



## **Bruce Hopson – Breadbasket Candidate At-Large**

The Election Committee has deemed that *Bruce Hopson* is a member in good standing of USMS. The candidate has indicated he is planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year and is planning to attend all HOD Meetings during his tenure in office.

The candidate is running for re-election and is not required to provide a letter of nomination or a letter of recommendation.

**The candidate provided the following responses on the Candidate Questionnaire/Consent-To-Run Form:**

**Please list the USMS National HOD Meetings you have attended, including the dates of attendance:**

I first attended the USMS National HOD in 2001 when the meeting was held in Louisville, KY. I have been to every meeting since then.

### **III. Section Three: Questions**

**Why are you interested in this position and why do you believe you would be a good candidate?**

I am interested in this position and believe I would be a good candidate because I am in the process of completing my first two-year term. During my first term, I have served on different task forces such as the open water insurance surcharge and the appellate panel for the Board of Review. Additionally, I have been committed to public service for the last twenty years as a practicing attorney. I believe that my almost 40 years of swimming (15 of which as a Master) along with 15 years of bar service on the local, state and national level would make me a good candidate. In addition to my swimming, my background as both a lawyer and a bar leader would allow me to contribute my critical thinking and organizational skills to USMS.

**What do you consider to be the major issues facing USMS now and in the future? As a person holding an elected position within USMS, how would you address these issues?**

I believe the major issues presently facing USMS will be how to sustain itself and maintain its relevancy in era in which people are becoming more and more reluctant to join organizations. In a similar fashion, USMS will need to figure out how it can be competitive or collaborate with other existing organizations such as USA Triathlon and to stay ahead of organizations not currently around. Finally, I see there will still be a continued focus on how to balance the interests of the fitness swimmer against those of the competitive swimmer.

**Please list USMS committees on which you have served. Include the dates you were on the committees and the names of the committee chairs under whom you served:**

- Since 2003, I have served on the Long Distance Committee under the leadership of Peter Crumbine, Marcia Cleveland, Heather Hagadorn and now Donn Livoni.
- I have previously been on the legal advisors ad hoc committee under Patti Miller, and the records and tabulations committee under Ed Tsuzuki.

**Please list any other experience that relates to your qualifications for the position.**

I served as president of my club, St. Louis Area Masters Swimming from 2000-2006, and chair of the Ozark LMSC from 2004-2006. Additionally, I was co-president of IGLA from 2005-2006. In the non-swimming world, I served from 2011-2012 as president of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, which is a 6,000-member voluntary bar.

**Please list any other information you would like included.**

None provided.

**Please write a short summary statement that will be posted on the display board with your photograph at the HOD Meeting**

I am seeking re-election to my second term as Director-at-large for the Breadbasket Zone. I believe I would continue to make a good director because I have a long background in swimming as an age group swimmer, an NCAA Division I swimmer and a master swimmer. As an attorney, I would be able to provide needed critical thinking to board discussions. Finally, I have had 15 years of bar leadership experience on the local, state and the American Bar Association.