

USMS Convention — Kansas City, Missouri 2015

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Colonies Zone	<b>Session #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Jeff Strahota	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	N/A
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Mollie Grover	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	10/01/2015, 5:45 pm CDT

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Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

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Motions Passed:

1. MSA to award 2016 SCY Zone Championship to George Mason for weekend of April 8-10.
2. MSA to close floor nominations for Colonies Zone Chair.
3. MSA to approve ballot counters.
4. MSA to destroy ballots (1 nay vote).
5. MSA to adjourn meeting.

<b>Number of committee members present: 46</b>	<b>Absent: N/A</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 2</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Jeff Strahota, Mollie Grover, Wyatt Bradbury, Charles L. Smith, Ally Segal, Jennifer Carlson, John Carlson, Emily Sherrill, Heather Stevenson, Charles Cockrill, Natalie Taylor, Charlie Tupitza, Caroline Stein, Bob Kolonkowski, RC Saint-Amour, Jayne Saint-Amour, Ray Novitske, Lynn Hazlewood, Laurie Hug, Rand Vaillancourt, Ed Tsuzki, Erin Mathews, Jeff Sargent, Chris McGiffin, Bob Singer, Michael Fanelli, Jennifer Masquelier, Marie Vellucci, Tim Lecrone, Alana Aubin, Chris Stevenson, Patty Miller, Collen Driscoll, Sara Johnston, Susan Kirk, Tracy Grilli, Dave Diehl, Frank Marcinkowski, Debbie Malafsky, Charlotte Brynn, Douglas Sayles, Elaine Howley, Bill Meier, Jim Miller MD, Jeff Roddin, Leo Letendre		
<b>Committee Members Absent: N/A</b>		

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Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:49 pm CDT.

1. Jeff S. (PV) welcomed everyone and asked for introductions and any volunteer roles performed.
2. Jeff S. thanked Zone members for electing him 4 years ago and stated that he hoped he was able to provide any help that Zone members needed during his term as Chair.
3. Jeff S. awarded the 2015 Dorothy Donnelly Colonies Zone Service Award to Dan Kornblatt (Niagara).
4. Jeff S. asked for Ray (PV) to explain the Zone email listserve and asked members to sign up for the listserve.
5. Jeff S. recapped the 2014 SCM Zone Championship meets (both South [~100 swimmers] and North [500+ swimmers]).
6. Bob K. (Metro) plugged Metro's SCM meet at Nassau County Aquatic Center.
7. Jeff S. recapped the 2015 SCY Zone Championship meet and mentioned that it has maintained attendance over the last 4 or 5 years.
8. Bob K. recapped the 2015 1-mile OW Zone Championship (Town Beach at Point Lookout). Proceeds from the swim go to Asphalt Green's Swim for the Future Scholarship. Roughly 115 people finished the race, with high surf and fast tidal flow. Only 1 rescue required.
9. Natalie T. (PV) recapped the 2015 LCM Zone Championship (~100 swimmers).
10. Jeff S. asked for a motion to award the 2016 SCY Zone Championship to George Mason University. **MSA to award 2016 SCY Zone Championship to George Mason for weekend of April 8-10.**
11. Doug S. (New England) mentioned that Great Bay Masters may be interested in holding the 2015 SCM Zone Championship at Wooster Polytechnic Institute.
12. Jeff S. stated that bids for 2015 SCM Zone Championship would stay open until 10/DATE/2015 and that no bids for the 2016 LCM Zone Championship have been received.

13. Jeff S. turned floor over to Mel Goldstein (Club and Coach Services Coordinator).
14. Mel asked for LMSCs to help retain current members and obtain new members utilizing help of Mel and Bill Brenner (Education Director).
15. Jeff S. mentioned LMSC Development Committee's Peer-to-Peer teleconferences and minutes posted on the USMS Forums and asked members to take advantage of those resources.
16. Jeff S. introduced the Zone Chair candidates to the meeting (Natalie Taylor and RC Saint-Amour) and asked for floor nominations. No nominations from the floor were forthcoming. **MSA to close the floor nominations for Colonies Zone Chair.**
17. Natalie and RC gave speeches from the floor about their experiences with USMS and why they were running for Colonies Zone Chair.
18. Jeff S. opened the floor for questions from the membership to the candidates. John C. (PV) asked if there was anything preventing us from having co-chairs. Dave D. (DV) mentioned that we had a vice-chair in the past. Tracy G. (New England) mentioned that since USMS considers Zone Chairs automatic delegates, there cannot be co-chairs paid for by USMS. Patty M. (VA) expressed that the volunteer should be a leader for the Zone, and therefore, co-chairs is not optimal.
19. Jeff S. opened the election for Zone Chair. The election was done by ballot. Jeff S. asked for a motion to approve the ballot counters (Erin M. [Maryland] and Chris M. [NJ]). **MSA to approve ballot counters.**
20. Jeff S. turned the floor over to Nadine D. (USMS President). Nadine thanked all Zone members for volunteering and expressed her appreciation for the work done at the Zone level.
21. Wyatt B. (PV) proposed forming a Zone-wide Education subcommittee.
22. Jeff S. announced the winner of the Zone Chair election as Natalie, and asked for a motion to destroy ballots. MSA to destroy ballots (1 nay vote).
23. Ed T. thanked Jeff S. for being the chair for the past 4 years.
24. **MSA to adjourn meeting.**

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#### Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Investigate possibility of forming a Zone-wide Education subcommittee.