**2016 – 2017 East Zone Chair Report**

This is my first annual report as your East Zone Chair. It has been a busy year of learning and growing for me. Many thanks to all of those who have helped me along the way, and to those who I expect I will be calling on in the future!

The East Zone continues its strong position with USA Synchro, developing strong athletes, great coaches, and well-trained officials, thanks to all of you who give so generously of your time and energy. We have East Zone athletes on all of the US National Teams!

So far this season, we have held our All Star Camp at Tonawanda, NY, the Lake Placid Training Clinic, The East Zone Silver Clinic at Owego, and the East Zone 13-15 Championship at Hamden, CT. Thank you to our hosts for those events, and the remaining events for 2017.

Congratulations to our East Zone Scholar Athletes and East Zone awardees, named today.

I have been participating with the Zone Chairs each month in conference calls, working with them and CEO Myriam Glez, to share ideas, concerns, and resources. It is a great way to exchange information, build support, and foster relationships throughout the country. I will be presenting a few ideas to our members in our new items discussions tonight. Anyone with ideas or questions for these calls, please email or call me anytime.

Special thanks for the efforts of our East Zone Board Members, who will give their reports tonight :

 **Vice Chair**, Jennifer Hatt

 **Education Chair,** Katie Rice

 **Officials Chair,** Patty Flanagan

 **Treasurer,** Kris-Ann Gutenmakher

 **Scoring Chair,** Pete McGeoch

 **Technical Chair,** Svetlana Malinovskaya

 **Secretary,** Jennifer Wilczynski

I look forward to serving you throughout my term. Thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy McGeoch