

Jack Groselle - Candidate for Vice President of Community Services



The Election Committee has deemed that Jack Groselle 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 was nominated by *Jeff Roddin* and received letters of recommendation from *Tracy Grilli* and *Sandi Rousseau* in accordance with our 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: 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 1 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:

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

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 and the Finance Committee. I was ask by many USMS members to run for this 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 the next 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

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 the 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.



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From: Jeff Roddin
Date: May 13, 2019
Subject Line: Nomination

To: The Elections Committee

I am writing to nominate Jack Groselle for the Vice President of Community Services position.

Sincerely,

Jeff Roddin

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Jeff Roddin | Registrar | Potomac Valley LMSC | U.S. Masters Swimming



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From: Tracy Grilli

Date: April 19, 2019

Subject Line: Letter of Recommendation – For Jack Groselle to the position of USMS Vice President of Community Services
To: The Elections Committee

It is my pleasure to recommend Jack Groselle to the House of Delegates as a candidate for the position of Vice President of Community Services. I have known Jack for many years starting in the late 1990's as "campers" at the USOC High Performance Camp in Colorado Springs. We crossed paths again in 2002 during my son's college search when he was seriously considering Hiram College and the Terriers swim team where Jack was the head coach. Since then our swimming social circles have merged while both living part time in Sarasota, swimming and socializing with Masters team mates.

Professionally, Jack is a seventh-generation farmer. For the past 40 years he has directed the daily operations of his 2000-acre grain farm. He recently retired as the head coach of the Hiram College Men's and Women's swim team which he led for 22 years (1988-1995, 1999-2014). He was named Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the year 4 times (1991, 1994, 1995, 2006).

Many of us know that Jack is a GREAT swimmer and has been for a very long time. Jack became involved with Masters in 1981, attending his first meet in Canton, Ohio at the USMS Long Course Nationals. Since that first meet Jack has worked very hard, has broken several National and World Records and has become one of the best swimmers in the world. Through passion for swimming, hard work and dedication, he was rewarded in 2015 by being inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Masters Swimmer.

Jack was a 25-year volunteer for the Hiram Fire Department. For many years, Jack has applied for and received a \$2,500 grant from America's Farmers Grow Communities (a program where farmers across the country partner with this organization to give back to rural nonprofit organizations). The Hiram Fire Department Association has been the recipient of these donations which they have used to purchase valuable equipment that will assist them in keeping themselves and the community safe. Jack also volunteers as Vice Chairman of the Hiram Township Trustees. As a Trustee he considers issues big and small while making the best decisions that are fair to all constituents of the township.

It is swimming that led Jack to USMS. It is his passion for Masters that motivated him to give back to the organization. Jack was a volunteer for both the 1989 YMCA Nationals and 2002 LC Nationals both held at Cleveland State. He attended his first convention in 2007 and has been a convention delegate from 2008 to present.

Jack was an active member of the USMS Championship Committee from 2008-2016 and served as the meet liaison for both the 2014 Summer Nationals at the University of Maryland and the 2015 Summer Nationals in Geneva, Ohio. Jack understands what it takes to create a good experience for both the meet organizers and athletes and why he was selected by the committee to assist in this position. He also served on the Finance committee for two years, 2016-2017.

Our members (individuals and coaches) are our strength, our "community". The position of Vice President of Community Services must be a person who understands "who" our members are. The VPCS is someone who works together with the committees that fall under this division (Coaches, Diversity and Inclusion, Fitness Education & Sports Medicine and Science) in offering education, resources, opportunities, lifetime benefits or whatever may be needed for a positive Masters experience for our members. Our members are our future!

Jack's passion for swimming, his energy, experience and sense of community make him an ideal candidate for this position. It is my pleasure to recommend Jack as the next Vice President of Community Services.

Tracy Grilli

Member, U.S. Masters Swimming



From: Sandi Rousseau

Date: April 28, 2019

Subject Line: Recommendation Letter for Jack Groselle for Vice-President of Community Services

To: The Elections Committee

It is my privilege to endorse Jack Groselle for the position of USMS Vice President of Community Affairs. Jack has been involved in Masters Swimming since 1981 and has been active at the national level since 2007. This Vice President position oversees the Coaches, Fitness Education, and Sports Medicine and Science Committees, and these are areas in which Jack has valuable experience. Consequently Jack will be capably able to offer guidance to these committee chairs and members and will have appreciation for the tasks that these committees are undertaking.

Jack has been a coach at the college and Masters levels. He is accomplished in his own swimming but has concern for the experience that everyone in Masters swimming is having. As a member of the Championship Committee he served as liaison to two national championship events and was tuned in to improving the experience for all athletes including the very competitive and the fitness swimmer.

Jack is a farming business owner, so he possesses first hand knowledge of how to run a business successfully. He has experience as a local township trustee which involved overseeing staff and implementing policies as well as balancing the needs and desires of all constituents in a fair and balanced manner.

Within USMS, Jack's eight years on the Championship Committee and two years on the Finance Committee provided him with valuable experience in assisting with shaping and implementing USMS policies. He has the ability to delve into discussions, question the possible implications of actions, and look for what is best for our organization. He is not afraid to question decisions and ask for explanations, and these are characteristics that are needed and will be beneficial to our Executive Committee and our Board of Directors. Jack is a team player and can build consensus with rational and productive discussions about topics.

Jack has been a valuable contributor to USMS and would be an asset in a position in which he can help guide the future of USMS. I hope that all delegates will realize the breadth of Jack's knowledge and understanding of USMS and appreciate his ability to help lead our organization.

I give permission for the Elections Committee to publish this letter of support in the election packet.

Sincerely,

Sandi Rousseau

Oregon LMSC