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To: 2008 USMS Local Masters Swimming Committee Officers and Directors

From: Rob Copeland, President, USMS

If you are reading this letter and this handbook, then you are probably one of our dedicated volunteers, the lifeblood of United States Masters Swimming. I can't thank you enough for your support of Masters swimming. Without you, none of this would be possible.

In 2007 we exceeded 44,000 registered members for the first time in our history. In 2008, with our Executive Director on board, we can refocus our efforts on improving services to support our volunteers in the LMSCs, as well as building programs for our clubs and individual members. I'd love to see us pass the 50,000 member mark this year.

Our officers and board now have two years under our belts and we have really come together and are moving forward on a number of key initiatives to better serve your needs. Our leadership team (VP National Operations - Leo Letendre, VP Member Services - Mark Gill, VP Community Services - Michael Heather VP Local Operations - Julie Heather, Treasurer – Jeff Moxie and Secretary - Meg Smath) is full of great ideas and enthusiasm, a terrific combination, and they have already begun to set in motion a number of initiatives geared toward growing USMS and our programs and toward improving national and LMSC operations.

USMS is dedicated to the premise that the lives of participants will be enhanced through aquatic physical conditioning, with the mission "To promote fitness and health in adults by offering and supporting Masters swimming programs." As has been done for the past 35 years, this administration is committed to serving our volunteers and members in achieving this mission.

United States Masters Swimming is still the largest, best organized, best run masters sports governing body in the world. And this is a direct reflection on the contributions of volunteers and staff at the local and national level. And on behalf of my Executive Committee. I want to let you know it is a tremendous honor to continue to lead USMS and support you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert H Copeland".

Rob Copeland, President, USMS



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