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Dear Valued Swim BC Members,

I can hardly believe that another swim season has passed us by, and I find myself writing my year end letter to all of you. It is safe to say that we weathered the COVID storm, and the future of swimming looks sunny and bright for the 2021/2022 season in BC. It also amazes me to realize that this is the last letter that I will send to you as the President of Swim BC. My four-year term is up, and it is time to pass the torch to the next President after our Swim BC AGM on October 2.

In my fall letter I had requested that if clubs were to do one thing this year it would be to have you spend time reviewing your bylaws and policies. I have been pleased to hear that so many of you have taken this on and are spending time on this valuable task. The Swim BC Board has almost completed its annual bylaw review for presentation and approval at the AGM and we have been successful in passing the 2021/2022 budget. Although we have not seen you at swim meets or at the congress last year, we have been busy as a Board with our committee work and Board meetings. With four seats open for nominations this year, I assure you that we have laid a strong foundation for the Board to continue in an effective and efficient capacity for many years to come.

The past four years have not gone by without some challenges and frustrations, but I remain forever grateful for the joy that the sport of swimming has brought to me and my family. As a former swimmer, swim parent, coach, official, and Board member, I have definitely dipped my toes into many aspects of our sport and truly believe that Swim BC is now officially embedded in my DNA. Although you will be seeing a lot less of me in the coming years, I will still be active as an official and look forward to dusting off my whistle after our long break and getting back to volunteering on the pool deck.

Most importantly, I would like to congratulate the BC swimmers and coaches that pushed through this difficult year and made an impressive showing at Canadian Olympic Trials last week. Best of luck to those heading off to Tokyo to compete in the Olympic Games. We will be cheering you on from our living rooms!

It has been a joy and an honour to be a part of the Swim BC Board these past four years and I wish you all the best for a safe and happy summer.

Great Swimming,

Linda Metcalfe
President, Swim BC

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