

**2010 USA Swimming Convention**  
**September 14-18**  
**Luke Schumm – WI Age Group Chair**

**LSC Development Committee:**

Most of the time in this committee meeting was spent talking about the LEAP program. The Consequences and Incentives for LEAP completion were established, along with some clarification and additions to the administrative process within USA-S. Some discussion was had on the Policies and Procedures manual, but not much substance was discussed during the business meeting. The group quickly discussed maintaining continuity during the transition of some board members.

**Club Development Committee:**

A majority of the discussion was on clubs/coaches being screened by USA-S to prevent coaches from simply starting up numerous clubs in a short time. The committee felt that this was a problem in certain areas and was not only an athlete protection issue, but also a club protection issue. There was a lengthy discussion on this matter and whether the current New Club Registration Form needed to be updated to address this issue or not. Also, athlete protection was touched on throughout the meeting. The membership numbers and club numbers were also distributed during this meeting.

**Age Group Development Committee:**

This committee had speakers come and discuss the discuss various topics. One presenter clarified a ruling for Age Group Top 10 times that had arisen with non-US athletes. John Leonard highlighted a few key areas he saw as important to being a leader and Todd Schmitz (STAR-CO) gave an enthusiastic presentation about taking kids from the beginning to national levels of swimming.

**Adults Only – Online Predators:**

Deputy Chief Mike Sullivan gave the same presentation as last year. Again, it addressed the topic of online predators and how to help teach children to make smart online choices. He also discussed the stages of the grooming process that is generally seen online.

**Central Zones:**

Various legislation was handled, namely nominations and elections. Also, a discussion was had on raising prices at Speedos to help off-set the cost of the extra expenses being incurred at the Central Zone evaluation level. Sites were decided for 2011 meets. See <http://www.centralzones.org/> for details.

**Swimming Into College:**

Open forum with college coaches from D1, D2, and D3, as well as athletes from various college programs.

**Observations on Freestyle:**

Russell Mark gave a presentation on Freestyle along with video. Presentation highlighted kicking and breathing timing, as well as proper amount of rotation and catch position. Good presentation, like always!

Obviously athlete protection dominated the convention. A number of committees and presentations addressed this issue in various ways. I also heard a number of discussions on LEAP, which is obviously a high priority within USA Swimming.