

Mary Ellen Tynan – USA-S Workshop Report

As always, I enjoyed my time at the USA-S Workshop in Denver. I arrived on the April 19th and attended an all-day Safe Sport Workshop with Audrey. The first speaker was really good from UCCS. We are also fortunate to hear from Kim Rhodenbaugh Llewelyn who gave her story as a victim and survivor of abuse. I think Audrey got many take-aways that will be helpful leading the LSC.

Friday and Saturday I attended sessions throughout the day. Brady did an amazing job at the Eastern Zone Meeting giving an update on the Leadership Summit. I found the DEI Workshop with Leland to be wonderful as always. His energy got me thinking of other things we can do in Maine and we are excited to have him out for the Summit with Noah.

One of the best sessions was on communications. USA-S has a new employee named Sarah who was awesome and we are not trying to include her in the retreat remotely. She explained how to use social media and really consider your analytics to get the most out of it.

The Governance Session led by my committee was great. I went to the documents groups and learned a lot more about Rules and Regs which will help restructuring our documents.

As usual, I got even more out of my interactions throughout the weekend spending a lot of time with Nate Chessey, Joel Shinofield, Brendan Hansen, Jan Grosser, and especially members of the Eastern Zone to really help solidify the retreat.

Thanks for sending me!