

Bob Jennings's 2018 Convention Report

Since the Florida LMSC was hosting the hospitality suite for USMS at the convention, Meegan Wilson, Dave Wilson and I drove up to Jacksonville a day early. With all the provisions, food and drinks we had in our cars, it took quite a while for us to unload and set up the hospitality suite. We were extremely grateful that Joannie Campbell met us to help. Meegan had set up a schedule of when the suite would be open and when individuals would be working. Thursday the LMSC hosted a dessert social, which was a huge success. All the hard work paid off. We constantly heard thank you from all the USMS delegates.

All the Florida LMSC delegates attended the House of Delegate meetings.

The Dixie Zone meeting was very informative. Four candidates for the Zone Representative made presentation. Maddie Sibia was elected to the position Saturday morning during the House of Delegates meeting. The Zone Championships were decided: SCY – Auburn Meet 2/17& 18/2019; SCM - Rowdy Gaines Meet 10/11 to 13/2019; LCM- Greenville Meet 6/15 & 16/2019; Open Water- Tropical Splash 5/12/2019

As Coaches Chair for USMS, I organized and attended all the morning swim workouts, which began at 6 am at the Bolles School. Bagels and bottled water were provided for all swimmers and coaches. I conducted the Coaches Committee meeting and presented our minutes to the House of Delegates. Chris Campbell and I presented the Kerry O'Brien Coaching Awards. At the Banquet, Saturday night, I had the honor of presenting the USMS Coach of the Year Award to April Cheadle.