

2025 Michigan LMSC

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2025

Holland Aquatic Center

Members Present: Chad Steed, Corrin Buck, Jim Izzi, Patrick Weiss, Barbara Church, Lisa A Hypnar, Ralph Davis (Parliamentarian)

Meeting called to order 1:10pm

Welcome by Lisa A Hypnar

1. Approval of meeting minutes, motion for approval Ann Ward. Kathy Haney 2nd and membership approval.
2. Introduction of Ralph Davis Parliamentarian who discussed how the meeting would be managed to maintain order.
3. Welcome and Chair's Report: Chad Steed
 - a. Accomplishments of the LMSC this past year
 - i. USMS has highlighted Michigan LMSC as one of the premier LMSC's in the USA.
 - ii. The LMSC Online registration program continues to save the LMSC money (\$30,000) in registration fees to date.
 - iii. The Board has worked extremely hard this year to bring the members the best experience possible.
 - iv. Review of member survey results (130 responses)
 1. 95% said their needs are being met
 2. 93% said we were inclusive
 3. 82% meet prices are just right
 4. Most important comment was the friendships made
 - v. Member and Club Spotlights have been added to the website

- vi. Michigan Masters continues to have a large number of Top 10 performances and National Records
- vii. Turkey leg virtual swim and the Lions broken 200 events were new promotional events this year
- viii. Olympian Cullen Jones did a clinic and spoke at the Annual Banquet.
- ix. This year an additional fundraising dinner event was held with Cullen Jones to support USA Swimming Foundation and \$5,000 was raised from this event.
- x. Zeeland held a SCM Masters meet for the first time in December
- xi. USMS now requires all Masters Meets to have a certified Referee present beginning in 2025. Ken Mammo has led this transition and will continue to assist current officials into becoming USMS referees as well.
- xii. New coordinator positions have been filled
 1. Melissa Richardson - Open Water Coordinator
 2. Kris Goodrich - Coach Representative
 3. Ken Mammo – Officials Coordinator and Safety Director
 4. Sarah Lipton-Postal and Distance Coordinator
 5. Kevin Doak- Social and Media Coordinator pending
- xiii. Please continue to provide feedback, ideas, complete surveys and get involved
- xiv. Promoted June 21st Long Course Meet at Spire hosted by Allegheny Mountain, Lake Erie and Niagara LMSCs

4. New Logo unveiled
 - a. Logo idea and design by Trey Connor and Taylor Oberson
5. 2026 State Meet Bid
 - a. There was one eligible bid
 - b. Oakland University Men's and Women's Swim and Dive and MI LMSC BOD April 17-19, 2026, Rochester, Michigan

- i. Approval of the Oakland University Bid by hand vote was won by majority vote
- ii. Sally Bartkowiak brought up last year's bid by Sail Fish Swim Club for Eastern Michigan to host the 2026 State Meet Championship and wanted an explanation as to why Oakland University will now be hosting the 2026 meet. It was explained that the host group agreed to accept the bid with contingencies, because they had never held a USMS Masters Meet and was bidding for the State's largest meet. The contingency was to hold a successful Master's swim meet at Eastern Michigan University in the summer of 2024. This was not done, and the host parties were informed in September of 2024, that their bid had been withdrawn for failure to meet the contingency terms before the deadline.

6. Treasurer's Report from Jim Izzi

- a. Approval of budget 2025-2026 (see budget for details)
 - i. Asset balance approximately \$67,000 (checking, savings, CD/money market)
 - ii. \$2200 in interest
 - iii. We continue to fund our annual student scholarship, which has been increased to \$1,500 a year.
 - iv. Ralph Davis has offered to match donations up to \$500 through the end of June 2025.
 - v. Motion to approve budget by Mike Daly, 2nd by Ken Danhoff and membership approval

7. Proposed MI-LMSC Bylaw/Policy changes

PROPOSAL #1 Power to select champion/host locations from bid proposals and conduct of competition – Approval by hand vote with voting cards - PASSED

- i. Change power from general membership to the Board of Directors

1. State meet bids will continue to be submitted by the interested parties within the membership
2. All bids will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and a decision will be made on the bid capable of hosting a large meet, this party will work with the Board of Directors to ensure success.
3. Identifying venues and locations within the State and when able to rotate these venues will be part of the decision-making process
4. Motion to approve Kathy Haney, 2nd Ann Ward approved by membership 47-42
 - a. Member requesting that a post championship meet survey be available for feedback.

PROPOSAL #2 – MI-LMSC Championship Meets – Approval by hand vote with voting cards -PASSED

Motion to approve Kathy Haney, 2nd Ann Ward and membership approval

PROPOSAL #3- REORGANIZE AND REVISE Bylaw 8.1 -- Approval by hand vote with voting cards - PASSED

- Removal of floor nominations for Board positions
- If there is a position that has no candidate then the board will appoint a person for that position
- Process for intent to run for Board positions and application will be available online on the website
- New deadline for nominations for board positions
- New deadline for Championship meets bid
- All information will be available on the website at least 1 month prior to the annual meeting

Motion to accept and 2nd and membership approval

PROPOSAL #4 REQUIRED DEADLINES – Approval by hand vote with voting cards - PASSED

- Feb 1 -annual meeting date/location and calls for nominations, proposed bylaws/policies and requested agenda items
- Feb 15 -resumes of candidates for office and review committee elections
 - proposed by law and policy amendments
 - Championship meet bids
- March 15 -Tentative agenda of annual meeting, full text of proposed bylaw/policies and description of elections (2nd notice)
 - resumes for candidates for officer and review committee elections
 - Proposed bylaw/policy amendments
 - State championship meet host and location

Motion to approve, 2nd and membership approval

PROPOSAL #5 – Proposed Policy Change: State-Wide Elections, Electronic Ballot, Website Published Results, Non-Partisan MI-LMSC Designated as Election Official – proposal TABLED

- 8. Membership Coordinator's Report
- 9. Sanctions and Top 10 Report

-due to time constraints these reports can be found on the website

10. Michigan Masters Team Captain's Report- Corrin Buck

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm

Meeting minutes by Lisa A. Hypnar