

To: Board of Governors, Board of Directors, and Life Members  
From: Elizabeth Simonson, Membership Manager  
Date: August 1, 2009  
Re: 2009 Convention

It is that time of year again!!!! Time to save the date for the 2009 USAS Convention held in Rosemont, Illinois, September 14-20 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Enclosed in this packet you will find all of the materials necessary for convention and hotel registration.

A few items to note as you make your plans:

Please share this information with anyone else you think might be interested in attending this year's convention, as there will be **NO EXTRA COPIES** mailed out or made at convention.

Visit <http://ohare.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/.com> for more hotel information.

**Athlete Representatives** need to notify Sara Lowe at [lowe.sel@gmail.com](mailto:lowe.sel@gmail.com) if they do not plan to attend. We want the athlete voice to be strong and representative of all athletes. Please make every effort to attend.

A report from Betty Hazle, Olympic International Vice President, will be available in the members only section of our website after September 1, 2009.

Those of you who plan to attend as a Board of Governor representative must be, as stated in Appendix C, page 2 of the USA Synchro Rulebook, registered as a Technical (Life and President's Club included) member. Exception; an athlete representative may hold an athlete membership. Please make sure all memberships are up-to-date. Any membership fees paid at convention will be twice the annual rate. Renewal prior to convention for a Technical membership is \$75; at convention it will be \$150.00. Your 2008-2009 membership is good through September 30, 2009, including convention.

If you are an Association Officer and do not plan to attend convention, but do plan on sending someone in your place to vote, that individual must also be a current, registered Athlete or Technical member. Additionally, **alternative delegates must submit a letter of authorization to the National Office**, signed by the Association Administrative Chairperson, no later than one week prior to the first day of convention. For questions regarding convention-voting procedures, please contact your Association or Zone Chairperson.

Organizations interested in applying for 2010 USSS Foundation Grants must do so prior to September 1. Applications are available to download at [www.usasynchro.org](http://www.usasynchro.org). The foundation grants monies under the following guidelines: 1) requesting organization must be federally tax-exempt, 2) proposed program must fall within the stated priorities of USSS and must present a program that is for the betterment of the sport of synchronized swimming. Direct any questions to Gary Knowles by sending an email to [gknowles3@comcast.net](mailto:gknowles3@comcast.net).

Some notes to share...

- 1.) **The Hyatt will not allow cooking of any sort within the hotel rooms.** We ask that you please respect the wishes of the hotel, and any questions regarding this issue be directed to myself or the hotel staff.
- 2.) Do not hang anything on walls anywhere in the hotel or elevators. There will be information boards located throughout the hotel, and there is a very helpful information desk attendant at all times.

- 3.) All convention news and updates will be posted online on the USA Synchro website, [www.usasynchro.org](http://www.usasynchro.org), look under the Events/Results heading.
- 4.) For information on sites and tourist attractions located in the Chicago area, go to <http://ohare.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/activities/index.jsp>

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the 2009 USAS Convention.

Sincerely,

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