

To: MA Swimming
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I was a member of the Convention Education Committee again at this year's convention. My term on this committee is up at the end of 2008. I was responsible for the Coaches Panel Discussion which was held on 9/25/08 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. The Panel was very well received and well attended. The panel was moderated by Harv Humphries. The panel was made up of Chris Davis, Kyle Kimball and Mike Grobrecht. The audience submitted question and the panel answered.

I also attended the following:

1. The "Make A Splash" presentations, which I believe we should direct toward our Diversity Committee which being formed. This program is going to grow and MA will need to work to get at least a few programs going.
2. I sat in on several Safety Committee meetings. Seemed to be a very "troubled" committee. Not very warm and fuzzy, no real happenings that I heard, just a lot of disagreement. They did have a session concerning fecal matter in pools which was very informative.
3. Went to the Generals Chairs Luncheon, which was basically run by Chuck Wielgus and Leanne Spletzer. Chuck expressed concerns about budgets and travel expenses considering gas prices. He also talked about Make A Splash, and several other new programs. They question all the LSC's about numbers for the fall and it really was a mixed response.
4. I popped in and out of the Sports Science workshops which were excellent and just filled with information.
5. I attend the College Swimming workshops which in my opinion were outstanding. They handed out a CD entitled College Swimming 101 which is just packed with information for swimmers, parents and coaches.
6. I attended the Let's Get Started presentation which previously was known as First Timers. They present a boat load of general information about USA Swimming and the Convention which I found very interesting.
7. The Zone meetings were very atypical covering the normal subjects.
8. Went the General Chair's meeting which was very informative about current affairs in LSC and the direction we are heading.
9. I attended "Using Your Website & Protecting Your Privacy" which was loaded with information about websites and protecting you as well as your organization legally when doing business through your website.
10. I attended the Facilities workshop concerning air and water quality. Great information, I have materials they passed out if anyone would be interested.
11. Attended The House of Delegates meeting, high point for me was the Lifetime Membership present by MA Swimming, thanks to all again!

This is just a brief outline I have a briefcase full of materials from the Convention, if anyone is in need of something I have, please ask, that is why I collect them.