

Jack Groselle – Dixie Zone Candidate for At-Large Director



The Election Committee has deemed that Jack Groselle is a member in good standing of U.S. Masters Swimming. 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 was nominated by *Lisa Watson* and received letters of recommendation from *Bob Jennings* and *Ed Saltzman* in accordance with the USMS Election Operating Guidelines.

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: X Yes ___ No

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

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

I have attended 1 or more HOD Meeting in the past five years? X Yes ___ No

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

2007 Anaheim, Calif., 2008 Alanta, Ga., 2009 Chicago, Ill., 2010 Dallas, Tx., 2011 Jacksonville, Fl., 2012 Greensboro, N.C., 2013 Anaheim, Calif., 2014 Jacksonville, Fl., 2015 Kanas City, 2016 Alanta, Ga., 2017 Dallas, Tx., 2018 Jacksonville, Fl., 2019 St. Louis, Mo.

Section Three: Questions

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

I have held many positions and been involved in many parts of the national organization. I have enjoyed working on the Championship Committee, Finance Committee, and Recognition and Awards Committee. I was ask by many USMS members to run for the position.

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?

Membership, Membership, Membership, Membership, and any other issue is way, way down on the list. The majority of the funds to operate USMS come from the members and they need to be our focus. We need to look at how we respond to members concerns and questions and work on getting more members.

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:

Championship 2007-2016

Finance 2016-2017

Recognition and Awards 2020

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

I have been a coach for over 30 years, coaching college, high school, and age group swimming. I have been a competitor at many of the USMS National Championship events and I have been a meet liaison for two USMS national championships. I understand what it takes to create a good experience for both the meet organizers and the athletes.

Please list any other information you would like included.

I am a proud member of the Masters International Swimming Hall of Fame. I worked very hard for many years to achieve this accomplishment. I hold and have held many national and world records both individually and on relays.

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

The strength of USMS is in its members. We need to utilize the great leadership and knowledge that our present members have and strive to increase the total membership.

I am a seventh-generation farmer farming over 2000 acres of soybeans, corn, wheat, alfalfa hay, and grapes for wine. I am a sole proprietor and have run a successful business for over 40 years.

Swimming has been one of the most important parts of my life from age group, high school, to college, to being a USMS member for over 30 years. In addition, I have coached age group, high school, and college swimming for over 30 years.

April 17, 2020

To: USMS Elections Committee

I am writing to nominate Jack Groselle for the Dixie Zone At Large Director position.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Watson".

**Lisa Watson
Vice Chair-Georgia LMSC
US Masters Swimming**

From: Bob Jennings, Florida LMSC Vice Chair

To: USMS Election Committee

Date: March 20, 2020

Subject: Recommendation Letter for Jack Groselle for the position of Dixie Zone At-Large Director

It is my honor to recommend Jack Groselle as a candidate for the position of Dixie Zone At Large Director

Jack Groselle has had a passion for all aspects of Masters swimming since joining USMS in 1981. As an active swimmer, Jack's years of hard work and determination have paid off in record breaking performances and his 2015 induction into the International Masters Hall of Fame. His many years of swimming have made him keenly aware of the desires and needs of USMS members at all levels.

Jack has been an active contributor for the Florida LMSC for years and has represented the LMSC at convention since 2007. This has provided Jack with an understanding of local and national swimming issues along with how USMS works.

On the National level, Jack has served on the Championship Committee from 2008 to 2016. He served as liaison for USMS at the 2014 and 2015 Summer Nationals. This has provided Jack with a deep understanding of all aspects of running a swim meets and especially our national championships. In 2016-17, he served on the Finance Committee. This has provided Jack with an understanding of the financial workings of USMS. Currently Jack servers on the Recognition and Awards Committee as Liaison for the International Swimming Hall of Fame. In addition, Jack has volunteered at the 1989 YMCA Nationals and 2002 USMS Long Course Nationals.

For 22 years, Jack coached the Hiram College men's and women's swim team. He was voted four times Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year (91, 94, 95, & 06). This coaching experience has provided Jack with an understanding of the importance of coaching and the College Club Program.

Outside of swimming, Jack has been a successful business owner for 40 years and has provided multiple years in public service as a Hiram Township Trustee.

Jack's background on the Championship, Finance and Recognition and Awards, Committees, 12-year convention attendee, college swim coach, ISHOF member, and successful businessman qualify him as an outstanding candidate for the Dixie Zone At-Large Director position.

I am extremely please to endorse Jack Groselle for the Dixie Zone At -Large Director position and give my permission for the Elections Committee to publish this letter of support in the election packet.

Sincerely,

**Bob Jennings
Florida LMSC Vice Chair and former Chair
USMS Coaches Committee member and former Chair**

From: Edward Saltzman, Dixie Zone Chair

To: The Elections Committee

Date: March 10, 2020

Subject: Recommendation Letter for Jack Groselle for the position of Dixie Zone At-Large Director

It is my honor to recommend Jack Groselle to the House of Delegates as a candidate for the position of At-Large Director for the Dixie Zone.

Jack Groselle is the epitome of what Masters Swimming represents - in and out of the pool. He contributes on both the competitive and the governance side of the sport. He has been coming to convention since 2007, which gives him a deep understanding of the workings of United States Masters Swimming, and its governance processes.

Jack brings a wealth of knowledge and skills with him from his 40 years as a successful business owner and his years in public service, as a Hiram Township Trustee. These experiences have given him a unique ability to look at issues and analyze them from all sides and work with others, to arrive at solutions that would best serve everyone.

Jack's years as a Masters Swimmer (since 1981) have given him a depth of understanding of the needs and desires of our membership base; from novice beginner, all the way up to world record holder and International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Inductee (2015).

His 22 years as a College Swim Coach of the Hiram College Men's and Women's swim team and four years as the Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year (1991, 1994, 1995, 2006); and his numerous years coaching and mentoring Masters Swimmers uniquely positions him to understand the ever important part coaches play in growing our organization and what tools they need to do their job. It also makes him an asset for our young College Club program.

Jack's passion for swimming, at all levels, has made him a highly motivated contributor and volunteer; serving USMS in numerous positions in which he has made major contributions of time and effort. He was a volunteer for both the 1989 YMCA Nationals and the 2002 USMS LC Nationals; both held at Cleveland State.

Jack served USMS as an active member of the Championship Committee from 2008-2016; where he distinguished himself as the meet liaison for both the 2014 Summer Nationals at the University of Maryland and the 2015 Summer Nationals in Geneva, Ohio. Meet liaison is an extremely time consuming and strenuous undertaking; requiring leadership skills, team effort and a deep knowledge and understanding of what makes an event a memorable experience for the participants and the volunteers. Jack worked closely with both organizing teams to deliver highly successful events.

Jack has also served on the USMS Finance committee for two years (2016-2017) giving him a broad understanding of the financial aspects of our organization. Just one more aspect of Jack that will make him a strong contributor and valuable asset for the USMS Board of Directors.

Jack currently serves on the Recognition and Awards Committee as the ISHOF Liaison.

Jack is a team player and is not afraid to ask questions and explore alternative solutions to arrive at the best decisions to achieve the maximum balanced benefit for our organization and our membership. He is and will continue to be a valuable contributor to USMS and an asset to the Board, as they position USMS for the future.

I am pleased to endorse his candidacy for the Dixie Zone At-Large Director position and give my permission for the Elections Committee to publish this letter of support in the election packet.

Sincerely



Edward Saltzman
Dixie Zone Chair
Georgia LMSC