



2020 USMS Annual Meeting Ozark LMSC Delegate Report
-Maryanne Barkley, Ozark LMSC Chair

The 2020 USMS Annual Meeting was planned for Jacksonville, FL but due to COVID-19 had to be held virtually via Zoom meetings and webinars. For the entire month, Orientation, Forums, Zone and Committee meetings were held. House of Delegates convened Friday, September 25 – Sunday, September 27. Even though Zoom trainings were held prior to the HOD, there were many technical struggles. Elections were uneventful, but the final HOD was a mess and went on far too long, much longer than the timeline.

I attended the Orientations, the History & Archives Committee meeting as a member, the Breadbasket Zone meeting (someone mentioned Gus' Pretzel from last year in St Louis!). Ongoing old business was about making a "virtual" Zone Championship Meet by merging results from each LMSC's spring meet. The problem is that each LMSC uses different Event Numbers for the same Event, so merging results is difficult unless all the LMSC use the same Order of Events, which they don't. House of Delegates began on Friday evening with an overview of the year and Finances. Everything is speculative, because the National Office is unsure how many members will renew without having events to attend. The evening ended with Awards, congratulations to all those nominated and cheers to those who received recognition for their service.

The main order of business was adoption of the proposed "Unified Fee" plan of \$60 membership fee for all LMSCs, with \$12 distributed to the LMSC. This means that Ozark LMSC will now receive \$2 more for each registration.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Ozark LMSC as a delegate to the USMS Annual Meeting. Hopefully, it can return to an in-person event next year, or the procedures for Zoom meeting improved.

-Respectfully submitted, Maryanne Barkley