

**HOD Report**  
**Executive Secretary**  
**October 29, 2017**

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- **Sanctions/Meet Schedules/Requests for Bids** – Short Course meets through December have been posted in the Events on the website. The spring meets will be posted when clubs have met conditions of sanction. Meets for 2018-2019 have been reviewed by the Sanction Committee. Long Course meet flyers, sanction applications, and fees are due January 15, 2018.
- **Reimbursement Requests** – Fifty five (55) requests for reimbursement for Long Course meets were processed. The numbers were probably down because of the proximity of the Region VIII meet in Lincoln.
- **MW Records** – Both short course and long course records have been updated on the MW website. We use the LSC Portal to track records and achieve the highest level of accuracy. If times in SWIMS are incorrect we do need to be notified.
- **MW Awards** – Awards have been received and everything is ready for the Awards Luncheon. Several emails were sent to all MW registered non-athletes reminding them of date and method to sign up for the luncheon. Swimmer of the Year awardees were sent special invitation/notification of the event.
- **All Star Meet:** All Star coach balloting ended October 21. Eric Samson will be the head All Star coach for the January 13-14, 2018 meet in Elkhorn. Athlete application for the All Star meet will be posted after the HOD meeting and the cost for the athletes for the meet has been set.
- **Senior and Age Group Coach of the Year:** Coaches have selected Bruce Schomburg as Senior Coach of the Year and Julie Barr as Age Group Coach of the Year.
- **Zone Meet:** Zone meet site for MW for August 2-5, 2018 is Minneapolis, MN. Meet sites for 2019 are Fargo ND and Pleasant Prairie WI. MW's site will be determined at the September 2018 Central Zone meeting.
- **MW Time Standards:** Qualifying times for both short course and long course 2018 have been calculated and posted. Most of the qualifying times remained the same. TU has added the MW times to the TU sites.
- **LEAP:** Documents necessary for LEAP 1 renewal have been uploaded through the MW LSC portal on the USA Swimming website. Final submission will be made when all current BOD members have completed an online LSC Leadership course.
- **Convention:** USA Swimming will have a new governance structure. Impacting MW will be the Junior Coach registration category, allowing athletes 16 and 17 years old to coach under the supervision of a Coach member, and a new Flex membership category, which will allow new athletes to register at a lower cost and compete in a maximum of two meets per year. These changes will go into effect for the 2018-2019 registration year.
- **High School Swimming:** The Nebraska High School season will start November 13, 2017. Again in 2018 the HS conference meets and the state meet will be observed and times for all athletes registered with MW at the time of the swim will be entered into SWIMS. There are several season-ending invitationals that have been approved for observation in the past. Those are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the USA Swimming Program Operations designee. Times from the Iowa district and state meets that are in SWIMS will be accepted for MW times.