

Virginia Local Masters Swim Committee (LMSC)
Policy Statement on USMS Convention Delegates

The LMSC Board of Directors shall select delegates to attend and represent the LMSC at the United States Masters Swimming (USMS) annual convention. Voting members of the House of Delegates shall be selected in accordance with the following procedures.

1. The LMSC Chair and Registrar shall be automatically selected as voting delegates if they are able to attend the convention.
2. If either the Chair or Registrar declines to attend, or if either individual has voting delegate status by virtue of a position held in the current USMS Administration, additional individuals shall be selected to fill that slot. Additional individuals shall also be selected to ensure the LMSC's full complement of delegate slots is filled.
3. Additional individuals shall be selected to fill remaining delegate slots. These delegates shall generally be selected from amongst the following individuals:
 - Current LMSC Officers, Chairs or members of standing committees.
 - Individuals who are members of ad-hoc or standing USMS committees, but are not voting delegates.
 - Meet Directors for Zone and National Championship events awarded to the Virginia LMSC.
 - Meet Directors of local events sanctioned by the LMSC.
4. The selection of additional delegates shall be with the intent of rotating the voting delegate spots amongst a number of positions to maximize involvement in the national administration of USMS and to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to LMSC goals and objectives.
5. After receiving the delegate allotments from USMS, the LMSC Chair shall nominate an appropriate number of delegates for approval by the LMSC Board of Directors.
6. Funding shall be provided to all individuals who have voting delegate status to the USMS Convention, including LMSC-appointed delegates, those holding positions in the current USMS administration and those receiving appointments as At-Large delegates by USMS. The maximum allowable reimbursement shall be based on registration fee, coach airfare and one-half hotel room expenses.
7. Individuals eligible to receive the maximum allowable reimbursement for convention expenses, as defined in paragraph 6, from USMS shall not receive further funding from the LMSC. Individuals receiving partial funding from USMS may receive additional funding from the LMSC, up to the maximum allowable by USMS, upon approval by the LMSC Board of Directors.

8. The LMSC Board of Directors may elect to set a budget limit on the total convention funding expenses. If the total funding limit established by the Board exceeds the total maximum allowable reimbursements for all delegates, then each delegate shall receive an equal reimbursement.

**Approved by the LMSC Board of Directors
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