

# **USMS Convention — Greensboro, North Carolina. 2012**

<b>Committee Name:</b>	<b>Southwest Zone</b>	<b>Session #:</b>	<b>Report #:</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	<b>Mary Hull</b>	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	<b>Mary Hull</b>	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	September 13, 2012

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## **Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:**

1. none

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## **Motions Passed:**

1. To destroy the endorsement of the At Large Director candidates ballots.
2. To not hold a Long Course Meters Zone Championship in 2013
3. To budget \$300.00 for 2013 for Zone Championship awards (\$100.00) for each (SCY, SCM, and Open Water)

<b>Number of committee members present: 16</b>	<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Mary Hull, Mark Moore, Trisha Commons, Jessica Seaton, Christine Maki, Chris Lundie, Michael Heather, Dan Wegner, Karin Wegner, Laura Winslow, Ted Haartz, Paul Smith, Erin Shields, Judy Gillies, Phil Whitten, and Mark Wussler</b>		

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## **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

1. Introductions of the delegates present
2. Southwest Zone At-Large Director vote. Phil Whitten is currently our only nominee. Are there any nominations from the floor? Laura Winslow was nominated from the floor. Ballots were passed out to endorse one, two, or none of the candidates. Ballots were counted and both candidates were endorsed by the Zone. A motion was made and passed to destroy the ballots.
3. Reports from the LMSC's:  
San Diego-Imperial: Mark reported that both Barbara and Marilyn were unable to make it to convention this year. The San Diego-Imperial Local Masters Swimming Committee (SI LMSC) is in full compliance with the LMSC Standards requirements approved by the USMS Board of Directors on 03/27/12. As of 09/10/12, SI LMSC has 697 registered swimmers, which is slightly ahead of last year's figure. Roughly 1/3 are new registrations and 2/3 are renewals. Approximately 1/3 of the registrants from 2011 did not renew at all. Roughly 2/3 of 2011 registrants renewed for 2012 or moved to another LMSC and renewed in that LMSC. The renewal, non renewal, and new swimmer percentages are consistent with prior years for SI LMSC. Our swimming population is fairly transient due to the presence of military, government, corporate, and student populations who move every 1-4 years. This results in a consistent, but high, non-renewal rate. SI LMSC has 15 registered clubs, having added 2 new clubs this year, one from the eastern portion of San Diego County and one from Imperial County. Five one-day swim events have been or will be hosted in SI LMSC this year, 3 sanctioned pool events (one for each course), 1 sanctioned open water event, and 1 recognized (Senior Games) event. Pool availability and cost remain one of the big issues affecting workout and meet locations. As a cost-saving measure, the city of San Diego continues to close various public facilities for periods of time each year making it harder to maintain year-round programs and schedule competitions. There is demand for the limited pool space/pool, time amongst USA Swim and club water polo, high school swim and water polo, Masters swim and water polo, various aquatic exercise, rehab, and swim lesson programs, and others. The poor economy continues to be a factor as costs increase, as purchase power decreases, and as spare time decreases. Volunteer time also has decreased. We anticipate a similar situation for next year. The LMSC continues to promote Masters swimming and its benefits.

Arizona: Judy reported that Arizona has approximately 1150 registered swimmers. Arizona recently rewrote their Bylaws. Rewriting included changing the structure of the Board and new election guidelines. They will be having an election of officers this year which will be held online and an annual in person meeting on November 10 that will include announcing the results of the election. The prior bylaws required all registered members be sent letters by mail notifying the membership of an election and then the ballots to also be sent out by mail to all registered members. Arizona also lost their open water organizer to another state.

Southern Pacific: Mark reported that Southern Pacific currently has 4650 registered swimmers and 94 registered clubs. In 2012 we will have had 21 sanctioned pool events, 8 open water sanctioned events, 3 sanctioned swim clinics, and 48 individual swims to Catalina.

New Mexico: not present

Treasurer report: Laura reported that at this time we have \$1371.55 and that we spent no money in 2011 and to date only \$100.00 for Short Course Yards Zone Championship Awards.

A discussion was held on Open water series or one day open water festivals. Topics included compiling results, asking event directors to host an event, where to host events, one person organizing three to five events(using existing, or finding new swims, or a combination of the two) to comprise a series, insurance, liability, and so on.

Phil Whitten mentioned that there is a worldwide effort to tighten up on safety standards at open water events. Christine Maki mentioned that SPMS will be having a coaching clinic at the end of the month and that one of its topics will be safety. Paul Smith and Christine Maki will discuss the possibility of putting together a zone open water series or a zone one day open water festival

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:50am