

HOD Report  
Executive Secretary  
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- **Sanctions/Meet Schedules**—USA Swimming is still encouraging squad, virtual, and small, local invites. MW will entertain requests for Sanctions that are in compliance with USA Swimming guidelines and local and state mandates. Restrictions regarding athletes entering meets outside their own LSC have been lifted.. All meets that were bid for September-December have been pulled from the MW website. Going forward we are sanctioning meets on a case-by-case basis. There are 18 meets currently scheduled for this Fall. Most are CLOSED meets – squad meets or 3-4 team invites. Several school districts are now allowing clubs to use their facilities if they abide by the local/district restrictions. We are encouraging some restrictions on the meets being sanctioned – especially social distance and smaller sessions.
- **SAA and Midwestern Academic Awards** – MW has had seven athletes who have applied and been accepted for the USA Swimming Academic All America Award. Final list was posted on the USA Swimming website We had 27 successful applicants for the Midwestern Academic Award. Certificates will be distributed to clubs along with all other awards.
- **Awards** – There will be no awards luncheon this year. Awards have been bundled and are awaiting pick-up by Carol who will oversee distribution. Awards include MW Top 8, MW IMX Top 3 – SCY, MW Record Breakers, and Zone qualifiers. Some awards that have been given in the past just are not valid this year. We only really had a shortened SCY season. Award winners will be posted on the Midwestern website just like they have been in the past.
- **Convention** – The USAS Convention this year was a Virtual convention. MW officers and athletes did participate in appropriate meetings. The General Session of the House of Delegates was interesting to say the least. The legislation packet which would normally be done by 11:30 a.m. was not out until almost 2:00 p.m. Allowing those to speak pro and con the proposed legislation items took an immense amount of time. The voting process was very easy for those of us with voting credentials. Committee meetings were held both before and after the USAS HOD and several of attended those. Central Zone held its meeting on Sunday afternoon. It was noted that many committee meetings had a lot more attendees than they would have had if we had been f2f in Jacksonville. Keeping the constituency informed is of paramount importance.
- **MW Website** – We are trying to include updates from USA Swimming including notes from LSC Leadership meetings and anything else the membership needs to be aware of. We are posting meet flyers only if the meet is open. It is up to clubs to circulate meet information and event files if meets are closed. Betty is making sure all meets have the necessary information in their meet flyers. Betty is also helping with the Meet Manager files to make sure the meets will run well and that we will have all the information we need after the fact.
- **Going Forward** – Keeping athletes in the water, encouraging new swimmers, helping clubs when possible, and maintaining a high level of services to clubs are all goals at this point. This is not easy – not for athletes, not for coaches, not for clubs, and not for LSCs. We encourage everyone to use the USA Swimming website going forward for all its available resources for staying viable into the future.