

## **DID YOU KNOW....?**

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There is a USMS standing committee (which means that it will continue with its work toward achieving its current goals and/or any new goals the USMS board gives it). Current goals are to help any of the 52 Local Masters Swim Committees in USMS get their organizations in compliance with standards that the USMS board of directors have approved. Those standards are continuously being review to keep them current.



This committee has two subcommittees. One is named Practices & Standards and the other is named Mentoring. The P & C committee creates and monitors surveys for LMSCs to respond to in order to see where an LMSC might need mentoring help. Furthermore, the P & C subcommittee searches for 'best practices' taking place in LMSCs that it can suggest to other LMSCs that are weak in a specific area. The Mentoring subcommittee arranges nationwide conference calls for specific positions in all the LMSCs (example: for all the LMSC treasurers throughout the country) each month. These are productive because a lot of good ideas are kicked around, some of which are adopted by other LMSCs.

Our LMSC has achieved perfect scores on the surveys and our board is rightfully proud of that. But we can't rest on this, for we can still improve what we do. One such thing is to make a current list of places to swim in North Carolina. There is a section on the USMS website when places to swim in all the LMSCs are posted; ours are out of date. One of the many things that we do well is to reimburse our coaches who take Levels I, II and III coaching clinics. This enhances the professionalism of the NCMS coaching ranks.

Suggestions with other ideas that the LMSC board can consider are welcomed.