

SEPT 2019 USAS CONVENTION REPORT

The United States Aquatic Sports Convention was hosted by the Ozark LMSC Sept 11-15, 2019 at the downtown Hyatt, adjacent to the Arch grounds. It was a spectacular venue, and a very successful event.

We had a busy week with USMS and the new rules they want to implement.

There were many contentious discussions; the National office is intent upon making a unified fee for all the LMSC's regardless of their membership numbers. The combining of the sanction and the top ten committees was discussed, with the majority of people against that decision.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 50th year of USMS is 2020 and the host pool for SCY champs is Northside, in San Antonio, April 23-26, 2020. If you have not competed there, it is probably the top facility in the United States. It will be a large meet with lots of fast swimming and excitement.

Regarding the Breadbasket Zone meeting:

Our new chair is Robin Tracy from S. Dakota. The reps for OZ will be Maryanne Barkley and Lori Payne. We continue to have a rotating spring scy championship with OZ next up in 2023. The Facebook page will continue to be our major source of communication within the zone. A virtual meet amongst the zone will be implemented in 2020.

I am on the Recognition and Awards committee. The awards are listed in the USMS R and A committee description. If you believe you know an OZ member who meets the requirements of an award, please contact me for next steps. We approved a request for new long distance award for 2020, which that committee will oversee and process.

Finally, I want to thank Maryanne and John Barkley, Mary Pohlmann and Diann Bauer, Bruce Hopson and Jim Goodwin, Dave Seamen, Melissa Mites, Bruce Lewis, Laurie Smith, Katie Kuhl, Stephanie Peterson, Ed Matecki, Jill Johnson, Kathy Frost and Hap Gentry for their assistance in making our St Louis USAS convention the best ever!

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Payne