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After Taking office in September, I attended the 2013 USAS Convention in Orange County, CA where I attended many meetings and workshops that targeted General Chairs and elite level performance of our athletes. At Convention, I held a Strategic Planning meeting with the Vice Chair of Finance, the Admin Vice Chair and the former Executive Director to discuss PVS morning forward and the elimination of the Executive Director position. This position, since then, has been successfully removed and Mr. Ertter has continued in the position of PVS Controller. Several meetings have taken place since then to discuss the role and salary of the PVS Controller. A new Job description has been written to outline the Controller position and the Compensation Committee will be meeting in June to discuss the salary being offered. Once a salary is agreed upon, the position will be offered to Mr. Ertter for him to accept or decline.

One of my main objectives since taking office in September has been to try to increase education for coaches, athletes, officials and parents. As part of this initiative, I started an LSC Newsletter in October and to date, 8 editions have been released with some very positive feedback from several coaches and officials. PVS brought in Bob Matlack from Hy-Tek for a clinic on the new Meet Manager 5.0. The clinic was targeted at Meet Directors and key PVS Officials. This was a very well received and informative. PVS has sent several Officials to USAS Clinics this year as well as a coach to a Disability Clinic. I was able to get the USA Swimming Regional Coaches Clinic to come to the DC area this April. Many coaches from PVS attended the clinic. PVS is currently planning to run a Swimposium in September. Key members of the Board of Director will be meeting in May to begin the planning process of the various educational tracks we will offer.

I recently met with the PVS Controller and Vice Chair of Finance to go over the proposed 2014-15 budget. The budget was then 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.

I continue to get updates from the PVS Registrars and we will be discussing some ideas to make the registration process for coaches and Officials easier in the future. Our numbers remain very strong and the LSC has shown continual growth. PVS remains the 4<sup>th</sup> largest LSC in overall athlete registrations.

Bill Marlin

**General Chair**