

Jack Groselle - Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director



The Election Committee has deemed that Jack Groselle 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, if elected, is planning to attend all HOD Meetings during his tenure in office.

The candidate was nominated by *Rob Copeland* and received letters of recommendation from *Dan Cox* and *Skip Thompson* in accordance with our Election Operating Guidelines.

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

Section Two: Candidate Qualifications

I am a member in good standing of USMS in this election year: X Yes No

I am planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year: X Yes No

I am planning to attend all HOD Meetings during my tenure in office: X Yes No

I have attended 2 or more HOD Meeting in the past five years? X Yes No

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

9/26-30/2007 Anaheim, Calif., 9/24-28/2008 Atlanta, Ga., 9/16-20/2009 Chicago Ill.,
9/15-19/2010 Dallas, Tx., 9/14-18/2011 Jacksonville Fl., 9/12-16/2012 Greensboro N.C.,
9/11-15/2013 Anaheim Ca., 9/17-21/2014 Jacksonville Fl., 9/30-10/1/2015 Kansas City Mo.,
9/21-25/2016 Atlanta Ga., 9/13-17/2017 Dallas Tx.

Section Three: Questions

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

I have held many positions and been very involved in many parts of the national organization. I have enjoyed working on the Championship Committee and the Finance Committee. I was asked by many USMS members to run for this position.

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?

Membership, Membership, Membership, Membership, and the next Issue is way, way down on the list. The majority of the funds to operate USMS come from the members and they need to be our focus. We need to look at how we respond to members concerns and questions and work on getting more members.

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:

Championship 2007-2016

Finance 2016-2017

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

I have been a competitor at many of the USMS National Championship events and I have been a meet liaison for two USMS National Championships. I understand what it takes to create a good experience for both the meet organizers and the athletes.

Please list any other information you would like included.

I am a proud member of the Masters International Swimming Hall of Fame; I worked very hard for many years to achieve this accomplishment. I hold and have held many national and world records both individually and on relays.

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

The strength of USMS is in its members. We need to utilize the great leadership and knowledge that our present members have and strive to increase the total membership.

I am a seventh-generation farmer farming over 2000 acres of soybeans, corn, alfalfa hay, wheat and grapes. I am a sole proprietor and have run the successful business for over 40 years.

Swimming has been one of the most important parts of my life from age group to high school, to college, to being a USMS member for over 30 years. In addition, I have coached age group, high school and college swimming for over 30 years.

I will utilize my experience both in and out of the water to serve USMS.

March 15, 2018

Rob Copeland

TO: USMS Elections Committee and USMS House of Delegates

Re: Letter of Nomination for Jack Groselle

It is my pleasure to nominate Jack Groselle as a candidate for the office of at-large director from the Dixie Zone.

Sincerely,



Rob Copeland
USMS Member from the Georgia LMSC
USMS Past President

PS. The USMS ad hoc Election Committee has my permission to reproduce and distribute this letter.

DANIEL COX

Dear Elections Committee,

It is my honor to recommend Jack Groselle to the House of Delegates as a candidate for the position of At-large Director for the Dixie Zone.

Jack would be a valuable member of the Board because of his involvement in Masters Swimming since 1981, and his experience on the Championship Committee and Finance Committee. Also, his work experiences as a successful farmer and Hiram Township Trustee provide him with additional skills that can be utilized in the position of At-large Director.

During the years Jack served on the Championship and Finance Committees, he played an active role in shaping USMS policy in both areas. His background from the Championship Committee as well as being an International Masters Hall of Fame Member will be valuable for his knowledge and expertise in the competitive areas of USMS that are important to our organization. The time he spent on the Finance Committee will be useful in providing him an understanding of the big picture of USMS; this is needed as a Board member.

Because of his background as a businessman and Township Trustee, Jack is uniquely qualified to look at the issues facing USMS today, analyze them, listen to all sides, and come up with solutions that will work for all of USMS. These are skills he has developed while successfully running a farm of over 2000 acres and honed during his time serving as a Hiram Township Trustee. As a Trustee, Jack must take on issues big and small in a manner that is fair and respectful to all the constituents of the Township; this is a skill he will need to apply to issues that come up, are discussed and decided as a Board member.

Jack's dedication and background make him a valuable asset to USMS. I have known Jack for many years and the one quality that he always demonstrates (as a coach, farmer, trustee or swimmer), is his dedication to always do his best. His dedication in each of those areas of his life is proven by his success.

I highly recommend Jack Groselle for the position of At-large Director for the Dixie Zone and allow the Elections Committee to publish this letter in his support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Cox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'C'.

Daniel Cox
At-large Director Great Lake Zone

Letter of Reference: For Jack Groselle to the position of At Large Board of Director Dixie Zone for USMS

To: USMS Elections Committee

Date: 4/26/18

It is my honor and privilege to recommend Jack Groselle for the position of At Large Board of Director Dixie Zone. I first met Jack in 1984 at the YMCA Nationals in Bowling Green, Ohio and I have always been impressed with his enthusiasm and dedication to not just masters swimming but swimming in general. Jack has swam at the High School, NCAA, and USMS level through the years. Today, he is one of the best swimmers in the world in his age-group and his work ethic to achieve success hit a high point when he was inducted in the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame in 2015. He still continues to inspire swimmers of all ages as a role model.

I noticed his volunteer spirit when he volunteered to help run the 1989 YMCA Nationals that were held at Cleveland State. When he was not swimming, he was busy helping throughout the meet. In the 1990's Jack didn't swim much during the Long Course season because he was building his grain and dairy farm business. As a business owner he manages and directs operations daily with full responsibility for the financial success of his business. He has been responsible for this since he graduated from Hiram College in Ohio and still is involved some 40 years later.

As his business and family grew and he became more settled, he was able to devote more time as a volunteer for masters swimming at the local level. This was very apparent at the 2002 Long Course Nationals held at Cleveland State where he helped his wife Laura, who was the co Meet Director, run a successful meet along with motivating and coaching swimmers during the meet that resulted in the local Ohio Masters team winning the USMS National Championship. In 2008, Jack became a USMS National delegate and was able to devote more time to both the LMSC and USMS National level.

He was appointed to the Championship Committee and was the Championship Committee liaison for the 2014 Summer Long Course Nationals that were held at the University of Maryland. He was also the Championship Committee liaison for the 2015 Summer Long Course Nationals and was responsible from the bid awarding process to the finish of the meet for host obligations to USMS. Jack served on the Championship Committee for 8 years from 2008 to 2016. He became a member of the Finance Committee in 2016 and served on that committee for 2 years. He was one of the few non USMS Board committee members of the Finance Committee and brought a wealth of knowledge and experience as a business owner.

When Jack wasn't working and managing his grain and dairy farm business during the late fall and winter months, he was the Head Coach of the Hiram Women and Men's swim teams. During his own college years at Hiram College, he was a 4 year conference champion in the 100 yard free and in his senior year he was named an All American after winning the 100 Free at the Division 3 College Championships. He coached the Hiram College team from 1988 to 2014 and even coached his own kids during that time when they attended the school. He was named Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year 4 times (1991, 1994, 1995, 2006).

Jack is also involved with his community as Vice Chairman of the Hiram Township Trustees in a volunteer role. The trustees govern the Township staff and direct policy toward implementation by the Township staff.

With his love of Masters, his proven track record, and his great attitude, there is no doubt Jack will make a top-rate Board of Directors member for US Masters Swimming and I cannot recommend him strongly enough.

I am pleased to endorse his candidacy give my permission for this letter to be published to our USMS delegates in the Convention packet.

Sincerely, Skip Thompson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Skip Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.