

Senior Vice Chair Report  
PVS House of Delegates Meeting  
May 21, 2019

As part of my many duties as Senior Chair in the 2018-19 year, I served Potomac Valley Swimming in the following ways:

1. Attended the USA Swimming Convention in the fall of 2018.
2. Ran the PVS Competition Committee Meetings—with the help of Blair Piddington, Age Group Chair—in the Fall, Winter & Spring of the 2018-19 season.
3. Created the qualification standards for Potomac Valley's Short 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 2018 Summer Nationals and Jr Nationals and the 2018 Winter Nationals and Jr Nationals.
5. Worked with Terri Marlin and Blair Piddington to approve host teams for the 2018-19 PVS "Open" meets and Championship meets.
6. Worked with the coaches and teams in the association to finalize the restructuring of the summer PVS Long Course Championship Meets in July. Beginning this summer (2019) the meets will become 3 championship meets over two weekends instead of the 2 meet format in prior years. At the Spring CCM the coaches in the association approved the Event Lineup at each meet and as of Tuesday, May 21, the qualifying standards have been published on the PVS website.
7. Served as PVS's representative on the Eastern Zone Technical Planning Committee and attended the Eastern Zone Meetings in the Fall 2018 and this Spring 2019.
8. Attended the Eastern Zone Winter Age Group Championships, which was the second time the meet had switched to a qualifying time meet that is club team based.
9. With guidance from the Board, I came up with a recommended stipend that best fits the needs of PVS athletes requesting travel assistance for Olympic Trials in 2020. My suggestion is to provide \$1200/athlete, so long as the athlete meets criteria set forth by the association. In the past 3 Olympic cycles ('08, '12, '16) PVS has allotted \$800/athlete. With Athlete Travel Assistance now being \$700/athlete for National and Jr National level meets, this higher figure of \$1200 makes sense. My hope is the association passes a budget that allows for this increase.

In the fourth year serving as Senior Chair, much 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 continue 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 and, finally, travel assistance for the athletes at the national level.

As this is my final year of a four-year term, I want to sincerely thank the coaches, officials, athletes and Board members of Potomac Valley Swimming for allowing me this opportunity to serve as your Senior Vice Chair. It was an extremely rewarding experience. I wish the next Senior Chair the best of luck in continuing to help PVS be the best LSC in USA Swimming.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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