**PACIFIC SWIMMING COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**Committee:** Athlete Commitee

**Liaison to the Board:** Maxime Rooney (Athlete Rep)

**Date of Last Meeting:** October 2015

**2015 Convention Report**

**The Athlete Track:**

This year as an athlete we were required to sit in all athlete meetings (usually twice a day), to participate in our zone meetings and discussions, and to attend the two House of Delegates meeting. We were given the opportunity to partner and help Harvesters Kansas City. Many of the athletes took advantage of this, and we were able to pack 1500 pounds of food and over 900 lunches. Additionally, our athlete outing took place at the Kansas City College Basketball Experience. I was eager to go and play and meet with the other athletes in attendance.

At our meetings we discussed a variety of topics including marketing strategies, LGBTQ inclusion, Safe Sport, Officials work, parliamentary procedure, and more. These meetings helped prepare us for what it was going to be like in the House of Delegates.

**Communication/Participation:**

There were topics discussed in every athlete meeting. We broke out into our zone groups most of the time and this required us to communicate and contribute new ideas or ideas that our LSC uses. As a zone we discussed ways how communication from the athlete representatives to the swimmers could be enhanced. Some of the ideas included a facebook page, an Instagram, a twitter, “Groupmes,” and better communication to club reps. In the western zone, we decided to create a groupme to share any ideas that we have and any advice that we would need to address certain problems.

**Committees:**

Athletes were informed of the different committees that athletes could apply to be on and they were advised to sign up and get involved. I turned in my committee application. The four committees I preferred are: Sports Medicine, International Relations, Diversity/Inclusion, and Awards. I’m very excited for the opportunity to get involved and I am eager to find out which one I will hopefully be placed in.

**Closing:**

Overall, I think it was a successful first convention. I met a lot of new athletes, directors, and committee members. Group discussion ran smoothly and provided clarity for some of the things I need to be doing more of as an athlete. Hopefully, I get the chance to return next year as either a committee member or an athlete representative again.

If you have any questions, please contact me. My email is [maximerooney@yahoo.com](mailto:maximerooney@yahoo.com)

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