

## PVS General Chair yearly report

April 29, 2015

I attended the 2014 USAS Convention in Jacksonville, FL where I attended many meetings and workshops that targeted General Chairs and elite level performance of our athletes as well as LSC leadership and communications workshops. In addition, I helped run the Age Group Chairs workshops as part of the USAS Age Group Development Committee. At Convention, Riley Eaton and I met with a NIKE Rep to discuss possible sponsorship of the LSC in some fashion. That did not pan out.

One of my main objectives this year has been to try to continue education for coaches, athletes, officials and parents. As part of this initiative, I continued the LSC Newsletter with 5 more editions being released with again, some very positive feedback from coaches and officials and parents. Another objective was to complete our LEAP Level II requirement. We are nearly done with level II and are already well on our way on our Level III. By completing these requirements, PVS will remain a leader and one of the strongest LSC's in the country. I'd like to thank Tom Ugast and Riley Eaton for taking on this task and seeing it thru to completion.

I continue to work well with the General Chair of Virginia Swimming. We plan to meet at the May Eastern Zone meeting to discuss our continual Boarder issues and some possible solutions to ease the tension of northern VSI teams re: the continual encroachment of some PVS teams in their territorial boundaries and practice facilities. We hope to find some common ground and an understanding from PVS teams as to the Northern VSI teams concerns. We both know that this is a two way street and there may be some things the VSI teams can do as well.

The 2015-16 budget was presented to the PVS Board of Directors in April for their endorsement to the House of Delegates. I am pleased to say that PVS is financially strong and sound. I want to thank John Ertter and Bob Vincent for their hard work in putting the budget together and the PVS Board for working thru it and finally approving it to present to the HOD.

We are working towards on-line Officials Registration and payment for next season. This is a work in progress but we hope to be able to roll this out in the fall. If successful, we may try to do the same for coaches and clubs.

Our athlete Registration numbers remain very strong. While USA Swimming decreased by 6.7%, PVS grew by 2.1%. PVS remains the 4<sup>th</sup> largest LSC in overall athlete registrations.

I have worked well with my colleges on the PVS Board of Directors and have a good relationship with all of them. This allows me to work with them and keep everyone on task when needed. I continue to enjoy serving PVS as your General Chair and I ask your support in the election to serve at your pleasure for another 2 years.

If reelected, I would like to continue working on an LSC end of year awards dinner and finding a potential LSC sponsor.

Bill Marlin

General Chair

