

2018 USAS Convention, Jacksonville, Florida
U.S. Masters Swimming Ozark LMSC Delegate - Maryanne Barkley, Ozark LMSC Chair

This was my 4th consecutive year as an Ozark LMSC Delegate at the 2018 USAS Convention, their 40th Annual Meeting.

Convention business: <https://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/index.php?GROUPID=&EVENTID=84>

USMS CEO Dawson Hughes Report: https://www.usms.org//media/usms/pdfs/2018%20convention/ceo_report.pdf

Member numbers down; College Club Swimming trends, Digital Transformation 3.0 involves the transition from in-house, server-hosted technology to 'iCloud' service.

Strategic Plan Infographic: <https://cm.usms.org//-/media/usms/pdfs/2018%20convention/strategicplan.pdf>

I attended: Welcome Reception; the LMSC Social, "Let's Flamingle" hosted by the Florida LMSC; and daily swim workouts at The Bolles School: SCY outdoors. Friday, Ozark LMSC Delegate Lori Payne was an on-deck coach.

In Remembrance from Ozark LMSC: William Cannon, 88

Breadbasket Zone meeting minutes: <https://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/bbasket-2018-9-27-1.pdf>

Zone Chair Report: Ozark given prize for busiest LMSC. Endorsed both candidates, Ozark- Bruce Hopson & Carrie Stolar-Minnesota for At-Large Delegate to the BOD, Carrie was elected by HOD. Revisited the 2016/17 proposal for a virtual 'Spring SCY Zone Meet: Sue Nutty agreed to the task. Jenny Hodges posted our group photo on Zone Facebook page; use page to communicate events and information. Nebraska hosts the *live* 2019 Breadbasket Zone Championship.

Committee meetings:

History & Archives: <https://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/hist-2018-9-27-1.pdf> I am a member of this Committee.

Ongoing projects and progress; Walt Reid was recognized for providing documents from the past 30-40 years. Notable work includes the "Olympians in Masters Swimming" project & efforts to locate results from Open Water events.

Rules: <https://www.usms.org/admin/rules-2018-9-27-1.pdf> Proposal to change SCY Relay age groups to match SCM Relay age groups MSA at 8 to 6, HOD supported the Committees recommendation to maintain current SCY & SCM Relay ages.

Final Adopted Rules:

<https://www.usms.org//media/usms/pdfs/2018%20convention/finaladoptedrules.pdf?la=en&hash=C11EE60C9D72C6DC3B7155DBBB89B790FE408D3C>

Registration: sent notes to Ozark LMSC Registrar} <https://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/reg-2018-9-27-1.pdf>

Paper card only on request, eliminate the 2-week standard it's NA; no need to send a paper copy of card with meet entry.

LMSC Development: <https://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/LMSC-2018-9-28-1.pdf>

Common LMSC Standards deficiencies in 2017 LMSC Standards Survey: 1. No independent reconciliation of bank account, 2. Expenditures over \$5,000 requiring BOD approval, 3. Non-members in sanctioned events. Promote Peer to Peer participation.

Finance: 2019 Budget as Approved by HOD:

<https://www.usms.org//media/usms/pdfs/2018%20convention/finalbudget.pdf?la=en&hash=C6D0A7E15523E15A495319BC34E681DADE18D68A>

Legislation:

<https://www.usms.org//media/usms/pdfs/2018%20convention/legproposals.pdf?la=en&hash=4A71AAE6BE5C8D02F527B72E0A5036C7F9E7EBB8>

Long Distance:

<https://www.usms.org//media/usms/pdfs/2018%20convention/lrulesproposals.pdf?la=en&hash=BBE88577F0C88E5EFCC6E4618B405A3CB48AC9BC>

Workshops:

Star System for Volunteers by the Futures Task Force – presentation about National volunteer recognition.

Understanding and Engaging Volunteers – survey results from the Volunteer Task Force.

Sports Medicine Presentation: "Various Research Findings For Masters Swimmers" by Dr. Tanaka was a delightfully entertaining & informative presentation. Swimming is best at lowering blood pressure, but dryland is needed for muscles and bone density.

Electronic Voting for candidates worked perfectly and saved time in the House of Delegates! Thank You Election Committee!

Congratulations to 2018 Ransom J Arthur, MD Award Winner Ed Tsuzuki of SCYM, New Jersey LMSC; 2018 USMS Coach of the Year April Cheadle & IMSHOF inductee Walt Reid of Puget Sound Masters, Pacific Northwest LMSC.

USAS 2019 is in St. Louis – please consider volunteering.

– Appreciatively submitted, Maryanne Barkley