



2022 USMS Annual Meeting - Ozark LMSC Delegate Report -Maryanne Barkley, Ozark LMSC Chair

The 2022 USMS Annual Meeting was a hybrid format this year – in-person at the Westin Denver Int'l Airport and virtually via Zoom meetings and webinars; I attended virtually, and Bruce Hopson attended in person. Beginning in August, Orientation, Forums, Zone, and Committee meetings were held. House of Delegates convened Friday, September 16 – Sunday, September 18. This year's pre-in person meetings were more efficient and effective than previous years. Agenda timelines were thankfully kept; delegates were directed to debate all details in Forums prior to voting in HOD sessions.

I attended the Orientation, confirming procedures for the meeting. I attended the History & Archives Committee meeting as a committee member; once again, H&A produced the "In Memoriam" presentation. I was very pleased that it was broadcast during the meeting & I received feedback from in-person attendees that it was respectfully viewed by delegates in person. I attended the Breadbasket Zone meeting where Sue Nutty was lauded for compiling & merging results from individual LMSC's SCY spring meets into a "virtual" Zone Championship Meet. Ozark will host the Zone meet in 2023. The delegation voted to approve the minutes from the 2020 meeting and endorsed Sue Nutty for USMS Breadbasket Zone Director-At-Large.

House of Delegates began on Friday evening with approval of standing rules, and opening remarks by USMS President, Peter Guadagni; then USMS CEO Dawson Hughes gave his 2022 Update and 2023 Priorities. A Floor Nomination was made for D-At-L in Colonies Zone. Next was approval of committee reports. The evening ended with a video presentation of USMS Awards, congratulations to all those nominated and cheers to those who received recognition for their service. The Dr Ransom J Arthur Award went to Jim and Anna Lea Matysek; Coach of the Year was Linda Irish-Bostic.

Saturday's business was very efficient; elections were conducted smoothly. Long Distance Committee changed the term "postal" to "virtual." Membership, and Sports Medicine, national committees were retired. LMSC Committee changed the boundaries of New Mexico LMSC to include what was West Texas LMSC. A controversially debated issue was about extending the season for each course per Top Ten deadlines, affecting swimmers who competed in Nationals. There was much support for continuing the hybrid format for the Annual Meeting, which will USMS continue running independent of USAS.

New membership fees for 2023 registration year: Club Registration (begins 10/1/22) is \$65 from 10/1-10/31, and \$70 from 11/1/22-9/30/23. Individual membership is \$65 from 11/1-12/31/22 and \$70 from 1/1-12/31/23. LMSCs will receive 20% (\$13, \$14) from each membership fee.

The business plan and fee approvals were completed on Saturday, a day earlier than expected, and the business meeting was officially adjourned; Sunday was an optional presentation and discussion about the College Club swimming program.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Ozark LMSC as a USMS Annual Meeting Delegate.

- Copy and paste this link to access Annual Meeting information:

<https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/annual-meeting/2022-annual-meeting>

Respectfully submitted, Maryanne Barkley