

**Motion 17MP01:** An ad hoc committee be appointed to identify a comprehensive list of opportunities and high priority issues that have a significant impact on the mission (or operations) of Zone 1 South (Z1S). This ad hoc committee shall be known as the Opportunities and Issues Committee (OIC), and will be tasked with identifying the items which have the largest impact across the Zone. The OIC will be responsible for gathering feedback from **ALL** Z1S clubs, and key BOD members to ensure input from all impacted parties is received. Issues identified by the OIC shall be listed in priority order beginning with the most important issue to be addressed. The list of issues shall be presented at the January 10, 2018 Z1S board meeting. The list may be reordered at the January meeting by vote of the Z1S board. Each of the top three (3) issues shall be assigned to a separate ad hoc resolution committee. By separate motion at the January 10, 2018 Z1S board meeting, each resolution committee shall be given a deadline for presenting one or more possible solutions to their assigned issue.

**Rationale for proposal:** In discussions with various people within Z1S it has become apparent that there are a number of issues that are of concern to athletes, coaches, and officials. Not only do the issues differ from person to person and club to club but also the issue priorities differ. It would be valuable to get a majority of Z1S stake holders on the same page as to what issues to address. There is no standing committee within Z1S that has a charter to come up with a prioritized issues list. An ad hoc committee is a common approach to handle tasks outside the jurisdiction of the Z1S standing committees. The work of the OIC can be done through e-mails, at swim meets, or whatever approach seems appropriate. Identification of top issues and their priority may be done via surveys of athletes, coaches, and officials or any other analytical approach deemed appropriate by the OIC. The goal of the OIC should be to collect input from one or more members (athlete, coach, official) of **every** club in Z1S. Some example issues may be:

- Limited club participation at Zone Champs, which is a team building and revenue generating meet for Z1S.
- Large clubs filling up meets before smaller clubs getting a chance to enter.
- Lack of officials from all clubs participating at a meet.
- Providing Z1S timing equipment to Z1S clubs as current timing system setup and operator personnel retire.
- Replacing officials as current officials retire.
- Availability of swim meets – due to pool availability, cost, clubs willing to host, etc.
- Subsidizing long course meets to encourage clubs to host them.
- Providing funds to clubs that lose money hosting a meet.