

## 2015 USAS Convention Notes

It was an honor representing the Florida LMSC at the U.S. Aquatic Sports Convention (USAS) in Kansas City. The USAS is made up of five different organizations: USA Swimming, USA Diving, USA Water Polo, US Synchronized Swimming, and US Masters Swimming.

Before the convention began, I attended the USMS Level 3 Coaches Certification Class. Some of the topics covered were: developing coaching leadership, program management, marketing, club administration, event planning, budgets, safety and risk management. Levels 1 & 2 as well as the Adult Learn to Swim Instructors Certification classes were held at the same time. Once a USMS member from the Florida LMSC completes one of these certification programs, they can apply and receive a \$50 rebate.

### Rules Committee Update

The rules committee provided an official interpretation of Rule 101.52 (Freestyle in an Individual Medley and Medley Relay). In an Individual Medley or Medley Relay each of the strokes must cover one quarter (1/4) of the distance. Being on the back when leaving the wall for the freestyle portion of the medley is covering more than one quarter of the distance in the style of backstroke and is, therefore, a disqualification. Backstroke swimming is only defined as being on the back. To accompany this: #1. Any swimmer during the freestyle leg that leaves the wall at or past vertical towards the breast and performs a breaststroke kick and then a breaststroke pull is in violation. #2. A swimmer that rolls to a position on their back after leaving the wall during the freestyle leg to fix their goggles or for any other reason is in violation. #3. Given that the last (1/4) of the medley relay cannot be backstroke, an in the water start by the last swimmer cannot be a backstroke start.

### Fitness/Education Committee

Fitness/Education Chair, Mary Jurey led the meeting. She passed out a number of caps that said, "I swim for Fitness and \_\_\_\_\_". The committee has been working on ways to better communicate fitness activities to the LMSC's as well as coaches and the coaches committee. USMS has been working on ways to attract millennials to master's swimming. Two motions were passed. #1. To add a 30-minute Fitness Swim Event to the Postal swims. #2. To accept the bid from the Long Beach Grunions for the 2016 Check Off Challenge.

## Coaches Committee

Coaches Chair, Scott Bay (Florida LMSC) led the meeting. A review of the 2015 activities and accomplishments was conducted. The committee's goals for 2016 were presented. They are: #1. Plan and execute a National Coaches Clinic to be held on the west coast. #2. Partnership with the National office to revisit and make any necessary changes to the Coaches Certification classes Levels 1 to 4. #3. Finish developing Level 5 Coaching Certification. #4. Find better ways to communicate with coaches at the grass roots level and with LMSC's. #5. Continue with on going operations. There was a discussion about including a section on Open Water swimming in the Coaching Certification Levels 1, 2, and 3. Another option was for it to be a class unto it's self. Coaches were thanked for submitting ideas and articles for the USMS online newsletters. Coaches receiving Level 4 certification were recognized.

## Dixie Zone

Zone Chair, Matt Hooper conducted the meeting. Ed Saltzman (Dixie Zone Top Ten/Records Chair) informed the committee that there is a club in the Florida LMSC that does not send their results in the required amount of time or at all. The Florida LMSC will talk to the offending organization. Matt Hooper was re-elected as Zone Chair. There was a discussion of a name change for the Dixie Zone. The consensus was to leave the name the same.

The Dixie Zone Championships will be: #1. SCY – will be held in Atlanta, Georgia tentatively April 2 and 3. #2. LCM – will be held in Goldsboro, North Carolina in late July. #3. SCM – will be held in Nashville, Tennessee on November 19 and 20. #4. Open Water - will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on June 17 and Greensboro, North Carolina on July 25.

## Swimming Saves Lives

Swimming Saves Lives Chair, Brandon Franklin conducted the meeting. The committee discussed April as Adult Learn to Swim Month and all the resources available to clubs. \$450,000 worth of free media has been provided in the last two years to support the program. The Swimming Saves Lives Board of Trustee recommended 47 grants totaling \$87,000 for 2016. Grant partners may send one person to an Adult Learn to Swim Instructors class and USMS will waive their registration fee. The individual must inform USMS that they will be attending. The grants must be used January 1 to December 31, 2016.

## Governance/ Leadership Workshop

Patty Miller (USMS president elect) and Ed Tsuzuki led the workshop. The presentation began with an outline of USMS's levels of organization and the duties of its board members. USMS's Non Profit and tax-exempt status was explained. Next the legal duties and responsibilities were discussed.

## Sports Medicine Presentation

Dr. Mary Fry from the University of Kansas made an outstanding presentation entitled, "Bring Out the Best in Every Swimmer". She described two different ways individuals define success: ego driven and task driven. The strengths and weakness of both groups were discussed along with how to motivate these individuals. The importance of creating a positive caring climate was emphasized as an important component to a successful team also.

Bob Jennings  
Florida LMSC Chair

**CATHY FEDAKO, SPORTS MEDICINE AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE CHAIR  
2015 CONVENTION NOTES**

I attended this year's 2015 USMS Convention in Kansas City as a member of our Florida LMSC as well as Chair of the Sports Medicine and Science Committee.

I enjoyed visiting Kansas City for the first time. The Convention Hotel was nicely located downtown and the host Team provided a fun evening of socialization and great Barbeque.

Our Sports medicine committee was busy this year. I am attaching the Minutes of our Convention Committee meeting. Some of the items we worked on this year were the SMS Booth at both Nationals, establishing a Blog as a way to disseminate interesting Sports Medicine related articles, and bringing in the Convention speaker who presented the benefits of a positive training environment. I think this flows nicely into our coaching training philosophy.

All in all a productive year.

Swimmingly, Cathy Fedako

## **CHERYL KUPAN, FL LMSC SECRETARY 2015 CONVENTION NOTES**

Thank you for allowing me to attend the USAS Convention. Always an informative few days discussing a favorite topic: swimming. I always enjoy the water sports all converging and celebrating our great sports.

### **DAY 1: THURSDAY 10/1**

8am Attended 1<sup>st</sup> House of Delegates (HOD hereafter) meeting

- Outgoing President, Nadine Day spoke to the HOD and thanked all.
- Announced those who were running and took any floor nominations
- Delegate orientation: had the newbies recognized and then had folks stand up based on # of conventions they attended.

10am Attended Fitness Education meeting

1) Mission statement: How best to serve Fitness swimmers within USMS

-Clinics: Colorado has a "Mastering Masters" 6-week course learning the basics of swimming/training, how to read pace clocks, workout lingo, 1 day a week, \$75 for non-USMS members, pay coach \$300

-Change perception that training with Masters programs isn't just for competitive swimmers

-Once they're hooked, get them interested in USMS

2) Communication: suggestions on how to get the word out

-Social media

-Utilize USMS tools

-USA swimming link: As pools are limited, work with age group programs to start Masters programs at the facility during off hours

-College Club teams: niche opportunity to get millennials in masters earlier. Some colleges do fund these programs. Help young swimmers by offering membership discounts thru LMSC

3) Review of events:

-Go The Distance: 3.2k participants. Suggestions how to recognize participants

..mentioning in team newsletters when swimmers meet certain milestones throughout the year

..Create an app that can make it easier to log your workouts

..Swimmer of the Month, of the Year, etc..

-Check off Challenge (hosted by TN Masters): 175 entries. 2016 host:

---Ran out of time---

4) ½ Hour Swim

5) Introduction to Masters Swimming

12:30pm HOD #2 - Meet the Candidates

This was an election year. Only 2 contested positions, President: Patty Miller & Michael Heather, and VP of Community Services: Lori Payne, Richard Garza & Skip Thompson.

1:45pm Attended Championships Committee

1<sup>st</sup> two Championship meets that were selected 3 yrs out & both had new facilities.

2015 SCY Nationals in San Antonio, TX summary: Scott Zelinski

Plan went well. We were a large group that never ran a large meet.

Appreciated USMS assistance in running the meet.

Highlights: 1) best staff, 2) executed plan, Lots of space, spectator space, 1800+ participants, 460 volunteers, help from Alamo team, use of all the school facility staff that helped with smooth operations, great attention to details.

**DAY 1: THURSDAY 10/1** (continued)

Spire:

2015 LCM Nationals at Spire Center in Ohio. Was the simplest entity to communicate with and a pleasant + unique experience w/USMS. Would like to host again.

960 participants, USMS liaisons (Jeff Roddin and Jack Groselle) were very helpful to get thru bottlenecks

Hard to get officials vs. other swimming events such as USMS Worlds, USS Int'l events, USS @San Antonio

Logistics closer to Spire? As they attract more events, trying to convince hotels to expand closer to facilities

Awards were turned round in record time; try to replicate for all meets.

2016 Nationals:

Spring National's return to Greensboro, NC, April 28, 2016 to May 1, 2016.

Socials planned: Thursday pub crawl and a larger social at the Convention center (details tbd).

Last Nationals held in Greensboro had a glitch with the touch pads, Poor air quality, difficult access on deck. No change where the start/finish area will be, plans to expand at the other end.

Possible OW opportunities: nearest lake would be @60 degrees late April/early May.

Motion to approve meet logo; all in favor, none opposed

Summer Nationals return to Portland, OR.

Provided list of 5 meet hotels: (3 on shuttle route), with Meet host hotel, the Comfort Inn 1 social, not sure what night. Possible bus tour.

Dates: August 17-21, 2016.

Website is live, getting volunteers together.

Last time we ran it, only 8 lanes, switch to 5 day format

Suggest changing the designated 65+ lane to 70+lane

Relays: Committee looked into adding the longer relays (400s, 800's), would add a ton of time, so we have no plans of offering them.

Option: Limiting swimmer to max 4 relays might reduce time/# entries.

Greensboro NQTs: Motion to keep current calculations (based on the 10<sup>th</sup> place time+10%)

Portland NQTs: LCM based on 5<sup>th</sup> place +10%

4:45pm Attended HOD #3

-Annual Remembrance of USMS members

-Dr. Jim Miller of Virginia Masters presented Event Sanction Fee presentation:

Create more equitable fees, as insurance liability premiums tripled 2012-2013 by \$348k

Immediate temp fix was to offset in its entirety

\$1k surchg for all OW events, \$10k aid fund small LMSCs

25% of membership indicated they valued OW experience; fix temp solution as directed by BOD+HOD

OW # of sanctioned events from 2012-2015 dropped from 120 events to 53.

How can we be more equitable with expenses to OW vs Pool? 2016E sanction fees between \$347k-\$387k

Proposed OW Sanction fee structure:

Current: \$1k billed to LMSC sanction

OW Nationals: \$1k waived, \$300 is billed to the sanctioning LMSC

\$5 charge per participant (not each entry) for one or for multiple races; only charged for those who show up

Min \$500 charge/event (least event would be chg'd)

Max \$3k total (4 events we found run large events would be capped), Nat's \$300 waived & \$500 minimum waived

**DAY 1: THURSDAY 10/1** (continued)

5:45pm Attended Dixie Zone meeting  
 -Ed Saltzman discussion on meet directors who are very lax on submitting meet results on time. Put the onus on the Sanction Chairs; don't sanction future meets; pay late penalty  
 -Selected Zone 2016 Championships:  
 SCY: GA Tech, Atlanta, GA, April 2-3, 2016  
 LCM: Goldsboro, NC, July 2016 (tbd)  
 SCM: NAC Pool, Nashville, TN, Nov. 19-20, 2016, beat out Rowdy Meet in Orlando, FL  
 OW: Lake Townsend, NC – day after Masters Games in Greensboro, NC (Monday July 25, 2016)  
 --not sure if approved  
 -Elected Zone Chair: Matt Hooper will serve another 2 years, winning over Greta van Meeteren.  
 -Discuss Zone name: after some discussion, no reason to change the name. We remain the Dixie Zone

7:30pm Attended the LMSC Social.  
 Great KC BBQ, but nothing beats Southern BBQ. Fun, cool evening catching up with old friends & meeting new.

**DAY 2: FRIDAY 10/2**

8am Attended Championship Committee #2  
 -2017 Championship Selections:  
 Spring Nat's awarded to Riverside, CA over Indianapolis, IN and Tempe, AZ  
 Summer Nat's awarded to Minneapolis, MN over Houston, Sarasota and Rochester (MN)  
 -Nationals Procedures: what works, what isn't working  
 ..Seeding 200s @Summer Nat's?  
 ..Adding the longer (400s) relays at Nat's; look at timeline and how much longer will the meet be by adding relays? Limit # relays swimmers can participate on.  
 ..Start brainstorming for possible venues for the 50<sup>th</sup> USMS Anniversary Nat's. Suggestions:  
 Amarillo (site of first masters meet – building new pool), St Petersburg, FL (has the longest running masters meet).

10:45am Attended HOD #4  
 Elections & Awards took place

1pm Attended LMSC Workshop: Recruiting & Managing Volunteers with Susan Ehringer  
 -Build an infrastructure  
 -Recruiting: Get right people for the right job; match right person with their right skill set  
 -Support staff: encourage, reward, collaborate & coordinate  
 -Features & benefits  
 -Communication Strategy: Craft a message to draw people in, recruit, volunteermatch.org  
 -Training & operations  
 -Evaluate & review your program & people

3:30pm Attended HOD #5  
 Election results: New USMS President is Patty Miller and taking it took 2 votes to elect the new VP of Community Services, Skip Thompson.

**DAY 3: SATURDAY 10/3**

Swim Practice  
 Attended HOD #6 and HOD #7  
 2017 Nationals presentations by Spring host Riverside, CA and Summer host Minneapolis, MN. Both meets have convenient locations where you can either walk to the pools or have great mass transportation in place for ease of commuting (Minneapolis).

**JACK GROSELLE, CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE  
2015 CONVENTION NOTES**

I serve on the Championship Committee. We talked about the national meets held this year, Spring Nationals in San Antonio Texas and Summer Nationals at Spire Institute in Cleveland Ohio where I served as a liaison. Both meets were well run and well attended. Next year's nationals were also updated Spring at Greensboro NC April 28-May 1, 2016 and Summer at Mount Hood Oregon August 17-21, 2016, both have hosted nationals before and both did great jobs.

Next we awarded 2017 Nationals- Spring to Riverside California, someone new, and Summer to University of Minnesota who held Summer Nationals in 1999. It was great we had 3 pools to choose from for each Nationals. It is great to have so much interest in having USMS Nationals.

We also worked on the schedule of events for both Nationals. Greensboro should be published soon and will include an extra relay, the Mixed 400 Free Relay.

Jack Groselle



## **2015 USMS Convention**

**Jillian Wilkins, Florida LMSC – Vice Chair**

**USMS Championship and Coaches Committee Member**

Thank you all again for letting me be a part of the 2015 National Convention. This was again one of my favorite weeks of the year. I love being surrounded by so many people that are like-minded and enthusiastic about the sport of swimming!

Each morning starts with a great workout lead by Coaches Committee for the USMS delegates. The coaches committee arranges for the workouts and coaches each morning of the convention and this is one of my favorite parts. We had over 50 athletes at each workout!

After workout we had a full day at HOD, Championship Committee, Coaches and our Dixie Zone meeting. Each of these meetings minute can be found on the USMS website. For the Championship committee we had a recap of 2015 meets in San Antonio and Spire. We reviewed status and approved order of events for 2016 Spring Nationals in Greensboro and 2016 Summer Nationals in Oregon. We also announced the winners of the 2017 National Championship locations, which are Riverside, CA (spring) and University of Minnesota (summer).

Here are a few bullet points on the Championship meetings:

1. We are discussing Deck seeding for 200's and above will be at LC nationals ONLY in 2016.
2. Safety Marshalls were great in San Antonio but lacking at Spire. We will continue to press to hosts how important this position is.
3. Officials committee will have to agree with each location to allow or not allow Backstroke ledges and fins during competition.
4. We are looking to have a special location for 2020 Nationals, which will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of USMS.

The coaches committee is quite active throughout the year and we did not pass any actions or motions during the meeting. During our meeting we reviewed what we accomplished over the year. We assisted with National meets with on deck coaching. It was once again a success but we are going to look into seeing if we can ask for coaches to have their USMS Coaching certification in the future. We want to make sure that we are putting the best coaches possible out there now that we have a larger pool of coaches to poll from.

We awarded six new coaches the level 4 coaches certification, which brings our total of level 4 coaches to 20 nation wide! Our goal in 2016 is to revisit levels 1-4 and finish level 5 of the USMS Coaches certification course by convention next year.

The next important meeting of the weekend was the Dixie Zone meeting. This was a straightforward meeting that was lead by Matt Hooper. He did a great job of making we stayed on track throughout the meeting. These are the items that we spoke about and voted on:

1. Zone Championship meets are:
  - a. SCY- Atlanta, GA tentative dates April 2-3
  - b. LCM- Goldsboro, NC late July
  - c. Open Water- Chattanooga, TN (June 17) and Greensboro, NC (July 25)
  - d. SCM- Nashville, TN (November 19&20) and Orlando, FL (October 8-10)
2. DISCUSSION OF ZONE NAME

There was discussion of a name change for the Dixie Zone. The consensus was to leave the name as it is.

3. Ed Saltzman, Dixie Zone Top Ten/Records Chair, informed the committee that there are still some meets who do not send in results in a timely manner or at all.

The big issue this week during the House of Delegates was the budget. We had a proposal to pass a surcharge for registering pool events and open water events. After a few hours of discussion we decided to pass an OW flat fee to sanction at \$100, Pool event of \$50 and National Championship fee \$5/ swimmer. These fees will help cover the insurance increase.

These are the highlights from a weekend full of different events! Thank you again for allowing me to attend convention!

## **2015 ANNUAL USMS CONVENTION KANSAS CITY, MO**

### **Delegate: Joan Campbell**

Confirming the old adage of “a busman’s holiday” – I couldn’t stay away from the first meeting of the Finance Committee after serving on it for 13 years. It was worth the visit and I’m wondering how I survived the 13 years!! The meeting revealed that Bob Butcher had resigned as Executive Director of U S Masters swimming and a rather large request has been submitted to search for a new Executive Director – this over budget request of \$50,000 was MSA.

The Sanction Fees for Insurance were also discussed with a proposal on the floor of the HOD reducing the OW fees and recommending the LMSC have a sanction fee for Pool competitions to share in the Insurance costs. There was also discussion of the relocation and expansion of the Florida office.

The size and scope of the Committee was also a topic – MSA the committee should remain the same size but not be required to have each zone represented and focus to be on expertise.

Next stop was the History and Archives Committee of which I am a new member. The Committee is in the ever-capable hands of our Meegan Wilson. The technical skills of the delegates were overwhelming and their Projects are in capable hands. Digitizing the information of pre-1994 Relay Top Ten has been an ongoing project and the files have been updated and investigated . I was amazed, having come from the era where everything was done by hand. Another project is identifying swimmers, adding ID and completing names!. Keeping track of deceased members and their date of death has been another project; updating USMS Olympians and adding to the list. I have taken on the job of helping to update existing stories and add to the list.

From there I stopped in on the Open Water Meeting. With so many interested in Open Water Competition in our area and with a background listening to all the intricacies of tides and safety features from my former coach Joe Biondi (a stickler for water safety) I thought I would pick up some valuable information. Also I spent my professional life in the Insurance business and am aware of the liability currently a large part of the USMS budget. Jim Wheeler gave a terrific presentation on safety needs. I passed the report on to Matt Hess, our current Clearwater coach, who is a triathlete guru.. I came away happy with my “black line down the middle” approach to competitive swimming and with a renewed respect for Open Water – as should everyone that participates in these events. The conclusion – Open Water swims are only as safe as those safety rules in place that are faithfully followed and weather condition requirements that are adhered to!!

Completing my coverage, I have waited to review the House of Delegates approval of sanction fees for a clear indication of what will be the cost implications relating to our liability insurance. The LMSC will be billed \$50. for pool meets (non-National); OW events will be billed \$100.(non –National) plus \$5. per participant up to a maximum of \$1,000. The LMSC will clarify responsibility for these charges.

## **LAURA GROSELLE, RULES COMMITTEE 2015 CONVENTION NOTES**

This year was an 'off' year for the Rules Committee. Even so, the committee kept very busy and spent a lot of time thoughtfully reviewing the 2015 requests. Below is a summary of the major changes to the Rule Book for 2016.

### **MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2016**

**Swimwear:** At swim meets governed by Part 1, swimwear includes no more than two caps. (Article 102.12.1B)

**Backstroke Ledge:** Backstroke ledges may be used for backstroke starts in pools with water depth 4 feet or more at the starting end. The toes of both feet must be in contact with the end wall or face of the touchpad. (Articles 107.2.3A and 101.1.2B)

**Video Confirmation of Disqualifications:** Only video from cameras approved in writing prior to the competition by the chair of the USMS Officials Committee (and the USMS Championship Committee chair for national championship meets) can be used by officials to confirm or overturn a call made on the deck. (Article 102.13.15)

**Freestyle in the IM and Medley Relay:** A swimmer is not permitted to swim backstroke, butterfly, or breaststroke at any point after the feet leave the wall in the freestyle portion of the individual medley or the medley relay. A backstroke start is not permitted as an in-the-water start for the freestyle portion of the medley relay. (Article 101.5.2)

## Convention Report 2015

### Meegan Wilson

At the 2015 USMS Convention in Kansas City, I attended the following: Committee Chairs, House of Delegates, Recognition and Awards, History and Archives, Records and Tabulation, Legislation, Dixie Zone, and Round Table Lunch, the Missouri Valley LMSC Social, (food was delicious and the social was very well run), the International Hall of Fame Induction (very enjoyable) and USAS Banquet, (the speakers and award winner's speeches were fantastic). Here are a few items that may interest you:

- In order to help overcome a threefold increase in liability insurance and to make these fees more equitable, the House of Delegates voted for the following Sanction fees to be implemented by each LMSC and paid to USMS. Any meet already sanctioned for 2016 before October 4<sup>th</sup> are exempt:
  - \$50 sanction fee per sanctioned pool event
  - \$100 sanction fee per sanctioned open water event plus a \$5 fee per entrant. No minimum fee, but a maximum of \$1000 per event.
  - \$5 fee per entrant to National Championship events.
- Rules clarification for Individual Medleys and IM relays. The freestyle leg of an individual medley must be the front crawl –i.e., the swimmer must leave the wall on the front, not the back. Each stroke is ¼ of the event.
- History and Archives (H&A) Committee members are working to get pre 1994 Top Ten Relays posted on the USMS website as well as incorporating them into the USMS database. Some of this work requires digitization from paper copies, adding missing swimmer's first names and identifying and making sure each swimmer has a permanent swimmer ID assigned. This is a very long process. 1989 Relay Top Ten have already been posted. H&A is still trying to identify these [swimmers](#).
- H&A are still trying to locate [1974 – 1991 Open Water and Long Distance National Championship Results](#) Please contact us if you were swimming national long distance events during that time and have any of the missing results.
- Many missing convention minutes from 1972-1998 have now been posted by Anna Lea Matysek on the USMS website with the help of the H&A committee.
- H&A is locating members who are now deceased and documenting their date of death in the registration database. Please notify us, or USMS if one of your members has passed.
- Please see [History and Archives Committee convention minutes](#) for more information.
- The Recognition and Awards Committee is asking LMSCs to rate various USMS branded merchandise that cost between \$5-10 that can be given as awards to their volunteers. Items include key chains, thermal mugs, thumb drives, and shopping bags.
- The Awards section on the USMS website has recently been updated for a cleaner more concise look and better access to our volunteer's accomplishments.
- Meg Smath received USMS' most prestigious award - the 2015 Ransom J. Arthur Award. Marty Hendrick of Florida Gold Coast received the Speedo/USMS Coach of the Year Award. The June Krauser Communications Award went to Rich Burns.
- Nancy Ridout was inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall Of Fame (IMSHOF) as an Honor Masters Contributor and Jack Groselle and David Radcliff were inducted as Honor Master Swimmers.
- The International Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, FL is moving to Santa Clara, CA. If interested, see more [history](#) on this historic move.

## 2015 USMS Convention IT Notes submitted by Nancy Kryka

This year I attended the USMS Convention in Kansas City, as an employee of the USMS IT department, as a non-voting delegate.

My manager, Jim Matysek assigned me and my husband, Jim, and the 2 other IT department staff, to attend different committee meetings, so we would have full coverage. I attended Coaches, Records and Tabulation, Championship, History, Rules, Open Water, Long Distance, and the USMS Speed Dating. I especially enjoyed the USMS Speed Dating session. My IT notes are below.

I also attended 2 morning swim workouts. The workouts were well run, and we had 2-25 yard pools. The groups were divided into distance, middle distance, sprint, stroke, and open water. We had about 16 people in 2 lanes. The workout was planned so, swimmers of all abilities could swim without being lapped. My coaches were David Clark and Scott Bay. I found good advice from both coaches and it was very well run and organized. We even got a to go breakfast bag, which was wonderful!

The biggest decision the HOD had to vote on was the Sanction fee proposal. Nadine Day stepped down as President and Patty Miller was elected to replace her. Some other board staff positions were voted on, also.

I enjoyed the banquet where Rowdy Gaines received an award.

I attended the International Swimming Hall of Fame presentation, where my team mate, Jack Groselle was inducted. The award was well deserved!

Here are my IT notes:

### IT Task Force

Prioritization

Time Line

Project Management

Will the decision on sanction fee changes affect IT?

4 Initiatives:

Places to Swim

Flog

Mobile Apps

OW & LD events

Infrastructure

Goals?

membership growth/happiness

modern/younger/retention

OW 20-30%

Resources

Personnel

Next?

Roadmap

Contractors?

Hiring?

Stop current work

Reporting to task force of current time spent on current projects?

### Coaches Committee Ed Saltzman

USMS certified officials  
On-line course  
Tracking in a database:  
Renewal date  
On-line worked sessions  
Who has taken the test  
Each LMSC's requirements  
Communication with LMSC Officials chair  
2 tracks:  
New  
Crossover previously certified  
No cost for online test  
USMS stipend \$4500/championship for travel  
USMS stroke and turn video for officials  
Tracking officials in a spreadsheet today

Ed has created an online version of the test

### Championship Committee Charlie Tupitza

Request for online relay entry capability for Nationals  
A spreadsheet to import?  
Capable to check the swimmer ID and validate they are entered in the meet  
High Tek? Meet Manager?

### New elected committee member changes

Skip Thompson VP (of ?)  
Ralph Davis Finance  
Patty Miller President  
Alina new legal, Patty not legal  
Nadine Day Previous President  
Were there other changes?  
Ask Tracy if she will be updating the Committee members in USMSADMIN

### Speed Dating USMS Staff

Way to enter and retrieve LMSC records, with an interface to automatically update it on the LMSC's web page. Ability to enter times for the LMSC's usage for swims prior to 1972 – Jerry Clark SC, Bob Jennings FL

PDF for embroidery logo. [www.usms.org/logos](http://www.usms.org/logos) - who asked?

### Records Tabulation – Jeanne Seidler

Pool measurement database  
Check records function in Top Ten Tools  
Initial upload date into TTR  
2<sup>nd</sup> upload currently changes the date  
Open interface to LMSCs to extract records/results  
Pending status added to pool measurements (yes/no/pending)  
Can LMSC be notified when they apply to be sanctioned? Sanction chair could let TTR know. TTR gets a link when it is approved.

### Coaches Committee – Marianne Groenings

When entering a course with no date, the USMSADMIN tool has a blank option. Can this blank be changed to TBD so it is less confusing?

Note: I looked at the field in usmsadmin/education/courses/course.php, when the fields StartDate, EndDate, DateRegistrationStarts, DateRegistrationEnds are retrieved and if they are the years '9999' or '0000' the code could change the fields \$\_REQUEST start\_date, end\_date, date\_registration\_starts, date\_registration\_ends to blanks so the display in the update course page would look like a better date than 01/01/9999 or 00/00/0000. JQueryUI datepicker function

#### History and Archives – Cheryl Gettelfinger

Not really IT:

I think that someone from our committee should purchase Ancestry.com

Details:

Anna Lea dumped a file of people not yet listed as deceased that were born before a certain date. The file had a lot of information including DOB, when last registered, an applicable USMS number if available, last LMSC registered under, last address and last email.

We would Google their names and see if an obituary would pop up. Pretty easy with last names like Gettelfinger but not so much with last names like Smith. So when the last name was quite common I would often have to really dig and see if I could find them using Radaris (sp?), whitepages, etc. and for those difficult names I think that someone from our committee should purchase Ancestry.com to see if any are listed there too. When you would find an obituary that matched, you would give the date of death and the link to the obituary. I also included a "notes" column because there were some in which the DOB didn't match but it looked like there had been an error and most likely by the funeral home because it might be transposed or something like that. It was infrequent and almost never the year. I had 400 names to go through.

#### History and Archives – Anna Lea

Can the committee member positions on the People page be updated from before 2012? Anna Lea says the data is not available.



## 2015 Convention Report

Wednesday- Worked with Mel Goldstein to deliver the Level 3 Certification content.

Thursday- As Coaches Chair, I curate the on deck coaching program for convention as well as the dryland workouts. This year we had 80+ people in the pool and 9 coaches on deck. We also had 20+ for dryland.

House of Delegates was fairly routine with roll call etc. There were two contested elections and those were President and VP of Community Services.

Coaches Committee meeting was a bit of a struggle as the Vice Chair Cokie Lepinski was unable to attend this year and usually keeps me focused and on topic. Due to the amazing amount of work the committee has gotten done and planned for 2016 it was well attended and effective.

Zone meeting was interesting in the sense that one of what was considered a hot button issue and this was that of the name Dixie Zone in light of recent national news events turned out to be almost a non issue. Zone champs were awarded as well.

The LMSC Social was BBQ in the plaza across the street and was well attended. Although a matter of taste, I can say I prefer our Southern BBQ over the Kansas City variety however it was delicious and much appreciation to the LMSC for organizing!

Friday- once again an early call for swim practice and dryland.

Championships #2 was the next meeting for me and there were several interesting discussions about formats and the bidders for the next cycle. Some issues were brought forward regarding communication especially with coaches and relay procedures.

Lunch with New delegates is always a good time and as a chair I was invited to participate. We were all impressed by the number of new delegates and encouraged by the fact that many younger swimmers are volunteering now.

HOD was approving minutes, the Kerry O'Brien award and also Elections.

Dinner with fellow coaches and a brainstorming session for some of our goals for 2016

Saturday was the last call for morning swim and dryland.

Both HOD sessions were effective in debating budget items and finally passing the budget.

Last item was Awards banquet which is always well attended. Coach of the Year was Marty Hendrick.

Special Thanks to all of the folks who went but especially the volunteers who showed up to coach in the morning including Bob Jennings and Jillian Wilkins from our LMSC. Also a double special thanks to Bob Jennings for taking minutes of the coaches committee meeting.

The efforts are much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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