

## Zone Committee Meeting Minutes October 2, 1998 Cincinnati, Ohio

### Action Items:

The committee will work on updating the Zone Committee Description during the upcoming year.

The 1999 election guidelines are included below.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by chairman Hugh Moore. All zones were represented.

Hugh distributed current address lists for LMSC officers and information on LMSC election processes and asked each zone rep to verify the data during their zone meeting.

The committee discussed at length a list of potential tasks for the zone reps to perform. Consensus was reached on which tasks should be mandatory and which should be optional. Hugh will forward the list to each zone rep following convention. The committee will use this list as a basis for rewording the Zone Committee description during the following year.

The following election guidelines were agreed to for 1999.

### Election Procedures for USMS Elections in 1999

- 1) Current Officers are automatically nominated. The Zone Committee Chair will contact each officer and verify that they wish to continue.
- 2) A request for nominations will be printed in the January/February, 1999 SWIM Magazine. This will include the following guidelines
  - a) Any USMS member may nominate a candidate for office.
  - b) Nominees should have the endorsement of their LMSC.
  - c) Nominees should have experience attending at least one previous convention. They should plan on attending the 1999, 2000, and 2001 conventions.
  - d) Nominees should have chaired or been extremely active on at least one USMS committee.
- 3) Nominations must be received by the Zone Committee Chair by February 28, 1999.
- 4) If no other nominations are received, no other activity is required of the committee other than preparing information for the 1999 convention packet. There will not be a "Meet the Candidates" Forum at convention.
- 5) If nominations other than the current officers are received, then candidates must submit a consent-to-run form and two letters of support. Questionnaires will be sent to supporters. The Zone Committee will evaluate the nominees.
- 6) If any of the nominations are accepted by the committee, then
  - a) A "Meet the candidates forum" will be scheduled at convention.
  - b) All nominees, including the current officers, must submit a resume and photo. The resume will be included in the convention packet. The resume and photo must be received by the Zone Committee Chair by July 1, 1999.
- 8) Nominations from the floor will be allowed during a House of Delegates meeting. That should take place on Thursday of the 1999 convention.

There are three scenarios that will affect the election process.

- A) If there have been no new nominations (either prior to convention or from the floor), then the current officers shall be retained by acclamation.
  - B) If additional nominations were received and accepted prior to convention, then we will have a "Meet the Candidates Forum".
  - C) If nominations are received from the floor, the nominee will be required to submit a resume and two letters of recommendation. The Zone Committee will copy and distribute these documents.
- If either B) or C) occur, elections would need to be on either Friday or Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Hazlewood, Recorder