

## Convention 2009 Chicago

Zone Chairs were charged with counting votes for our USMS elections. We had many unchallenged positions, which made up for the VP position, which we counted four times due to tie votes.

The House of Delegates voted in Jeff Moxie to replace Rob Copeland who is stepping down after four years. The rest of the board is made up of all familiar volunteers who are committing to four of the busiest years of their lives.

Marketing Committee has proposed two suggestions.

One is the Swim Buddy Program, which in effect is a mentor/swimmer idea that assists newer swimmers to train and achieve their open water swimming goals.

Two is a 30 day trial membership offered to any potential swimmer (Only one trial per calendar year).

Coaching Committee continues to target the lesser swimmer with the thought being the elite swimmers know what they are doing and don't want to be babied, only well coached. Many inclusive ideas were suggested with the main thought that the less skilled swimmers, in their own way, want to be included and felt as important as the elite swimmers.

Many Committees were eliminated due to the hiring of a full time staff. Marketing, International, Publications, Communications, and Zone were all chopped. Zone will come back as a LMSC development program.

Breadbasket Zone Chair was voted on, and the Colorado contingent, due to sheer volume, outvoted Ozark. Marcia Anziano from Colorado was elected the new Chair for the Breadbasket Zone.

The HOD voted to allow full body suits until January 2010 for all courses (yards and meters), pending a final decision by FINA for Masters competitions.

SCY Nationals were awarded to Mesa, AZ and LCM Nationals were awarded to Auburn, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,,  
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