

# USMS Convention — Kansas City, Missouri 2015

<b>Committee Name:</b> Southwest Zone	<b>Session #:</b> N/A
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Mary Hull	<b>Vice Chair:</b> N/A
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Robin Smith	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> October 1, 2015 / 5:45 PM

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. N/A

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## Motions Passed:

1. Mary Hull elected Southwest Zone Chair by acclamation.
2. Accepted current selection rotation for awarding 2016 SCY Southwest Zone Championship Meet to Southern Pacific and 2016 SCM Southwest Zone Championship Meet to Arizona.
3. Approved \$100 for assistance with Team Awards per Zone Championship up to a maximum of \$300/year annually.
4. Approved postponing decision to fund Southwest Zone monies until balance in Southwest Zone allocated fund reaches \$500

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 30	<b>Absent:</b> None	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b>		
Arizona LMSC – July Gillies, Laura Winslow, Paul Smith, Brigid Bunch, Erin Shields, Ted Haartz		
New Mexico LMSC – Teddy Decker, Nick Decker		
San Diego-Imperial LMSC – Barbara Dunbar, Mark Wussler		
Southern Pacific LMSC – Mary Hull, Robin Smith, Alina de Armas, Lucy Johnson, Karin Wegner, Dan Wegner, Anita Cole, Jessica Seaton, Errol Graham, Kenny Brisbin, Jax Cole, Steve Quan, Mark Moore, Sherry Brooks, Robert Mitchell, Rendy Opdycke, Kim Thornton, Nancy Kirkpatrick-Reno, Christine Maki, Michael Heather		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> None		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM.

1. Meeting Attendees introduced themselves.
2. Mary Hull was nominated for Southwest Zone Chair, Mary accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominees, Mary was elected to Southwest Zone Chair position by acclamation.
3. Arizona LMSC Report – Membership has increased (1146 members). Two open water swim events were sanctioned this year – Lake Pleasant is upcoming (October 17<sup>th</sup>). Elections for Member-At-Large position this year.
4. New Mexico LMSC Report – Membership now over 300 members. A full LMSC Board of Directors is now in place. Swim Meet in Taos, NM had date conflict with a dual-sanction (USA-S/USMS) meet in Las Cruces, NM resulting in low attendance. Discussion regarding ideas for publicizing future NM swim meets to neighboring LMSCs.
5. San Diego-Imperial LMSC Report – Membership just under 800 – same as last year. There were 8 swim meets (5 Sanctioned, 3 Recognized) this year. One of the recognized events (dual meet with a local university) had some challenges due to different rules between college and masters swimming.
6. Southern Pacific LMSC Report – Membership numbers same as last year (just under 4900 individual) with 107 clubs registered. There were 24 pool meets (21 sanctioned, 3 recognized) and 6 open water events this year. One open water event was cancelled due to poor weather and water conditions.
7. Mel Goldstein (USMS) visited the meeting to request that LMSCs focus on retaining current members along with recruiting new members to USMS.

8. Zone Meets/Events for 2016: Decision to keep current alternating year schedule for awarding Southwest Zone Championships. The 2016 SCY Zone Championship was awarded to Southern Pacific and the 2016 SCM Zone Championships was awarded to Arizona. Due to the current USMS Convention discussions regarding the event sanction fee proposal, the 2016 Open Water Zone Championship was not awarded at this time.
9. Discussion regarding basic requirements and level of amenities provided by event hosts during Zone Championship events – including shelter/cover from weather elements (heat, rain/cold) for traveling swimmers. Mary Hull will appoint a task force consisting of members from each LMSC to put together a Zone Championship Plan.
10. Question and discussion regarding any requirement for Zone By-laws. It was determined that this is not-applicable as the USMS Zones function as committees rather than separate organizations under USMS.
11. Nadine Day (USMS President) visited meeting to thank everyone for volunteering and for all their hard work and accomplishments this year.
12. Old Business: Discussions regarding approving \$100 to assist Zone Meet Hosts with the cost of Team Awards per Zone Championship up to a maximum of \$300/year annually - Motion Approved (15 Ayes, 12 Nays). Discussions regarding how to fund the monies for Team Awards – previously \$0.25 per member to assist Zone Meet hosts with the cost of team awards was put aside in a fund for Zone expenses. Motion Approved to postpone decision to fund Southwest Zone monies until balance in Southwest Zone allocated fund reaches \$500. Laura Winslow to check with USMS regarding current fund balance amount.
13. New Business: Question and discussion regarding Zone Policies and Procedures. Mary Hull will review past Southwest Zone Meeting minutes for SW Zone policies and procedures previously approved and which are not already covered in the USMS Rule Book.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Confirm balance of Southwest Zone monies in allocated fund with USMS.
2. Task Force to draft requirements for hosting for Southwest Zone Championships Events
3. Plan for written Zone Policies and Procedures

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:44 PM

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