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I have had a wonderful year in my first term as your Athlete Executive Committee President and as a member of the Board of Directors. This year I have attended board meetings, attended the Board conference calls, and communicated with the athlete representatives. I also attended both Collegiate Nationals and US Nationals to watch and cheer on our athletes.

One big issue I came across in the past year has been maintaining the list of athlete representatives. Because the turnover rate has been fairly high for athletes attending convention, I have been working to find better ways to communicate with the representatives and get updated information when new elections occur. I would also like to stress how important it is that we have athletes in attendance at convention, especially in a legislative year like this one. With your other athlete representatives to the Board, I have also been helping to provide input towards our organization's code of conduct and the measures that should be taken should a breach of the code occur.

In the forthcoming year I would like to continue to maintain the athlete representative lists, and to develop a better mean of communication with the athlete representatives so that information can be handed down more easily to keep all of the athletes on the same page. I also plan to work with the athletes as we begin our rebranding process, so that everyone is able to uphold the image set forth by the organization.

Finally I would like to congratulate all of the athletes on a spectacular season. Now that I have had a chance to learn the ropes of the Board I look forward to convention and the next year. Hopefully we can all work together to ensure USSS continues to thrive through the quad!

Respectfully submitted,

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