

Application: \*Deadline: February 10th, 2017 All applications must be emailed to emily.sullivan@metroswimming.org and matt.keane@metroswimming.org by the above deadline to be considered in the election.

Name: Phil Gong  
Team/Club: New York Sharks

Certification that applicant meets the eligibility requirements and understands/agrees to follow the service requirements as a Metro Rep

Hi my name's Phil Gong and I want to be your Metro Rep. I am a sophomore from Northern Valley Demarest and will be a junior in the 2017-18 school year. I've been a member of Metro for 4 years and would love to spend the next two as a Rep. It would be an honor to attend Metro Board meetings, Zone Championships, and the US Aquatic Sports Convention on your behalf and agree to follow the requirements set for a Metro Rep.

A paragraph explaining your background and why you would like to be the Junior Rep.

I started swimming competitively at 12 not knowing what I was truly getting myself into. That summer, I went to Zones and started to understand how rewarding a sport swimming is. The next summer, I went to Zones again and attended my third Zones as an eighth grader in the winter. It was at those meets and the ones in between where I learned about how big a role swimming had taken up in my life and in the lives of my fellow Metro teammates. Although we may be frequent rivals and competitors, we are still a single group: Metro. I would love to be able to represent you as your Metro Rep.

Please identify what you can contribute to the position and something you would like to create or improve on in Metro Swimming while serving your term.

I feel that I have the skills needed to represent an LSC that consists of more than 10,000 swimmers on more than 80 different teams. I am an outgoing and personable person who is not afraid to be honest. An area of improvement in Metro and the sport of swimming in general is to lower the high cost of entry into the sport. Swimming is an inherently expensive sport. When you factor in club fees, pricey gear and swimsuits, and the long commute many have to take to get to pools, the costs of swimming can be overwhelming. A sport and skill that can literally save lives shouldn't have so many financial hurdles to overcome. I would like to create a drive for collecting swimming gear that could be donated to underserved areas that desperately need new equipment. At major Metro hosted meets, swimmers, parents, volunteers, etc would be free to donate any extra goggles, swimsuits, fins, kickboards, etc that they would like to give to a very worthy cause. Metro Swimming is a great organization, and I would love to represent my fellow swimmers as your rep.