

REPORT for 2010 USAS CONVENTION – United States Synchronized Swimming

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I am truly sorry that I cannot be in attendance at convention. I will be in Changshu, China from September 12 through September 20 on the occasion of the FINA Extraordinary Congress and the FINA Synchronised Swimming World Cup where our 1<sup>st</sup> National team will compete!

So, I present a summary of my activities this year as your FINA representative.

December, 2009 – Montreal, Canada – FINA WORLD TROPHY and Worldwide Seminar (lecturer)

February, 2010 – Instructor – FINA International Judges School – Fort Lauderdale, USA

May, 2010 – Instructor – FINA International Judges School - Lima, Peru

July, 2010 – FINA TSSC Commission Meeting – Lausanne, Switzerland

August, 2010 – 12<sup>th</sup> FINA eSynchro World Junior Synchronized Swimming Championships – Indianapolis, USA – FINA Commission Member and Co – Meet Manager

September, 2010 – Evaluator of Judges – UANA Pan American Championships - Lima, Peru

September, 2010 -FINA World CUP and Congress – Changshu, China

October, 2010 – IOC/ ORIS Technology Meeting – Olympic Games prep – Montreux, Switzerland

Please allow me to express my deepest gratitude to every USSS Staff member and every volunteer who worked diligently along with our sponsor Carol Valles ( eSynchro) and myself as co-meet manager to make the Junior Worlds a tremendous success. By working as a cohesive team, the United States was able to produce a first class competition where the world's junior athletes, coaches and judges were warmly received. The TSSC and FINA Bureau Liaison have expressed how pleased they were with the competition. Part of our strategic plan must always encompass opportunities to host schools, meetings, competitions, etc. A tremendous amount of work and expense goes into an event such as this but I do believe it was important for the USA – so THANK YOU very much!

Members of the Competition Management Team for Junior Worlds included Toby Smith, Barbara McNamee, Jordan Dillon, Taylor Payne, Sue Johnson, Vicki Perkins, Betty Hazle, Denise Shively, Jeanne Struck, Monte Johnson, Stephanie Raftery , Linda Aton and Judy McGowan- along with many other staff personnel and the greatest volunteers on the planet!

I am sure there are other reports about our Junior Team but I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this group of athletes on some VERY good swims in Indianapolis. Best of luck to our 11-12 team, 13-15 team and National Team 1 as they compete in Peru and China.

Regarding the FINA Extraordinary Congress in China, the main topic revolves around the judging/scoring of the Technical and Free routines. We used the 3 score system for Free routines in Indianapolis with no problems at all. I am not sure if this success will impact the decisions of the federations at the Congress but I think it might. Judy McGowan will be coming directly to Convention from the Congress and will be able to share the decisions which are made in Changshu.

Respectfully submitted,

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