Message to Delegates #1

From: <u>tracyswims@mindspring.com</u> Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2015 12:33 PM To: <u>usms@usms.org</u> Subject: 2015 Convention Welcome & Pre Convention Packet is posted!

Greetings Convention Delegates and Attendees!!!

Attached please find the welcome letter and delegate survival guide for the 2015 USAS Convention which contains details about this year's USMS Convention, September 29th – October 4th at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown in Kansas City, Missouri. Of special note are the changes for this year's USMS hospitality suite. It is recommended that <u>everyone</u> read these two documents in addition to the information in the pre-convention packet.

The pre-convention packet has been posted and is available on the usms.org website <a href="http://www.usms.org/admin/conv/2015/">http://www.usms.org/admin/conv/2015/</a>

This packet includes reports from the national office, executive committee, liaisons & special appointments in addition to committee and board committee reports and meeting agendas. It also includes election information an proposed rules and legislation amendments as well as other important documents and announcements. Once the house of delegates meeting agenda and 2016 proposed budget are finalized and posted, a message will be sent to you. The general convention link for all years can be found here <u>www.usms.org/admin/conv/</u>

Please note that USMS is "green" and we ask that you either upload these files to your electronic device (that you will be bringing with you), print yourself or have printed at a local copy shop.

In addition the infamous accordion files and the distribution of printed meeting minutes are being phased out. USMS is paying for wireless Internet in all meeting rooms including the house of delegates. Meeting minutes will be uploaded immediately following each meeting and will be accessible from the convention page. All meeting minutes are posted in order by date and can also be filtered by Committee or by Event. A limited number of copies will be printed and be available if you do not have an electronic device from which to view or download documents. Please contact me at usms@usms.org by September 18th if you will require printed meeting minutes.

Transportation information to and from the hotel can be found on the USAS website and clicking on <u>http://www.usaquaticsports.org/</u> and then the "Convention Info" link.

The hotel is in the center of the famous Kansas City Power and Light District with a number of restaurants and a grocery store all within a short walking distance from the hotel <u>http://www.powerandlightdistrict.com/index.cfm?page=dine-drink-play</u>



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I think that's about it for now. I look forward to seeing you all in Kansas City!!!

If you have any questions I can be reached at usms@usms.org

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