

Breadbasket Zone

Committee Members

Robin Tracy, Chair

Members Present at 2022 Virtual Annual Meeting

Robin Tracy, Doug Garcia, Chris Nolte, Susan Nolte, Brian Cohn, Beth Nymeyer, Nicki Phillips, Carrie Stolar, Sue Nutty, Erin Sullivan, Will Gosnold, Maryanne Barkley, Jenny Hodges, Christine Maki, Katherine Olson, Dave Seaman, James Lawson

Ex-Officio: none

Introduction

The Breadbasket Zone meeting was conducted through a zoom meeting August 31, 2022. We will continue to use our Facebook page to communicate, USMS Breadbasket Zone..

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Zone Meet Host Rotation.
2. Zone Chair Elections on odd years.
3. Discussions on events to be held in the Zone and how to promote the events.

Action Items

1. Update LMSC Chair and vice-Chair contact information.
2. Zone Chair and vice-Chair election.
3. Organize Virtual Zone Meet for 2024.
4. New Business

Agenda

1. Continue Virtual SCY Meet for 2024.
2. Zone Chair election.
3. Any new business.

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Colonies Zone

Committee Members

Douglas Sayles, Chair; Jeremy Gross, Vice Chair

Voting Members: All USMS annual meeting delegates from the Colonies Zone.

Ex-Officio: None

Introduction

Masters programs and events in the Colonies Zone continue to recover from the pandemic. Membership and pool access remain below pre-pandemic levels, but we see some progress. For example, our 10 LMSCs sanctioned 75 meets in the past year versus 58 the prior year. Thank you to our dedicated governance volunteers, and welcome newcomers!

Colonies Zone Membership @ August 14		
LMSC	2022	2023
Adirondack	171	154
Connecticut	514	436
Delaware Valley	852	797
Maryland	740	652
Metropolitan	1,489	1,581
New England	1,891	1,804
New Jersey	1,089	1,033
Niagara	623	634
Potomac Valley	2,099	1,911
Virginia	989	976
Total	10,457	9,978

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Zone Communications
 - a. Zone chair contacted each LMSC chair to offer help or a sounding board.
 - b. Periodically emailed LMSC chairs, officers, and HOD delegates updates re: USMS resources, events, BOD meetings, zone championship meet planning, zone service award, and initiatives requiring LMSC feedback.
 - c. Created the [Colonies Zone Facebook Group](#).
 - d. Sent all zone members [February e-newsletter](#) and [April meet reminder](#).
 - e. Convened working groups to identify venues and plan championship meets.
 - f. Coordinated LMSC chair club and event development survey/outreach.
 - g. Coordinated [August meeting](#) of LMSC reps with USMS BOD members.
 - h. Webmaster Ray Novitske updated the [zone website](#) as needed.

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- i. Recorder Chris Stevenson updated [zone records files](#) for each course.
2. Zone Championships
 - a. 2022-2023 Season
 - i. SCM: December 9-11, 2022, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA). 300 swimmers & 46 teams in 2022 vs 216 & 40 at WPI in 2021.
 - ii. SCY: April 14-16, 2023, Rutgers University (NJ). 225 swimmers & 48 teams in 2023 vs 298 & 38 at WPI in 2022.
 - iii. LCM: Expected meet at Hampton Aquaplex (VA) fell through due to management turnover.
 - b. 2023-2024 Season
 - i. SCM: December 15-17 or 16-17 at WPI pending confirmation. Received inquiry about making half-day Dr. Bill Ross Memorial Meet at Nassau County Aquatic Center (NY) zone championship.
 - ii. SCY: April 19-21, 2024, [Jeff Rouse Swim & Sport Center](#) (Stafford, VA). The VA & DV LMSCs co-hosting with support from PV.
 - iii. LCM: A few soft leads. Nothing substantive to date.

Action Items

1. Voting for Colonies Zone Chair
 - a. [Douglas Sayles](#) is standing for re-election.
 - b. Nominations may be submitted via email to the zone vice chair at DVchair@usms.org or via floor nomination. Candidates who accept nomination may briefly address the delegates during the zone meeting.

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Recorder, USMS At-Large Director)
3. Elect Zone Chair
4. Bestow Zone Dot Donnelly Service Award
5. Discuss Zone Championships
6. Expenses / Budget (if needed)
7. New Business and LMSC Updates
8. Adjourn

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Great Lakes Zone

Committee Members

Lisa Brown, Zone Chair; Ann Marshfield, Vice Chair

Allegheny Mountain, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin

Introduction of members:

Great Lakes Zone LMSC chairs:

Michael Kristufek-Allegheny Mountain

Molly Hoover-Illinois

Jerrilynn Bayless-Indiana

Bill Tingley-Kentucky

Ann Marshfield-Lake Erie

Patrick Weiss-Michigan

Caitlin Gagnon-Ohio

Mary Schneider-Wisconsin

Ex-Officio: Chris Colburn

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. LMSC Reports
3. Nationals and Olympic Trials in Indy June 2024
4. Great Lakes Website Update
5. Hot Topics about Annual Meeting
6. New Business

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Northwest Zone

Committee Members

Jill Wright (SR), Zone Chair

Ken Winterberger (AK, also Zone Treasurer), Robert Heath (IW), Jeanne Ensign (MT), Tim Waud (OR). Sally Dillon (PN, also Zone Secretary), Jim Clemmons (SR), Bruce Schroeder (UT)

Ex-Officio: At-Large Director Paige Buehler (IW), Secretary and Awards Sally Dillon (PN), Webmaster Dave Cabrey (IW), Zone Record Keeper Steve Darnell (OR), Northwest Zone Chatter editor Christina Fox (OR)

Introduction

The Northwest Zone covers an area of 1,175,954 square miles which includes all of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and 3 counties in Nevada. There are seven LMSCs as Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and part of Nevada combine to form 4 of them: Inland Northwest (IW), Oregon (OR), Pacific Northwest (PN), and Snake River (SR).

The NW Zone currently lists 88 USMS members serving on the LMSC's leadership teams. The board conducts Zoom calls in December, March, June and prior to the USMS Annual Meeting. 19 zone members are expected to attend in person and 4 others will attend virtually. As of July 31, the zone has 3,953 members (within 1% of the previous year) and 45 clubs. Snake River is the smallest LMSC with 98 members and Pacific Northwest is the largest with 1,659 members. The Zone publishes a newsletter four times a year. It is posted on the Zone website: www.northwestzone.org.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- Bids were approved for the following zone 2023 zone championships:
 - SCY - Blue Wave Aquatics hosted on April 15 & 16 in Federal Way, WA.
 - 1500m OW hosted by COMA on July 29 at Elk Lake, OR. Sadly, the event was cancelled due to smoke from nearby fires.
 - LCM hosted by The Dalles Masters Swim Team August 5, 2023 at The Dalles, OR.
- New Zone Webmaster, Dave Cabrey, has made significant improvements to the zone's website. He worked with previous webmaster Hugh Moore and website developer Matt Miller to obtain all transfers to his name and the NW Zone.
- Zone records in SCY, SCM and LCM courses have been kept up to date by Steve Darnell. After Steve records any new records, they are then posted to the website.
- The Zone voted to reinstitute the membership surcharges of \$.50/swimmer as of 5/1 of each year. These funds were billed and collected for 2022 and 2023.

Action Items

- Minutes of the NW Zone meetings were approved by the LMSC chairs and posted on the USMS website.

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Agenda

Call to order:

Confirmation of attendees:

A. General business

1. Actions taken between meetings:

- a. Approval of the June 4, 2023 meeting minutes were approved via email and posted on the USMS website.

2. Chair report:

3. Financial report:

4. Webmaster report:

5. Records report:

6. Zone Chatter report:

7. Secretary report:

8. NW Zone At Large Director report:

9. NW Zone Championship events update

B. Other business TBD

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Oceana Zone

Ian King, Zone Chair

Introduction

The Oceana Zone includes the Pacific and Hawaii LMSCs. From one end to the other the zone is over 2,700 miles, the greatest end to end distance of any zone. The zone committee meets annually during the USMS Annual Meeting and conducts other business, as needed, by phone, email or a virtual program such as Zoom. This year, as in 2022, the meeting will be conducted on a virtual (Zoom) platform as part of an overall hybrid approach to the 2023 USMS Annual meeting.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. As of 7/25/2023 there are 9,306 USMS members in the Pacific LMSC compared with 9,736 members at the same point in 2022 (a slight decrease of approximately 4%). In Hawaii, as of 7/25/2023 there are 510 USMS members compared with 403 members at the same point in 2022 (an increase of approximately 27%).
2. **Pacific LMSC:** We welcomed a new event host and some returning host for pool events. Thank you to Sacramento Masters, Clovis Masters and Vacaville swim club and all the other usual hosts of our swim events. We will have a full slate of open water events in 2023. We are finalizing the program for our Annual Celebration in November. We will also be electing new officers for the next two years at this year's meeting.
3. **Hawaii LMSC:** 2023 has been a time when Masters swim programs throughout Hawaii have been resuming and growing now that COVID-19 is mostly in our rear- view mirrors. Pool access has been a major concern for several clubs.

After learning about some of the struggles that our Hawaii clubs were experiencing and after reviewing our Hawaii LMSC's finances, we decided to offer grants to the clubs to help with expenses such as equipment purchases and pool rental fees. The grants available to each club were calculated proportionately, based on the number of USMS registered swimmers in each club in March 2023. The total grant pool was \$20,000. We are continuing to distribute these grants to some of the late-comers to the program. This grant program is a one-year program, available only in 2023.

We are planning to hold our HI - LMSC 2023 Annual Meeting after the national meeting in September. Our goal for this meeting (in addition to elections of officers) is to inform USMS members in Hawaii about any upcoming opportunities for coach trainings, swim meets and events that are planned for 2024.

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The cost of transportation between the Hawaiian Islands and also to the U.S. Mainland continues to be an impediment for Hawaii's USMS swimmers to participate in statewide and national swim meets. We will be considering ways to help swimmers overcome this impediment in 2024.

We have provided text and photos to USMS to update our HI LMSC website. We've been told that the updates will be completed by this fall.

Action Items

- Approval of 2022 Zone meeting minutes.

Agenda

Thursday, August 24th, 6pm Pacific Time (3pm Hawaii Time) Introductions

- Approval of Last Year's minutes
- Reports of the LMSCs
- Review of proposed rule/legislation changes that may be of interest to the Zone
- Election of Oceana Zone Chair
- New Business
- Adjournment

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South Central Zone

Nicole Christensen, Chair, Webmaster, Communications

Kirsten Hoffman, All Time Zone Records, Susan Ingraham, Zone Champs Meet Records

Introduction

Welcome to all LMSC Board Members, Chairs and guests. We look forward to a productive and informative meeting tonight.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- 2023 Short Course Zones Champs
- 2023 Long Course Zones Champs
- 2023 SC Zone Open Water Grand Prix Challenge
- 2022 Jesse Coon Award Winner – Karlene Denby – Gulf
- New communications platform – MailRelay
- Website updates

Action Items

- Zone Chair Elections
- Zone Champs Meet Bid Package proposed updates
- Vote on sharing of Zone expenses

Agenda

- **Zone Chair Elections:** Election of new Zone Chair to serve for a two-year term starting at the end of the Annual Meeting on Sept 10, 2023. Zone Chairs are term limited to a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- **Proposed updates to the Zone Meet Bid Documents:** Discussion and vote
- **Presentation of Zone Expenses:** vote on cost sharing
- **Grand Prix 2024 Preview:** presentation of new Zone Open Water Chair, Diana Brodeur, with preview of 2024 series
- **Review of LMSC Reports:** Emphasis on 2024 events and best practices sharing
- **Announcement of New Zone Champs Meet Committee:** tasked with reaching out to potential hosts, review of incoming bids, presentation of bids for vote and point of support.
- **Presentation of 2024 Zone Champs Meet Bids:** vote on 2024 hosts
- **2023 Jesse Coon Nominations:** Set nomination deadline, discuss ways to get more nominations
- **2023 Fall, Winter/2024 Spring, Summer Zone Event Calendar:** distribute events to date
- **Adjourn**

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Southeast Zone

Randy Marchman, Zone Chair

Committee Members

The committee is comprised of representatives from each of the seven LMSC's within the Zone: Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern and Southern.

Introduction

The Southeast Zone Committee meets annually, in person or virtually, to conduct business and discuss issues relevant to the Zone. The Zone operates between annual meetings via email amongst the Zone chair and the LMSC chairs.

Action Items

1. Solicit bids to host 2024 Southeast Zone Championships
2. Zone Chair Election

Agenda

- Roll Call / attendance.
- Approval of last year's minutes
- Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten and Records).
- LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Zone Chair Election

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Southwest Zone

Arlette Godges, Zone Chair

Introduction

Welcome to the Southwest Zone Annual Meeting and Agenda. Southwest Zone includes Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial and the Southern Pacific LMSCs. This committee meets annually at the USMS Convention. We conduct other business on an as needed basis during the year by email or phone calls. The 2023 meeting will be conducted by zoom following the format of the previous years.

Southwest—Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego—Imperial, Southern Pacific.

Southwest Zone Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order and Attendance
2. Welcome Everyone
3. Approval of 2022 minutes
4. Discussion of developments on Zone Chair role description from LMSC development committee
5. LMSC Reports
 - a. Arizona
 - b. New Mexico
 - c. San Diego Imperial
 - d. Southern Pacific
6. Zone Championship Meet selection for 2023
 - a. SCY (keep in mind USMS Nationals are at the end of June)
 - b. LCM (keep in mind USMS Nationals are hosted in August at Mission Viejo)
 - c. SCM
 - d. Open Water
7. New business
 - a. Floor nominations for Zone Chair for next 2year term. I am happy to continue to serve as your Zone Chair.
 - b. Ideas on how to share ideas between LMSCs and leverage knowledge and processes.
8. Other business?
9. Adjourn Meeting

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