

USMS convention notes September 21-25, 2016 Atlanta, GA

Much excitement surrounded the USAS Convention this year following the Rio Olympics. It was said many times how our US swim team earned more medals than any sport or many countries , thirty-three in all.

Five delegates represented Ozark; Mary Pohlmann , Diane Bauer, Mary Ann Barkley, Lori Payne and Bruce Hopson.

Several tremendous accolades were given to our LMSC. Diane Bauer won the Dot Donnelly volunteer award and Clay Kolar won the coaches award.

Tom Maine was inducted into the international Hall of Fame for his numerous world records. Saluki was awarded a swimming saves lives grant to continue its incredibly successful Adult Learn to Swim program. Congratulations to all for their contributions to USMS .

As a member of the LMSC development committee, we refine standards and best practices. This year we revised the standards to be more LMSC friendly. Our "clinics" we give at convention (change every year) and are built to teach and give ideas to LMSC's.

I attended the House of delegates, championship, coaches, recognition and awards meetings, various clinics and the breadbasket zone meeting. The zone meet in 2016 is in Kansas City, and OZ hosts in 2017.

Next year SCY nationals are in Riverside CA, with LCM at U of Minnesota. 2018 brings us back to Indy for SCY. Long course nationals will be combined with Pan Am champs in Orlando.

Coaches committee brings forth a revision in level 4 in the near future. Specific stroke clinics are being constructed by the national office and will be introduced to coaches soon to share with their clubs. Usms has designed it's own officials certification , similar to USA swimming protocol.

Respectfully submitted,
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