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AD HOC PVMSC CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
REPORT TO PVMSC BOARD - JUNE 27, 1993

Committee Members: Lynn Hazlewood (Chairman)  
Joann Leilich  
Nancy Surdoval

The committee was formed by PVMSC Chairman Tom Denes to determine 1) why should PVMSC send delegates to the USMS convention, 2) how many delegates should we send, 3) who are the delegates that will be sent and 4) where does PVMSC stand on the issues to be discussed at convention.

The committee has made the following determinations:

- 1) PVMSC should send all three voting delegates to the USMS convention (see attachment *Why Attend USMS National Convention?*).
- 2) PVMSC should choose their voting delegates according to the *PVMSC Resolution Concerning USMS Convention Delegates* (see attached resolution - including suggested changes - which was passed 11/19/89). Board members who have expressed an interest in attending the convention as voting delegates are Lynn Hazlewood and Pat Diehl. Tom Denes, David Smith and Nancy Schap have declined. Joann Leilich (Chairman, National Registration Committee) and Dave Diehl (Member, Rules Committee) are at-large delegates. The rest of the Board has not stated their preferences.
- 3) PVMSC should fund the three voting delegates plus the two at-large delegates according to the process outlined in the *PVMSC Resolution Concerning USMS Convention Delegates*.
- 4) At the June 27 Board meeting, PVMSC should discuss the legislation issues presented in the *Legislation Considerations* attachment.

Submitted by Committee Chairman, Lynn Hazlewood.

Attachments: ***Why Attend USMS National Convention?***  
***PVMSC Resolution Concerning USMS Convention Delegates (NOTE: Suggested Changes)***  
***Legislation Considerations***

## **WHY ATTEND USMS NATIONAL CONVENTION?**

Each year PVMSC is entitled to send three voting delegates to the USMS National Convention (this is determined by the number of registered swimmers we have). In addition, we normally have one or more delegates who can go as voting delegates in other capacities (this year there are two). The question has been asked why should PVMSC fund a full complement of delegates to the convention? The answer falls into three parts: 1) What benefits will PVMSC derive from having delegates at convention?; 2) What is the obligation of PVMSC to USMS?; and 3) Do we need all potential delegates present to gain the benefits and fulfill our obligations?

### **Benefits to PVMSC**

Having people at the National Convention benefits PVMSC in the following ways:

- 1) PVMSC gains first-hand knowledge of important matters discussed at the convention. Brief overviews in *Swim* magazine and documentation distributed by the National Office do not adequately convey all the information about decisions made at convention.
- 2) Having delegates at convention gives PVMSC input in decisions that directly affect our organization (for example, how much we charge to register with PVMSC). If we have no people there, we have no voice.
- 3) PVMSC personnel benefit from the growth of their knowledge about USMS. This helps them to be better ambassadors for USMS in the community as well as increasing their value as working members of PVMSC. This small "perk" each year keeps the local volunteers involved.

### **Obligation to USMS**

PVMSC not only has the right to send delegates to the USMS National Convention, but it has an obligation to send them. USMS is a volunteer organization with only a few paid workers. USMS depends on volunteers to make the organization go. PVMSC is a part of USMS and has an obligation to participate in the convention each year which is the time most of the business of USMS is conducted. If all the LMSCs took the attitude that they don't have to send all their delegates because it is of no benefit to them, then the organization would fail for lack of workers.

### **How Many Delegates to Send**

PVMSC should send all the voting delegates to the convention that it is allowed for the following reasons:

- 1) In order to cover all the committee meetings adequately, we need as many people as we can send.
- 2) The more PVMSC people who go to convention, the more intimate knowledge we have in the local committee. In addition, people are inspired to do more when they feel more a part of the organization.
- 3) We should have all the votes we are entitled to when decisions are made in the House of Delegates. Sometimes the outcome of contentious issues are determined by very few votes.
- 4) We cannot fulfill our obligations to USMS by sending a minimum number of delegates. USMS needs all the people they can get to do the large number of jobs required to run an organization of this size.
- 5) Most members of USMS and Potomac Valley would rather pay than volunteer their time. Each member of Potomac Valley pays \$1.50-\$2.00 per year to send "the workers" to convention. A very small amount!

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