

Senior Chair Report
PVS House of Delegates Meeting
May 22, 2018

As part of my many duties as Senior Chair in the 2017-18 year, I served Potomac Valley Swimming in the following ways:

1. Attended the USA Swimming Convention in the fall of 2017.
2. Helped Blair Piddington, Age Group Chair, run the PVS Competition Committee Meetings in the Fall, Winter & Spring of the 2017-18 season.
3. Created the qualification standards for Potomac Valley's Short Course & Long Course Senior Championships and Junior Championships. I also worked with the PVS officials to ensure that the association's needs were met at these meets.
4. Processed and ensured the travel assistance reimbursements of qualified PVS athletes at the 2017 Summer Nationals and Junior Nationals and the 2017 Winter Nationals and Junior Nationals.
5. Worked with Terri Marlin and Blair Piddington to approve host teams for the 2017-18 PVS "Open" meets and Championship meets.
6. Worked with the coaches and teams in the association to come up with a restructuring of the summer PVS Long Course Championship Meets in July. Beginning in 2019 the meets will become 3 championship meets over two weekends instead of the current 2 meet format: 1) An "Open" Championship meet (Senior Championships), 2) A "12&Under" Championship meet (removing 13-14s from Age Group Championships), 3) A "13&Over" Championship meet (placing the 13-14s from AGC's at this meet and taking the 15-18s from Junior Champs that do not qualify for the "Open" meet and placing them in this meet).
7. Served as PVS's representative on the Eastern Zone Technical Planning Committee and attended the Eastern Zone Meetings in the Fall 2017 and this Spring 2018.
8. Attended the Eastern Zone Winter Age Group Championships, which was the first time the meet had switched to a qualifying time meet that is club team based (the LSC's will no longer be sending LSC "All Star" teams).

In the third year serving as Senior Chair, a lot of my time was spent evaluating the current state of Potomac Valley Swimming's competitive programming. Outside of my regular duties as Senior Chair (listed above), my goal was to look and see how our association needs to improve in the future to better serve the needs of our clubs in multiple areas: the structure of our local "Championship" meets, how to best utilize our "Open" meets to compliment the various club run meets, recognition programs for our athletes—specifically, the annual Outstanding Athlete Awards--and, finally, travel assistance for the athletes and coaches at the regional and national level.

My two main goals in my final year as Senior Chair are: 1) to work with the clubs and officials in our association to ensure the success of the newly created 3 Championship LC meet system next summer that does not overwhelm our coaches, officials and families; and 2) to further improve our financial assistance to athletes and coaches so that PVS can have the opportunity for more exposure to and be well-represented at the Pro Series, Junior National and National level meets in USA Swimming.

Respectfully Submitted,
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