

## General Chair's Report for October 14, 2007 House of Delegates Meeting

It was truly an honor to be elected as the General Chair of Niagara. I would like to thank Barb Paradis for her help during the transition period. I understand the rich tradition that the district has and I hope to be able to build upon that tradition. The following are some goals that I would like to accomplish in the next 2 years:

1. Work with the BOD to create a mission statement – this is a very important item, as a group if we don't have a mission statement then we do not have a clear goal. We have started this process, Shawn Parkhurst has agreed to chair this committee.
2. Increase the involvement of our athletes in district wide committees. As evident from our last HOD meeting we have a number of athletes who would be willing to help out if called upon. I ask that our committees extend a hand to the athletes to get them involved in the governance of our district.
3. To have a least one volunteer from each club serve on a district committee. In order to run the district we need your help. It is up to the member clubs to step up and help.
4. Increase our membership. We have been in a slow decline for the past few years. We need to explore ways to increase our membership.
5. Get involved with bringing swimming to under-served areas within our district. There are several programs like "Make a Splash" from USA Swimming that we can use. We need to find local funding for these programs.

I also would like to thank all the current volunteers within the district, without your help it would not be possible to run the district.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Crist – General Chair