

Administrative Vice Chair Report

PVS House of Delegates

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This has been one of the hardest years to navigate and predict in all the years I have been associated with PVS. This year completes my first year as the Admin Vice Chair.

The BoD/PVS did a fantastic job of keeping in touch with its membership base while navigating thru this year. General Chair (Tim Husson) led a Thursday night round table that brought many ideas forward from the coaches. This gave us all hope that we would/could make it thru the year. Relief programs from USA swimming and PVS swimming helped clubs open their doors and make sure that our membership had swimming as an option in PVS.

We all watched VA, DC and MD have different guidelines for openings. Teams had different rules to follow to stay open. Some MD teams had to move their programs outdoors for the year. We had no meets in DC and meets were not allowed in MD after October. We are now seeing meets starting to happen again across our entire LSC. We were thankful for the VA pools that took a chance on PVS meets and the clubs that hosted these meets thru the winter. Our LSC stepped up to the plate and PVS has sanctioned over 100 meets this past year. Clubs that had to limit the number of swimmers in their programs, have started to open up more lane space to athletes. I am hopeful that 2021-2022 will continue a growth in the sport of swimming, as we have several PVS athletes competing in the Olympics. A free advertisement for all PVS Clubs. Congratulations to those swimmers, coaches and programs that have placed an athlete on the highest stage in our sport. We are all rooting for Team USA!

Zoom meetings opened the door for more participation. This gave us new voices and new ideas. PVS is in the process of updating its website, which should strengthen the communication and supply this information to its members. 2021-2022 should continue to allow us to use some of the new ways to run meets, run practices, hold meetings and communicate. Blending some of the old ideas with these new ideas, our sport should remain a great choice for families to enroll their children in. PVS has approved a competition schedule for next year and clubs have added their club meets to

this schedule. As we prepare to approve our budget for next year (Thank-You Ellen Colket) at the HoD meeting, this feels more like a traditional way to end the year.

Although we do not know what next year will bring, I am optimistic that PVS will remain a leader for our sport.

Respectfully submitted,
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Administrative Vice Chair