

USMS Convention — Dallas, Texas 2017

Committee Name:	Colonies Zone Committee	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Natalie Taylor	Vice Chair:	Rand Vaillancourt
Minutes recorded by:	Jeff Strahota	Date/time of meeting:	14 Sept 5:31pm – 6:26pm

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- 1.

Motions Passed:

1. Mollie Grover – Chairman; Rand Vaillancourt Vice Chair
2. Zone Championship bids for 2017 SCM Zones and 2018 SCY Zones.

Number of committee members present: 47	Absent: 2+	Number of other delegates present:
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

VA – Kirk Clear, Patty Miller, Dr. Jim Miller, Betsy Durrant, Charles Cockrell, Heather Stevenson

PV – **Natalie Taylor (Chair)**, Jeff Strahota, Mollie Grover, David Robinson, Jeff Roddin, Stephanie Gauzens, Peter Lee, Ray Novitzke, Charlie Tupitza

MD – **Rand Vaillancourt (Vice Chair)**, Jen Marsquelier, Kristina Henry, John Zarowsky

DV – David Diehl, Laurie Hug, Steve Dougherty, Kim Inverso,

NJ – Ed Tsuzuki, Chris McGiffin, Susan Q Kirk, Marie Vellucci, Sarah Clark

MR – Craig Saint-Amour, Jayne Saint Amour, Charles Leroy Smith, Bob Kolonowski

CT –

NI – Greg Danner, Chris Beardsley

AD – Bob Singer, Sarah King

NE – Bill Meier, Doug Sayles, Crystie McGrail, Alana Aubin, Tim Lecrone, John Gillis, Guy Davis, Leo Letendre

Non-members – Marianne Groenings (National Office)

Committee Members Absent:

CT – Ally Segal

MD – Erin Mathews

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:31.

1. Elections –
 - a. Chair - Mollie Grover nominated for zone chair (Charlie Tupitza, Heather Stevenson). Ray Novitzke (Greg Danner) moved that we accept Mollie's nomination by acclamation.
 - b. Motion Tim, Ed, moved that we accept Rand Vaillancourt for Vice Chair by acclamation.
2. LMSC Standards – we are all doing a good job of meeting the required standards as a whole and working to meet any deficiencies.
3. Meet Recaps
 - a. 2016 SCM Zones (WPI) – 2nd time WPI has hosted, ran much better than 2015 and looking forward to 2017 version. Approx 500 swimmers last year (10% increase from 2015)
 - b. 2017 SCY Zones (GMU) – still a good meet, attendance is on par with 2016, which was down.
4. 2017-18 bids
 - a. 2017 SCM Zones – WPI is the only bid for 2017 (Dec 8-10). MSA (Rand, Dave R) to name this meet as the 2017 Colonies Zone SCM Championship

- b. 2018 SCY Zones – GMU is the only bid for 2018 (April 13-15 2017) MSA (Rand, Mollie) to name this meet as the 2018 Colonies Zone SCY Championship
- 5. Zone Dot Donnelly Award
 - a. 2017 Award Winner – Jeff Strahota
- 6. New Business
 - a. Doug (NE) brought up the Harvard NEM SCY Champs meet as possible SCY champs. They do have an entry cap that we'd have to consider, and we talked about possibly having a North-South challenge-type meet again.
 - b. LMSC Overviews
 - i. Maryland – Chidester swim series – multiple meets throughout the year at various locations
 - ii. DV – started a LMSC Championship meet this year (LC)
 - iii. AD – doing a NY State Championship meet @ Binghamton; also doing a joint masters/usms event alternating kids events with masters events
 - iv. VA – had a new meet at a new pool in VA Beach; looking to get a Randolph Macon meet back in; SCM meet in November.
 - v. MR – have some great open water venues for the summer, and had a meet w/ a social for all attendees
 - vi. NI – possible LCM Venues in Ithaca; also looking to start a NY State SCY Championship @ Binghamton U
 - vii. NJ – continuing to add new swim meets to the calendar, pentathlon event in the fall; LMSC paying for non-meet events (100x100 SCY, 50x100 LC, beginning of the year 50x50 Jan 1)
- 7. Old Business
 - a. ALTS Certification – Sept 30 (Portland ME), Oct 28 (Alexandria VA)

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

- 1. Solicit Bids for 2018 LC and OW swims.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.
