

## Sue Nutty – Breadbasket Zone Candidate for At-Large Director



The Election Committee has deemed that Sue Nutty is a member in good standing of U.S. Masters Swimming. The candidate has indicated she is planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year and, if elected, is planning to attend all HOD Meetings during her tenure in office.

The candidate was nominated and recommended by *Sheila Wrobel* and received a letter of recommendation from *Chris Colburn* 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:***

2011 – Jacksonville, 2012 – Greensboro, 2013 – Anaheim, 2014 – Jacksonville, 2015 – Kansas City, 2016 – Atlanta, 2017 – Dallas, 2018 – Jacksonville, 2019 – St Louis, 2020 & 2021 – Virtual

### Section Three: Questions

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

Desire to serve BB Zone members and LMSC office holders in whatever way possible. This could include new ideas, problem-solving, finding answers and event-hosting support. The other facet of the position will be to represent the zone and communicate its specific needs and characteristics back to the Board. I have a lot to learn but look forward to the opportunities and challenges this position will afford.

***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 numbers – retention of current members, addition of new ones. Possible solution – ALTS program expansion

***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:***

Open Water – 2012-2018, Lynn Hazelwood & Bob Bruce; Coaches – 2014 (approx..) Scott Bay;  
Registrar/Membership – 2020 Susan Ehringer, 2021 & 2022 chair; ALTS – 2021 & 2022 – Carrie Stoler & Marlys Cappaert

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

Long time swim coach (summer league-club-high school-college-masters); even longer - teaching people of all ages how to swim - which I still enjoy! Leadership, problem-solving and people management skills from 20+ years of guiding kayak/camping trips in the wilderness. High degree of responsibility to follow-through on commitments.

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

Masters swimming is such a unique organization: providing opportunities to compete, pursue fitness, make new friends, get involved in something bigger than yourself, learn to swim and be challenged in different ways. I have been blessed to be a part since 2008 and hope to continue to advance its mission in this new role.

From: Sheila Wrobel, Nebraska LMSC Secretary & Sanction Chair

Date: April 26, 2022

Subject: Nomination and Recommendation for Breadbasket Zone At-Large Director Position – Sue Nutty

To: The Elections Committee

Sent via e-mail to: [elections@usmastersswimming.org](mailto:elections@usmastersswimming.org)

I nominate and recommend Sue Nutty for the Breadbasket Zone At-Large Director position.

Sue has been a lifelong swimmer and coach at the age group, high school, college and masters levels. She performs many administrative functions in support of the Nebraska LMSC including membership, organizing and working at swim meets, and other activities. Sue has organized and run adult learn-to-swim lessons for many years, providing volunteers with easy to follow instructions resulting in a fun, stress-free and safe environment for participants. The new swimmers' pure joy and great sense of accomplishment is rewarding for everyone!

Sue is very enthusiastic, professional and dedicated to supporting all facets of masters swimming. Based on her in-depth expertise and great love of swimming, Sue will be an outstanding USMS At-large Director!

Sincerely,

Sheila Wrobel  
Nebraska LMSC Secretary and Sanction Chair

From: Chris Colburn, Vice President of Administration  
Date: April 26, 2022  
Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Sue Nutty  
To: The Elections Committee

I am writing to recommend Sue Nutty for the position of At-Large Director from the Breadbasket Zone.

I have known Sue for 19 years. We met as opposing coaches when Sue was the Head Coach of Women's Swimming at Carthage College. I found Sue to be knowledgeable about swimming, well-liked by her athletes, and communicative with her fellow coaches. In subsequent years, I worked with Sue's team as a consultant, and learned that Sue is an impressive, level-headed leader who cares about her swimmers both in and out of the pool.

In more recent years, I have worked with Sue through USMS in her roles with the Membership Committee, most recently as its Chair. I again found Sue to be someone who is passionate about swimming, who cares about the membership, and who is dedicated to ensuring that membership coordinators and members alike get the information they need to be successful.

A good listener and reasonable thinker, Sue understands the current strategic priorities of the organization, and possesses the leadership qualities that would make her a great member of the USMS Board of Directors. To that end, I strongly recommend Sue Nutty for the position of At-Large Director from the Breadbasket Zone.

Sincerely Yours,  
Chris Colburn  
USMS Vice President of Administration