

Admin Vice Chair Report to the PVS HoD April 10, 2022

For the last two years as the PVS Admin Chair, the entire LSC and all LSC's across the country faced unprecedented circumstances.

Swimming was cancelled.

But with the thoughts of many, our sport was able to find a way to survive. Practices started back with 1 swimmer in a lane (with many of the MD practices) ONLY being able to swim outdoors. Now we find ourselves almost back to pre-COVID times. Meets became creative and have worked their way back to Championship level meets across all age-groups. Travel outside of the LSC was unheard of to now clubs beginning to travel with swimmers and not with their parents. We have found a way to watch meets on a livestream. We lost tons of swimmers to now getting numbers back almost up to the same as pre-COVID. We are finding our sport moving from surviving to thriving again. Congrats to all of you...it took our PVS army to make all of this work.

If you haven't noticed yet, we changed our PVS logo, meets have spectators, people actually have smiles under their masks now that masks are allowed to be removed, Zoom is the new normal, meetings are attended more than ever. We do need to work on our officials. Without meets and training opportunities, we have to be better in recruiting these

important people back to our sport. Our HoD meeting is once again in person.

While there is old stuff returning, we have lost an icon in USA Swimming and PVS Swimming. Our long-time registrar Sumie Emory retired. Kelly Rowell has jumped into her shoes. If you haven't had time to introduce yourself to Kelly, reach out.

Many thanks to Tim Husson, our General Chair, he has worked endless hours on pool decks and behind the scenes keeping PVS and the Eastern Zone running like there has been no interruption.

As I finish up the end of my term as Admin Vice Chair, thanks to all the PVS BoD and the entire PVS for helping make this sport thrive again.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
Admin Vice Chair