

USAS National Convention

I attended the United States Aquatics Sports Convention in Saint Louis.

As in previous years, I flew in a couple of days before the convention to help USAS with delegate registration. I was eager to see how procedures had changed with the new group in the leadership role. Some of the processes were streamlined, registration online where delegates registered and paid for the specials event was a great time saving, as was knowing ahead if they wanted the program and banquet tickets.

USAS always needs the help, SPMS had an active presence there. I helped Mary and Omar with USMS certification of delegates as time allowed.

During convention besides the five House of Delegates session where I participated in voting on the various proposals, I attended 4 of the 5 Workshops, Top Ten, Rules, and Officials meetings. Our Zone elected Michael Heather as the new chair, with the election of Teddy Decker elected to USMS Treasurer, her at-large position is open, and several SPMS members applied to for the spot. The SPMS meet committee met and discussed various documents in the process of been updated.

Officials

The National Committee

Review of Spring and Summer Nationals, Fina World, and College Swimming.

USMS Officials Award was given to Ed Saltzman from Ga., long-time member of USMS, Ed was our Head Starter at the Summer National Championship at Mission Viejo.

USMS Officials certification process for USMS was approved to only take the USMS supplemental test if they have the required USA Swimming test scores from the last 2 years.

OC sent a request to the Championship Committee to investigate the length of competition days to 10 hours or less (Fina Rule).

Updating docs and meet paperwork to be posted on USMS website

SPMS Officials

Working with Meet Operations committee on Relay clarifications, Recognized Meets Observation Report, Meet Director/Admin Ref Reports.

Scheduling officials for SM season.

Updating officials' guidelines and requirements for SPMS

DQ Splits, Relay take off, relay cards, etc.

Goal to post a list of officials on SPMS website by the beginning of 2020.

Look into ways to help our officials that work national meet representing us.

Anyone interested in officiating, please contact me even if not currently trained in another organization.