

**2017 USAS Convention  
Dallas, Texas  
September 13-16, 2017  
Ozark Delegate—Bruce E. Hopson**

I was one of the two delegates designated to represent the Ozark LMSC in the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting of U.S. Masters' Swimming, Inc., held at the United States Aquatics Sports Convention, September 13-17, 2017, in Dallas, Texas.

In addition to attending all sessions of the House of Delegates ("HOD"), I attended the meeting for the Governance Committee upon which I sit. The meeting was a chance for the committee to talk about the things it was working on, most notably the College Club program.

Additionally, I attended the meeting for the Breadbasket Zone, to which Ozark belongs. The Zone re-elected Marcia Anziano (Colorado LMSC) as chair. The zone designated the 2018 Iowa State Meet at the University of Iowa as the 2018 Zone Meet. Finally, the Zone will be working on developing the concept of having a virtual zone meet, with the idea that each of the LMSCs would conduct separate meets and then submit all the times to place and score as if one meet took place.

I attended the following workshops: Tech Crunch for the Swim World; Adding Ooomph to your Meet; and Open Water Sanctioning. I also attended the first meeting of the Long Distance Committee for the purpose of clarifying our winning bid for the 2018 U.S. Masters Swimming Open Water 1-Mile National Championships. The re-titled event, "Eclipse Crossroads Open Water", will be held June 9, 2018, at Little Grassy Lake in Makanda, Illinois, and will be run by the Saluki Masters Swim Club, workout group of St. Louis Area Masters Swimming.

I also attended the separate event, the LGBTQ Affinity group breakfast sponsored by USA-S's Diversity & Inclusion and Safe Sport Committee. The featured speaker was G Ryan, a USA-S national team member from 2012-2015 and who identifies as genderqueer. I was lucky to be seated at their table and was able to have an interesting conversation with them.

Finally, I attended all of the HOD meetings where the bulk of the work of the meeting takes place. Unfortunately, I have to report that I was unsuccessful in my attempt to become Secretary. I lost a good race to Greg Danner (Niagra LMSC). The rest of the results were as follows: Patty Miller (Virginia LMSC), Skip Thompson (Michigan LMSC), and Ralph Davis (Michigan LMSC) ran unopposed and were re-elected to President, Vice-President of Community Services, and Treasurer, respectively, for another two-year term each; and Peter Guadagni, Chris Coburn, and Donn Livoni, were elected as Vice-Presidents of Administration, Local Operations, and Programs, respectively, for a two-year term each.

Also in the HOD, the Recognition and Awards Committee awarded Ozark's Maryanne Barkley with the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award. The Championship Committee awarded the 2019 USMS Spring Nationals to Mesa, AZ, (May 25-28); and the 2019 Summer Nationals to Mission Viejo, CA (August 7-11). The Committee also awarded Richmond, VA, with the 2020 Summer Nationals (August 13-16). Because 2020 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year of U.S. Masters' Swimming, the Committee has not selected the site for the 2020 Spring Nationals. It will do so once it figures out how to commemorate the occasion.

Full minutes for the USMS Annual Meeting can be found on the USMS website: <http://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/index.php?GROUPID=&EVENTID=80>