

East Zone Chair/Vice Chair Report - Jennifer Hatt
2019 Convention Meeting • St Louis, MO

As acting Chair, I attend conference calls with the other Zone Chairs and the USA Synchro President. Many discussions happen during these calls and it is great to hear how some of the other Zone execute different meets. We continue to discuss safe sport and the NCSI background checks making sure all are compliant.

Please everyone, do what you can to be sure that all you officials are registered, have done the background check and safe sport. Below are the directions for everyone. Please, please, please check everyone at our local meets.

East Zone Awards Committee Report
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Please continue to encourage coaches, swimmers, officials, parents, and friends to be active in the East Zone Award nomination process. Anyone may send a nomination. There are so many wonderful people who work for this sport. Please help us recognize them. Nominations can be submitted throughout the year, to anyone on the committee (names listed below).

This year (2019) we had 97 Scholar athletes out of about 134, 2018 we had 102 Scholar athletes out of about 150 compared to 116 in 2017 and 160 in 2016. Over half the athletes are receiving pins. We will need to order more pins for next season.

In March the athletes voted to continue with the Varsity style medal. I placed an order for a 2 year supply so we should be good through 2021 on medals. As you can see from the spread sheet the cost of the new medals is covered by the fees charged this season for awards. This season we will only have to cover the cost of the neck ribbons.

Neck ribbons are not discounted in bulk orders like the medals. This fall, I will be placing orders for Junior, Senior and Jr/Sr for combo. Each neck ribbon has a minimum order of 100. This should cover us for 1 year of senior, 2 years of Junior and 3 years of jr/sr combo.

New this year is our cap fundraiser headed up by our Athlete Reps Emily Ma and Audrey Millar. We purchased 200, 2 color caps and began taking orders for the caps at the February Meet. The caps will travel with the medals to the Jr/Sr Champs, invitationals and June meet. There is a tally sheet to track sales and the unsold caps are returned with the medals to me. Proceeds from the sales will help with our annual donations to the National teams. I do ask that each meet host designate someone to monitor the selling and tracking. 1 for \$12 – 2/\$20. I will have caps to sell at convention...

We still have t-shirts from our last Zone fundraiser for sale. We have child small and medium which are great for the youngest swimmers. We also have Adult Large and Adult Extra Large. Some of my crafty

swimmers are tryingt make them into knox pillow cases, throw pillows or draw string bags. Look for them at the Zone Meets in 2020!

I continue to track shipment of awards(now caps) for each meet in a spreadsheet, sending the spreadsheet to the host club and the Zone Treasurer. If unused new awards are returned in a timely manner, they are credited against the original cost. The host club is then responsible for sending a check to the Zone Treasurer for the balance due.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hatt
Acting Chair/Vice-Chair
East Zone Synchronized Swimming

2019 Awards Committee members: Jennifer Hatt (chair), Diane Hunsinger, Sheila Wright, Laura Ehrenreich, Teena Griggs, Patty Flanagan, Betsy McGeoch, Kim Kohut, Karen McGann, Audrey Millar (athlete)

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