

# Central Zone Officials Chair Report

2016-2017 was another busy year for Central Zone officials. There were many opportunities to advance, with most OQMs hosting National Evaluators that could mentor positions through N3final level evaluations.

The following 10 Zone/Section Meets were hosted:

- Spring Sectionals (3) –
  - Iowa City, IA (12 evaluations)
  - Indianapolis, IN (9 evaluations)
  - Columbia, MO (31 evaluations)
- Summer Sectionals (3) –
  - Minneapolis, MN (10 evaluations)
  - Columbus, OH (10 evaluations)
  - Lincoln, NE (12 evaluations)
- Multi-Cultural Meet in Columbus, OH
- Open Water Meet in Pleasant Prairie, WI
- Age Group Zones (2) –
  - Pleasant Prairie, WI (17 evaluations)
  - Rochester, MN (18 evaluations)

Last fall the National Officials Chair asked us to make a concerted effort to develop Meet Referees for Futures Meets. So far the Central Zone is the only zone that has not developed a Meet Referee for a Futures Meet, and the Central Zone's policy for selecting Meet Referees is not always followed.

The LSCs were invited to submit a list of candidates that would be ready to take on a Zone meet and then possibly a Sectional meet. I am pleased to report that both Age Group Zone Meets were successfully run by Meet Referees identified by their LSCs that were not from the host LSC.

The biennial LSC Officials Chair conference was held in Houston the third weekend in June. Only Indiana and Lake Erie were missing representation from the Central Zone. The Western Zone presented their program for mentoring officials at Zone meets, and also discussed how they choose Meet Referees for both Zones and Sectionals.

Due to the increased need for Meet Referees at the national level, the Central Zone Directors and I would like to launch a task force to look into officiating at Sectionals and Zones. This would include the selection and development of Meet Referees.

Proposed membership of the task force:

- Zone Directors Jeff Bradley and Amy Hoppenrath
- Zone Championship Directors Paul Thompson and Jeff Arce
- Section Leaders Michael Lawrence, Cindy Virido, and Paul Thompson
- Zone Officials Chairs Anne Lawley and Eric Peterson
- Zone Athlete Rep Jack Swanson
- 2 additional athletes

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Lawley  
Central Zone Officials Chair

## 2017 Meets

SC Sectionals						
Host	Officials	# Sessions	/session	Host #	# Evals	Out of Section LSCs
IA*	37	W- 193	24.1	19 (51%)	12	4
		D- 32	4			
IN (LC)	40	W- 221	27.6	22 (55%)	9	5
		D- 40	5			
MV*	49	W- 230	32.9	28 (57%)	31	3
		D- 52	7.4			
* 2 pool prelims						
LC Sectionals						
Host	Officials	# Sessions	/session	Host #	# Evals	Out of Section LSCs
MN	28	W - 140	17.5	16 (57%)	10	2
		D - 36	4.5			
OH	37	W - 175	21.9	26 (70%)	10	5
		D - 40	5			
MW	32	W- 175	21.9	16 (50%)	12	6
		D - 48	6			

2017 Age Group (4 day format)						
Host	# Officials	# Sessions	/Session	Host #	Evals	# LSCs
WI	45	W-230	19.2	9 (20%)	17	8
		D-50	4.2			
MN	43	W-259	21.6	13 (30%)	18	11
		D-58	4.8			

2017 Open Water			
Host	# Officials	Host #	# LSCs
WI	22	7 (32%)	8

2017 Multicultural Meet						
Host	# Officials	# Sessions	/Session	Host #	Evals	# LSC
OH	19	W- 41	10.25	14 (74%)	0	5
		D - 12	3			

## 2016 Meets

LC Sectionals						
Host	# Officials	# Sessions	/session	Host #	# Evals	Out of Section LSCs
WI	41	W - 145	20.7	6 (14.6%)	8	3
		D - 38	5.4			
LE	24	W - 115	14.4	11 (45.8%)	8	1
		D - 24	3			
OK	49	W - 246	30.8	14	26	3
		D - 59	7.4			

LC Sectionals						
Host	# Officials	# Sessions	/session	Host #	# Evals	Out of Section LSCs
WI	37	W - 182	22.8	17 (46%)	19	2
		D - 24	3			
OH	49	W - 186	26.6	45 (92%)	19	1
		D - 43	6.1			
MV	40	W - 187	23.4	18 (45%)	18	1
		D - 50	7.1			

2016 - MEGA ZONE (4 days)						
Host	# Officials	# Sessions	/Session	Host #	Evals	# LSCs
IN	64	W- 345	28.8	20 (31%)	24	14
		D- 46	3.8			

2016 Open Water			
Host	# Officials	Host #	# LSCs
WI	24	6 (25%)	6

## 2015 Meets

SC Sectionals						
Host	# Officials	# Sessions	/session	Host #	# Evals	Out of Section LSCs
IA	36	W - 144	20.6	17 (47%)	10	5
		D - 28	4			
IN	48	W - 238	29.8	31 (65%)	9	4
		D - 32	4			
OK	47	W - 193	27.6	18 (38%)	23	1
		D - 50	7.1			
LC Sectionals						
Host	# Officials	# Sessions	/session	Host #	# Evals	Out of Section LSCs
MN	26	W - 129	16.1	13 (50%)	11	0
		D - 22	3.1			
OH	51	W - 219	27.4	42 (82%)	15	5
		D - 43	5.4			
MV	47	W - 240	30	23 (48.9%)	13	2
		D - 64	8			

2015 Age Group Zones						
Host	# Officials	# Sessions	/Session	Host #	Evals	# LSC
MN	44	W- 184	20.4	30 (68.2%)	22	7
		D- 37	4.1			
MV	61	W- 271	30.1	26 (42.6%)	17	9
		D- 49	5.4			

2015 Open Water			
Host	# Officials	Host #	# LSCs
WI	23	7 (30.4%)	5

2015 Multicultural Meet						
Host	# Officials	# Sessions	/Session	Host #	Evals	# LSC
IN	29	W- 54	13.5	23 (79%)	0	4
		D- 17	4.25			