

# USMS Convention — Dallas, Texas 2017

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Great Lakes Zone	<b>Session #:</b>	1
<b>Chair:</b>	C.J. Rushman - KY LMSC	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	n/a
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Jay Definis ó Lake Erie	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	9/14/2017 @ 5:30 pm CST

## Motions Passed:

1. **MSA** ó Approve the 2016 Convention minutes from Atlanta GA.
2. **MSA** ó Approve the January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 conference call minutes.
3. **MSA** ó To elect C.J. Rushman as Great Lakes Zone Chair for the next Two Year Term.
4. **MSA** ó To recommend to the Board of Directors for their approval, if necessary, the 2 individuals to be a replacement for 1 year as the At Large Director position.
5. **MSA** - To use up to 50 percent of the existing GLZ funds to support the Great Lakes Zone Short course championship.

<b>Number of committee members present: 6</b>	<b>Absent: 2</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 43</b>
Committee members present: LMSC chairs: C.J. Rushman (KY), Patrick Weiss (Michigan), Heidi Kafka (IL), Harry Greenfield (LE), James Biles- (WI), Mike Carlson (IN).		
Absent: Allegheny Mtn. = Katherine Longwell, Ohio = Peter Tarnapoll		

## Minutes

1. CJ Rushman called the Zone meeting to order. Thanked all the attendees and had each attendee introduce themselves and indicate if they were a new delegate. Sign-up sheet was sent around for attendance.
2. Approved last meeting minutes. Chris Colburn (IL) motioned, Mike Carlson (IN) Second. (Sept 22 2016 Atlanta, GA.) Discussion on Conference call from Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. 2017. Chris Colburn (IL) motion, Nadine Day (IN). Second. Conference call minutes approved.
3. LMSC Standards- C.J. explained that there are 2 categories of LMSC Standards: ~~mandatory~~ and ~~target~~. In each LMSC, a survey of the standards are sent to the Chair and Treasurer for specific areas. In the 8 different LMSCs, there were different levels of compliance. C.J. noted issues, which may require remediation. One specific issue of concern was non USMS members competing at a meet and being included in the meet results. C.J. encouraged communication with LMSC Top Ten and Sanction Chairs. It was noted that there are now 2 weeks allotted for reporting results. C.J. also mentioned that results should be submitted in publication order (rather than according to the order of events).
4. Elections: Zone chair needs to be elected. Chair election C.J. Rushman nominated by Chris Colburn (IL), Jay Definis (LE) second. C.J. gave an overview of the Zone chair role and responsibilities and the interactions of being a member of the LMSC Development Committee. C.J. was the lone nominee and elected by acclamation.

There was a discussion on the At Large Zone Director. Dan Cox is running for national office, the Vice President of Administration (oversees the following committees: Championship, Legislation, Registration, and Rules). If Dan is elected, he would give up his spot as At Large Zone Director and the Zone can recommend/ endorse candidate to replace him. The position would be a one year replacement. Mike Carlson (IN), or Meg Carlson (IN) {no relation} were recommended candidates. Phil Dodson strongly advised to attend the Sunday board meeting to induce themselves as the potential appointment. Phil Dodson (IL) Motion to endorse the two candidates. C.J. (KY) second.

5. LMSC reports were given by each of the Chairs in alphabetical order, with the exception of Allegheny Mountain, which has missed the convention for the third year in a row. Each of the chairs gave an overview of club, membership and key events within the LMSC. Some of the highlights include the Zone SCM championship on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> in Indianapolis, Rowdy Gaines Stroke Clinic Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at Miami University and 2018 Spring Nationals in Indianapolis, May 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>.
6. Old business
  - a.) The Great Lakes Zone still has \$962 un-allocated funds that was designated for Open Water events. No monies have been awarded since collection began back in 2012. Harry Greenfield made a motion that Funds held by the Zone can be used for open water swimming or fitness events. Motion failed due to no second. Nadine Day (IN) made a motion to use up to 50 percent of funds to support the Great Lakes Zone Short course championship. Phil Dodson (IL) second. Motion passed. Dean

Hawks (IN) talked about interest for zone championships and the cost to host the event. Right now the numbers are low, however there are still 7 more days before on-line registration closes. The meet information was posted on the USMS site, and each of the LMSC Forums page as well as the Zone webpage. For future Zone events have the LMSC Registrars email the meet announcements to their respective LMSC.

- b.) Jay encouraged everyone to utilize the Great Lakes Zone Facebook page. It is an easy to communicate events and updates and deliver messages out to a lot of swimmer.

Motion to adjourn @ 7 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted.

Jay Definis.