

2019 USAS Convention – St. Louis, Missouri
U.S. Masters Swimming Ozark LMSC Delegate – Dave Seamen

The U.S. Masters Swimming annual meeting was held at the USAS convention in St. Louis this year representing 52 LMSCs. Thursday morning was the first House of Delegates meeting. The goal was to discuss maximum use of time, flow of convention, goals and priorities. Next was the Breadbasket zone meeting and it was good to meet other swimmers in our zone. During the convention, these people would stand out as a “friendly face” at meetings or just in the hallway. I attended the Rules committee meeting then off to the new delegate luncheon. The afternoon consisted of an Officials committee meeting and a House of Delegates meeting which we heard the unified fee proposal. Then off to the “Meet Me in St. Louis” social.

Friday consisted of workshops along with two very good USMS keynote speakers. Josh Davis, an Olympian and Patricia Matteson who signed up for Adult Learn to Swim class at 54 years old. Will Kolb, 24 was her instructor. Patty was so grateful to reach her goal she used her electrifying personality and marketing skills to help Will build a waiting list of over 500 people who want to learn how to swim in Louisville.

Friday afternoon was the third House of Delegates meeting and focused on meeting the candidates and then voting. It was a true pleasure attending the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame induction ceremony Friday night. Remarkable people and stories!

Saturday morning’s House of Delegates meeting concentrated on remembrance, awards and rule proposals. The final House of Delegates meeting we listened and asked questions during the committee reports. We also approved next year’s budget.

Overall, it was a great experience for me. I appreciate learning the workings of USMS and its plan for future growth. The minute details of effort and preparation put into every meeting was very impressive. The best part was meeting so many positive people who share a commonality, swimming!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Seamen