

## December 2011 BOD Meeting General Chair Report

Action Item: Propose a temporary reduction in rental fees for equipment rentals. This would continue until such time as we can be reasonably insured equipment disbursed is in good working order and we have a sufficient inventory of equipment to meet our rental needs. The fee reduction is suggested at 25% and should be applied retroactive to September 1, 2011. This would be applied to the fee increase that is to take place January 1, 2012.

### Report:

Since our November meeting there has been and continues to be considerable dialogue regarding issues involving equipment. It is an ongoing problem. Equipment costs are extensive and the ability find individuals with time and ability to maintain and repair equipment at non prohibitive cost are difficult to overcome. I hope we will be able to bring several people together at Lee District Pool after the January Distance meet to inventory, and evaluate current inventory, repair the repairable items and get a sense of the needs.

I attended the Diversity Summit held by USA Swimming in Colorado Springs. Miriam Lynch, our Diversity Chair and Roger McCoy of DCRP were also attendees. It was extremely rewarding to see how far our organization has come in the process. PVS is and I hope will continue to be a leader in the area of encouraging and including people of diverse backgrounds. In several of the sessions I attended PVS was the model for what should be done. Miriam is also a member of the national committee. Art Lopez, of Nadar Por Vida, could not attend the summit as he was being honored at the Golden Google awards.

A continuing concern is the number of Officials and coaches that have not completed the Athlete Protection Training **required** by USA Swimming for certification. We are still at a 47% completion rate for Officials. Coaches are slightly higher at about 55+%. The deadline is December 31, 2011. Completion of the training is free and takes no more than 45 minutes. Hopefully, this will get completed in time to avoid the potential of not having adequate numbers to run meets.

We have just completed perhaps the busiest time for meets on the PVS calendar. The numbers are staggering. The weekends of 12/2 and 12/9 saw more than 6000 athletes with 34,000+ splashes in meets held in PVS. This is, I'm sure, something unmatched in any other LSC. It is a credit to the Clubs and Officials for having the ability to not only provide the opportunity but to do it so well. Congratulations!!

A reminder to all, please use caution in email dialogues, especially when the **reply all** is used. Personal comments need to be just that, personal.