the 2018-19 short course season, I would like to ask that we continue to recruit new officials from all the teams as we will continue to lose officials each year and the need for trained officials will grow each year. I would like to ask that we continue to add two officials from each team every year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the officials that have worked meets throughout the last year and provided training and mentoring for our newer officials. I would encourage all our officials to continue with the training and mentoring of all the officials. We have a great group of officials in our LSC and I know we all learn something at each of the meets we work.

If anyone has questions or needs anything, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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