

October 31st, 2018

Dear Indy Aquatic Masters Members and Friends:

October has arrived, and the IAM staff and your IAM Board of Directors are hard at work planning and budgeting for next year. It will be very difficult to surpass this year's success. But, we will be working toward that lofty goal.

We started the year by hosting the 2018 USMS One Hour Swim which was quite successful. Nothing, however, could surpass our excellence in hosting the 2018 USMS Spring National Championship. What a magnificent job you did representing IAM and the City of Indianapolis by delivering such a spectacular event. It was the largest National U.S. Masters Swimming Championship in history, and you knocked it out of the ballpark. The letters of appreciation received from around the country were very heartwarming. Thank you VERY much for your outstanding efforts.

In 2019, we will be hosting the USMS Two Mile Cable Swim at Eagle Creek Park. We look forward to bringing swimmers this open water opportunity on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

We had many new members join the program this year, and we are excited to have them with us. It is important that both our new and our established members understand that the program fees paid monthly, semi-annually, or annually DO NOT match our expenses. This is INTENTIONAL and has always been the case. We do not want people to miss the opportunity to swim with us because of student loans or other significant financial obligations.

To offset this shortfall, we ask that those of you who appreciate the program and can afford it, make a contribution to IAM before the end of the year. We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Those of you who will itemize your deductions for 2018 can deduct 100% of your gift as a charitable donation. However, under the new tax law, your gift will no longer be tax deductible if you will be taking the standard deduction. Either way, your generosity will allow us to continue to bring the program to those who might not otherwise be able to afford it.

We need your help to continue to provide a premium program at a bargain price. A letter regarding our tax status is provided to each donor when a donation is received. Please help us if you are able to by submitting the enclosed card or donating online at [www.indyaquaticmasters.com](http://www.indyaquaticmasters.com). Your teammates will appreciate it.

Warmest regards,



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President, IAM Board of Directors