



## Officials Committee Mission & Structure

### ***Mission:***

The mission of the Midwestern Swimming, Inc. Officials Committee is ensuring safe, fair, and equitable conditions for competitive swimming throughout the LSC. The Committee is responsible for the recruitment, training, and retention of Officials, in accordance with the rules and regulations of USA Swimming. We seek to inspire excellence, consistency, and professionalism among all certified Officials in Midwestern Swimming.

### ***I. Membership Composition:***

The membership of the Officials Committee shall consist of seven (7) certified Officials from MWS comprised of the following:

- MWS Officials Chair - shall serve as Chair and member of the Officials Committee  
Elected in odd numbered years by the Midwestern House of Representatives
- Committee elected by ballot sent to all current officials
  - One Lincoln area representative (Year 2)
  - One Omaha area representative (Metro-Omaha) (Year 3)
  - One Northeast area representative (north and east of the Lincoln and Omaha areas) (Year 2)
  - One Western area representative (north and west of the Lincoln area) (Year 1)
  - Two At-Large representatives (Year 1 and Year 3)

### ***II. Selection of Members:***

- The term of each elected member is three (3) years with a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms before vacating the position. That member may then be eligible for re-election after a two (2) year vacancy.
- Candidates for the Committee will be any currently certified Official from MWS with at least two (2) years experience at that level of certification within MWS.
- All members of the Committee must maintain current certification to be a member of the Committee. Should certification lapse, membership on the Committee will cease and the procedure for vacancies will be pursued.
- The selection of members to the Committee will be from those volunteering for the position. Notice of such is provided to all certified Officials at or around the spring House of Delegates meeting. The election will be conducted during the month of September of the year before term commencement.
- Ballots will be sent via email to all MWS Officials and only those votes returned by the posted deadline will be tabulated.
- One (1) member each will represent the Northeast and Western areas of MWS. The Northeast region will encompass the area north and east of Lincoln, to include the cities of Norfolk, Fremont, and Sioux City. The Western region will encompass all areas outside of the Metro Omaha, Lincoln, and Northeast regions.
- If there is no area representative on the ballot, the Chair will request volunteers residing in that region. If no area representative still exists, that seat on the Committee will remain vacant until such time an Official from that area volunteers for such. The area Official will be approved by a majority of the remaining members of the Committee and will fulfill the term of the vacant position until the next regularly scheduled election.

### ***III. Vacancies:***

- Should a member vacate his/her position for any reason, the Chair will then appoint a successor, from that region if necessary, to be approved by a majority of the remaining members of the Committee. That successor will then fulfill the term of the vacated position until the next regularly scheduled election.