

# 2019 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — St. Louis, Missouri

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Southwest Zone	<b>Session #:</b>	N/A
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Mary Hull	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Robin Smith	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	12SEP2019 / 9:45 AM

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. MSA- To destroy the paper ballots from the Southwest (SW) Zone Chair election.
2. MSA- To award the 2020 SW Zone Open Water Championship to New Mexico with Southern Pacific as back-up.

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 33	<b>Absent:</b> 0	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 2
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b>		
<b>Arizona:</b> Donna Anderson, Doug Adamavich, Brigid Bunch, Jeff Commings, Kathy Gallagher, Judy Gillies, Laura Winslow		
<b>New Mexico:</b> Nick Decker, Teddy Decker		
<b>San Diego-Imperial:</b> Barbara Dunbar, Marilyn Fink		
<b>Southern Pacific:</b> Mary Hull (Chair), Kenny Brisbin, Becky Cleavenger, Virgil Chancy, Anita Cole, Carol Cracchiola, Alina de Armas, Omar de Armas, Jill Gellatly, Arlette Godges, Michael Heather, David Johannsen, Diana Dolan Lamar, Christine Maki, Robert Mitchell, Mark Moore, Jessica Seaton, Robin Smith, Erika Stebbins, Cami Stein, Dan Wegner, Karin Wegner		
<b>USMS:</b> Patty Miller, Bill Brenner		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> None		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at: 9:45 AM.

1. Election of Zone Chair – Mary Hull announced that she would not be running for re-election. She clarified that only USMS convention delegates were eligible to vote (includes LMSC, USMS Automatic, and Delegate at Large). Two candidates were nominated from the floor: Doug Adamavich (Arizona) and Michael Heather (Southern Pacific). Barbara Dunbar (SI) and Nick Decker (New Mexico) were appointed to count the paper ballots. The new Southwest (SW) Zone Chair is Michael Heather. -MSA- To destroy the paper ballots from the SW Zone Chair election.
2. LMSC Reports
  - a. Arizona – Membership is around 1250. This is an increase and most likely due to the 2019 USMS Spring Nationals hosted at Mesa. Nationals went very well despite the hot temperatures. There were 3 State Championships (SCY, LCM, and SCM) scheduled this year. There were no sanctioned open water swims held due to challenges with finding certified open water officials. Currently working on standard contracts for their state championships.
  - b. New Mexico – Membership is around 325. The 2019 National Senior Games were held in Albuquerque. The swimming event had 875 swimmers – this was a record for the largest number of swimmers in this Recognized event. Over 50% of participants were USMS members. An Open Water Chair has been appointed. There were two sanctioned open water events – one was in conjunction with an open water clinic and one was cancelled due to water quality issues.
  - c. San Diego-Imperial (SI) – Membership is around 710. This is a 10.4% increase and is primarily attributed to the two USMS Nationals held in nearby LMSCs (Arizona and Southern Pacific). The proposed “Unified Fee” will impact SI LMSC heavily – as SI LMSC subsidizes swim meets, timing and officials, and their older swimmers. There was one planned open water event, however, it has been postponed due to the cost of lifeguards/safety (\$17,000), permit issues, and a recent conflict with the scheduled date. There are continuing issues with the USMS

email alias (members not getting all communications) and the USMS website (navigation and inability to update pool location information).

- d. Southern Pacific – Membership is currently at 4521 members and 94 clubs. This is a 2% decrease from this time last year. There have been 19 swim meets (including 7 SCY, 5 LCM including USMS Summer Nationals, 5 dual sanctioned meets with USA Swimming, 1 Recognized meet, and 1 Relay meet). There were 6 sanctioned open water events including the upcoming SW Zone Open Water Championship. The USMS Summer Nationals hosted by Mission Viejo went well. There were 1391 swimmers and swimmers were allowed to keep their 6<sup>th</sup> event. The early start-time (7:30 AM /warm-up at 6:00 AM) unfortunately resulted in local complaints due to the noise and future swim meets at the Marguerite Aquatic Center venue will not be allowed to start before 8:00 AM.
3. Patty Miller, USMS President, stopped by to thank everyone for attending convention and for their work this past year
4. SW Zone Championship Swim Meets for 2020 per the rotation: SCY (San Diego-Imperial), SCM (Southern Pacific), and SCM (Arizona). It was mentioned that the 2020 SCY Zone Championship would be limited to one day.
5. Old Business – None.
6. New Business – Awarding and scheduling of the 2020 SW Zone Open Water Championships was discussed. There is currently no rotation as only two LMSCs have had USMS sanctioned open water events this year (Southern Pacific and New Mexico). -MSA- To award the 2020 SW Zone Open Water Championship to New Mexico with Southern Pacific as back-up.
7. Bill Brenner, COO USMS National Office, stopped by to announce that Kenny Brisbin (Southern Pacific) was selected as one of the four Mentor Program Coaches for 2020.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Support the growth of USMS sanctioned open water events in the four SW Zone LMSCs with the goal of being able to schedule a SW Zone Open Water Championship rotation and possible SW Zone Open Water Event Series in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:35 AM

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