

Ed Coates - South Central Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director



The Election Committee has deemed that Ed Coates is a member in good standing of USMS. The candidate has indicated he is planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year and, if elected, is planning to attend all HOD Meetings during his tenure in office.

The candidate is running for reelection and is not required to provide a letter of nomination or letters of recommendation.

The candidate provided the following responses on the Candidate Questionnaire/Consent-to-Run Form:

Section Two: Candidate Qualifications

I am a member in good standing of USMS in this election year: Yes No

I am planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year: Yes No

I am planning to attend all HOD Meetings during my tenure in office: Yes No

I have attended 2 or more HOD Meeting in the past five years? Yes No

Please list the USMS National HOD Meetings you have attended, including the dates of attendance:

I have attended Annual USAS convention and USMS HOD in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Section Three: Questions

Why are you interested in this position and why do you believe you would be a good candidate?

I have been active in both local LMSC as Chair and USMS national operations as the Chair of the Compensation and Benefits Committee. I believe these experiences make me well qualified to serve as an at- large director on the Board. My professional work experience with Boards also give me a good frame work for participating in Board activity.

What do you consider to be the major issues facing USMS now and in the future? As a person holding an elected position within USMS, how would you address these issues?

The biggest issue for USMS is to determine what services to provide its diverse membership. We have competitive swimmers, fitness swimmers and triathletes. We also need to offer a standardized set of services to our members that is consistent throughout the country.

Please list USMS committees on which you have served. Include the dates you were on the committees and the names of the committee chairs under whom you served:

I have served on the Compensation and Benefits committee since 2011. Sarah Welch was the committee chair when I joined the Committee. I have served as the Compensation and Benefits Chair since 2013.

I was appointed to the Governance Committee for 2018. I have served on the convention task force in 2018.

Please list any other experience that relates to your qualifications for the position.

I have also worked with other volunteer run organizations like the Boy Scouts of America and served on the Board of local professional organizations.

Please list any other information you would like included.

Please write a short summary statement that will be posted on the display board with your photograph at the HOD Meeting

My goal as a Board member is to help USMS achieve its strategic goals. I will work the Board members to help improve delivery of services to our membership.