

USA Swimming Summit and Business Meeting

September 24-27, 2025 – Denver Colorado

My time spent at the USA Swimming Summit was informative, collaborative and energizing. From the Thursday classes with officers and investigators, from the local police department explaining the new dangers to be aware of, what the investigative meetings look like, how many reports are filed in each state each year and other things we need to be on the look out for. We had a therapist from UCCS, and the Institute for Resilience led a 2 hour training session that was as much for reporters as well as for the victims. There were so many resources that we were given during that portion of the day.

Our Friday sessions gave us time to share tips and incentives with all the other LSC coordinators and chairpeople. We also were able to meet with the lead council and head investigator from the Center (which is different from the USA Swimming SafeSport office.) We were given an entire hour to ask questions about the Center, the process and timeline of an investigation and learn how it's changed over the years.

Saturday had us working within the USA Swimming SafeSport committee to brainstorm even more ways to move teams towards the SSRP goal line. The zone meeting was like watching local government in action as we learned about processes. The HOD meeting has a lot of drama, and I was proud to be a voting member of the body.

After 40 years in USA Swimming, it was wonderful to see an entirely different part of the sport in which I was learning so many new things (and sharing with people I've only met via email.) Thank you to Pacific Swimming for valuing my role within the organization and sending me to this Summit. I can't wait to share it with my committee!!!

Respectfully,

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