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TO: US Synchronized Swimming Members
FROM: Betty Hazle, President
RE: Convention Information

This year, the convention focus will be on legislative changes. Please review the enclosed materials and come prepared to discuss the proposals at the various committee meetings. Due to overlapping committee meetings on our convention schedule and to insure that everyone has the opportunity to discuss the legislation and express his or her opinions, we will again be holding Technical Vice President's and Executive Vice President's committee reports on Friday, September 17th. During this time slot, the Rules and Law & Legislation committee reports will be presented, with other reports to follow, if time permits. These sessions are scheduled in a time slot without conflicts, so the legislation can be thoroughly discussed by all members. I encourage everyone to attend and participate during these scheduled meetings, as the committee reports to the Board of Governors will be presented in final form. Items may be pulled, only if necessary, for further discussion at the "Official" Board of Governors meeting on Saturday. With the opportunity to have good healthy discussion about the legislation, we should be able to make significant, well thought-out changes to our sport that will be long lasting.

Also, during convention we will once again be offering an opportunity to take the CCP Level 1 Challenge Test. The challenge test will be offered on Tuesday, September 14th. Advance registration is required. Please contact Jodi Silotto in our National Office.

In addition, to our normal committee meetings, the Vice Presidents will be meeting with their committee chairs on Tuesday, September 14th to allow for proper preparation for the week's events.

Any judges interested in taking their written tests for Levels 4-6 on Wednesday, September 15th should contact our Testing Chair, Mary Ellen Wiegand prior to convention.

On a more serious note, United States Aquatic Sports has notified us that due to the potential liability arising from the activity known as "Australian Football", that the Wyndham Palace security personnel will not allow this activity to take place. Anyone who breaks hotel rules will be at risk for potential negative consequences. An excellent alternative activity for everyone is Downtown Disney, which is located near the hotel.

At this time, I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend the Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings. These meetings are held on Tuesday, September 14th. All Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings are open to the public. Only when we need to discuss confidential matters will we go into Executive Session and I will ask visitors to leave the room. So, please attend and see exactly what your board members do for our sport!