

## Breadbasket Zone

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### Committee Members

Jenny Hodges, Zone Chair

### Members Present at 2023 Annual Meeting

Committee members present at 2023 meeting: Doug Garcia, Crystie McGrail, Samantha Kraft, Elizabeth Nymeyer, Carrie Stolar, Sue Nutty, Erin Sullivan, Robin Tracy, Bruce Hobson, Brian Cohn, Maryanne Barkley, Katherine Olson

Ex-Officio: none

### Introduction

The Breadbasket Zone meets once a year at or prior to the annual meeting. The 2024 meeting will be on Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM EDT

- Remind zoom participants to rename themselves with their LMSC after their names
- Introductions:
  - what positions they hold at the local, LMSC, and national levels

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- Old Business:
  - Zone meet rotation
    - 2025 NE
    - 2026 SD
    - 2027 MN
    - 2028 CO
  - Virtual Zone Meet/In Person Meet
    - How did this go for 2023-2024?
  - Report on Breadbasket Zone events from the past year
  - Events in the zone for 2024-2025
    - SD
    - ND
    - NE
    - CO
    - MN
    - IA
    - MOVY
    - Ozark
- Reminder of the USMS Breadbasket Zone Facebook page as a means of communication between our different LMSCs
- Open discussion for new business
- Update zone contacts with most recent contacts
- Thank everyone for their time and for volunteering.

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## Colonies Zone

### Committee Members

Douglas Sayles, Chair; Jeremy Gross, Vice Chair.

Voting Members: All USMS 2024 annual meeting delegates from the Colonies Zone.

Ex-Officio: None

### Introduction

USMS membership within the Colonies Zone is up 1.0% versus this time in 2023. The zone's 10 LMSCs have sanctioned or recognized about the same number of meets in total as last year, with a notable increase in New England. Thank you to our dedicated governance volunteers!

Membership in Prior 12 Months				Meets in Prior 12 Months		
LMSC	8/10/2024	8/14/2023	8/14/2022	8/10/2024	8/14/2023	8/14/2022
Adirondack	167	154	171	4	3	1
Connecticut	523	436	514	9	10	6
Delaware Valley	904	797	852	10	8	4
Maryland	687	652	740	9	11	8
Metropolitan	1,548	1,581	1,489	3	4	4
New England	1,972	1,804	1,891	20	14	12
New Jersey	973	1,033	1,089	6	9	6
Niagara	640	634	623	11	11	10
Potomac Valley	1,937	1,911	2,099	7	7	6
Virginia	992	976	989	5	8	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,343</b>	<b>9,978</b>	<b>10,457</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>62</b>

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Zone Communications
  - a. The zone chair periodically checked in with LMSC chairs and emailed them, vice chairs, and HOD delegates updates regarding USMS resources, events, zone championship meet planning, the zone service award, and initiatives requiring LMSC feedback.
  - b. Sent a few zone-wide e-newsletters about upcoming events. Example: <https://conta.cc/48oxvml>
  - c. The zone chair, vice chair, and LMSC officers from DV, PV, VA, and NE coordinated to identify venues and plan the zone's championship meets.
  - d. Coordinated July meeting of LMSC reps with USMS BOD members.
2. Webmaster Ray Novitske maintained the [zone website](#).
3. Recorder Chris Stevenson updated [zone records files](#) for each course.

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4. Maintained the [Colonies Zone Facebook Group](#).
5. Zone Championships
  - a. 2023-2024 Season
    - i. SCM: December 15-17, 2023, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA). 306 swimmers & 53 teams in 2023 vs 300 & 46 teams in 2022 and 216 & 40 in 2021.
    - ii. SCY: April 19-21, 2024, Jeff Rouse Swim & Sport Center (Stafford, VA). Co-hosted by the VA, DV, and PV LMSCs. 285 swimmers & 57 teams vs 225 swimmers & 48 teams at Rutgers in 2023 and 298 & 38 at WPI in 2022.
  - b. 2024-2025 Season:
    - i. SCM: December 13-15, 2024, at WPI. Hosted by the New England LMSC. Entries are open: <https://bit.ly/cz-nelmsc-scmchamps24>
    - ii. SCY: The preferred meet dates are April 4-6, 2025. The host and venue are not yet confirmed. George Mason University's Jim McKay Natatorium in Fairfax, Virginia, is available; discussions are ongoing about holding the meet at GMU as a varsity swim team fundraiser or as a straight rental. Last year's nice venue, Jeff Rouse Swim & Sport Center in Stafford, Virginia, is also available. Other targeted premier pools are not available for various reasons.

### Agenda

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

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## Great Lakes Zone

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### Committee Members

Ann Marshfield, Zone Chair

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

### Introduction

Welcome to the Great Lakes Zone Annual Meeting and Agenda. Great Lakes Zone includes Allegheny Mountain, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin 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 2024 meeting will be conducted by zoom on August 28, 2024 at 6:30 pm EDT.

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

#### 1. Allegheny Mountain: Total Membership 2024: **454 members**

How many clubs 2024: **9 clubs**

How many swim meets/open water events/clinics/certifications were conducted: **3 swim meets conducted**

Adult Learn-to-Swim program status (if applicable)/instructors, lessons provided/outcome: **4 instructors previously certified in prior years no new certs: 1 site ran some lessons**

Try Masters Swimming: **FFH hosting** Any community events/charity outreach/ or group activities off the pool deck; **lmsc banquet, baseball game, looking at doing a sauna ice bath event potentially**

Financial health, i.e., surplus/deficit budget: **Budget deficit \$1,454**

Recruiting volunteers to fill LMSC roles. Success or struggles: **added 2 at large non voting members as well as DEI and officially adopted DEI and Social Chair as voting members**

Volunteers projected to attend Relay 2024 **2 volunteers at Relay**

Coaches projected to attend NCC 2024 **1 maybe**

Ideas/goals for 2025: **working with YMCA masters to increase meet opportunities and Grown up swimming to integrate more members, Combine LMCS to one team and seperate workout groups to allow more relay opportunities for meets and nationals if we can get buyin**

Any other information you wish to share: Mike Kristufek participated in the transplant Olympics: <https://www.post-gazette.com/local/washington/2024/07/04/transplant-games-2024-mike-kristufek-heart-mcdonald/stories/202407010058>

#### 2. Illinois: Total Membership: **1944 members**

How Many Clubs: **16 clubs and 27 workout groups**

Swim Meets: **12 meets were held from October 2023-May 2024**

Open Water: **4 open water swims are either sanctioned or recognized by USMS in 2024**

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ALTS: We hope to add an ALTS liaison to our board to help the program find a presence in our state

### **Community events off the pool deck:**

We held 2 Socials that were not connected to meets or any other events; one in Chicago and one downstate in Bloomington. The board paid for the food and drinks, and both were attended by at least 2 members of the board and between 20-30 swimmers and coaches. We also held our annual social after the Saturday session of the state meet. This is where our annual awards are handed out, Hall of Fame announced, and food and drink is provided. This event was attended by about 150 people.

### **Financial health:** as of mid-year, **\$17,600 in bank and \$265,600 in investments**

Volunteers: Steady, dedicated volunteers are still going strong. We have one previously very active volunteer who is very sick and we have covered his duties with current board members. We have begun to find permanent replacements and are working hard to recruit new volunteers to serve in these roles.

Volunteers projected to attend Relay: We are having a hard time finding volunteers who have the time to travel to this event. Still working on this list. National Coaches Clinic: We are currently taking scholarship applications and hope to fund at least 3 coaches at 100% for this clinic.

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### **Ideas/Goals for 2025:**

Focus on helping teams who have the capabilities to run an ALTS program (certified instructors, pool space) get it off the ground. We often have coaches interested in the certification but then don't actually start an ALTS program.

Work on spending down our surplus for the good of the LMSC. We would love to hold a banquet as others have described.

### **3. Indiana: Total Membership: 1146**

Total Clubs: 21

Swim Meets: 2 sanctioned meets and one recognized meet. Additionally, we had USMS approve sanctions for Spring Nationals and College Club Nationals in Indiana. We are expecting at least two more sanction requests for meets this fall.

ALTS: I believe we have 2 ALTS programs in Indiana (Indy and Zionsville), though I am still waiting to hear back specifics on this.

Try Masters Swimming: no information

Group events: We hosted a Pentathlon meet this Spring that was followed by a social with a Paralympic guest speaker. We had 56 swimmers from 13 teams at the meet, and over 35 people join us at the restaurant afterwards for the social. I can only personally speak to Indy Aquatic Masters in terms of team events off the pool deck, but we have a few - namely Swimcation, our Spring Training Trip down in Fort Lauderdale, FL. We

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also have weekly Saturday brunch after practice, and an annual end of summer party with music and food.

Financial health: Currently sitting at a surplus as our account has grown since Covid, with an increased budget this year for Club Development, ALTS scholarships, as well as for stipends to teams hosting a new meet.

Recruiting Volunteers for LMSC roles: We have two new members of the board this year and have regularly had 1-2 additional non-board GRIN members at our board meetings who have been eager to get involved however they can. So for now, in a good spot for LMSC volunteers.

Volunteers projected to attend Relay: TBD still, I anticipate possibly Faith Tocco (Hyde), Rosalie Fidanze, Mike Carlson, Lisa Brown, or Rachel Rivera as potentials if you're looking for names.

Coaches projected to attend NCC: ??

Ideas/Goals for 2025: Increase transparency about how the board is here to help (we know of a few people who want to host meets but didn't know that they should be talking to us about it for sanctioning or anything), increase club development spending - create a new swimmer gift with a GRIN cap or tshirt for new members, have at least one new meet sanctioned (working with a team who has never hosted a meet but wants to), research where our unattached swimmers are located and if it's reasonable to start a new team or revive a team that didn't survive covid, Survey our club reps and coaches to see how we can support financially or otherwise.

4. **Kentucky: Total Membership** - 2023-24 – **461** members down, from 2022-23 – 500 members due to the lost of the natatoriums at the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville since Covid.

Clubs - **1**

Workout Groups – **9**

Swim Meets – **4 SCY, 1 SCM, 2 LCM and 1 SCY Recognition**, Sept 2023 to Sept 2024

Open Water events – **0** unable to dual sanction with USA Swimming due to the implementation of USAS's SafeSport Requirements in 2022

Certifications – **10 Officials in 2024**

Adult Learn to Swim – Kentucky Has **four Alts** teaching locations that has taught 700 adults to swim since it began in 2018

Try Masters Swimming – N/A

Financial Health:

Income - \$6552.00

Expenses - \$7068.17

Variance – a lost of \$516.17

Current Reserves – **\$27,292.56**

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Volunteers: experienced LMSC board focusing on coaching their own workout group, teaching Alts and Competition.

Delegates to the Convention – no volunteers at this time.

Volunteers to attend Relay – no volunteers at this time.

Coaches to attend NCC – no volunteers at this time.

5. **Lake Erie:** Total Membership – **494 members**

Clubs – **7**

Swim Meets – **4** Sanctioned swim meets, **2** Recognized swim meets

Open Water - **1**

Clinics - **3** swim clinics, **one clinic with Missy Franklin and Cullen Jones** fundraiser for USA Swimming Foundation and ALTS

Certification – **1** Level 2 Coach Certification

Adult Learn to Swim – **0**

Try Masters Swimming – **1 club**

Community Events – **3 of which 1 was fundraiser for USA Swimming Foundation**, one was Clam Bake and one was post meet social

Financial health - **\$36,514** in the bank, operating deficit budget, can't spend down the reserves fast enough

Volunteers – Slowly recruiting new volunteers to fill LMSC positions. Would like more volunteers to step up. Relay 2024 – sending **3 volunteers**

Coaches to NCC **1**

Collaborating with OHIO LMSC for state meet to be held in Lake Erie LMSC in 2025

6. **Michigan:** Total Membership – **1027 members**

Clubs - **2**

Workout Groups – **16**

Swim Meets – **12 including state meet**

Open Water events – **1**

Clinics – **1 with Rowdy Gaines**

Certifications – **2**

Adult Learn to Swim – none

Try Masters Swimming – none

Community Events - **\$1,500 Scholarship, Annual Banquet, and Swim Across America - Detroit River (Fundraiser for Cancer Research)**

Financial Health:

Income - **\$35,799.64**

Expenses - **\$28,730.09**

Variance - **\$7,060.55**

Current budget - **\$77,868**

Volunteers: **strong experienced LMSC board**,

Volunteers to attend Relay – **1 or 2** – Coaches to attend NCC – **1**



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### 7. **Ohio: Total membership: 782 members**

Total Clubs: **21**

Sanctioned meets: **7**

**2023 financials on line with USMS 12/31/23**

Cash - **\$55,428.76**

Revenue - **\$11,137.64**

Expenses - **\$6,151.68**

Surplus - **\$4,985.96**

We successfully recruited Kurt Koelling to replace Pete Tarnapoll as the Sanctions Chair.

Just another shout out to the OH LMSC and our State Meet from Mike Bergman.

FYI to all, the 2024 preliminary SCY Top 10's just came out and OH Rocked it!!!

Most ever individual top 10's at 181

Most relays ever at 47, 8 400's from our State meet and a few 200's also.

### 8. **Wisconsin: Total Membership – 500 members**

Clubs – **3 Clubs, 18 workout groups**

Swim Meets – **9 pool meets**

Open Water – **1**

Clinics – **1**

Adult Learn to Swim – **none**

Try Masters Swimming – **none**

Community Events – **post meet socials**

Financial health – **Deficit budget**, can't spend down fast enough. Gave **grants of \$1,500** to help meet hosts defray expenses.

Volunteers – Unable to recruit a Vice Chair and looking for someone willing to step into Chair position. All other positions have the same volunteers serving for several years.

Recruited a young swimmer to be webmaster.

### **Agenda**

1. Introduction
2. LMSC reports
3. Hot Topics about Annual Meeting
4. New Business

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## Northwest Zone

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### Committee Members

Jill Wright (SR), Zone Chair

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

Ex-Officio: At-Large Director Paige Buehler (IW), 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. The zone's seven LMSCs are Alaska (AK), Inland NW (IW), Montana (MT), Oregon (OR), Pacific NW (PN), Snake River (SR), and Utah (UT). The NW Zone currently lists 90 USMS members serving on the various LMSC leadership teams.

The board conducts zoom calls in December, March, and June, in addition to the annual meeting associated with USMS's annual meeting. Increased membership is happening throughout the NW Zone. As of July 21st (and comparing to July 2023), the zone has 4173 members (220 more than in 2023), 51 clubs (4 more than in 2023) and 55 workout groups within some of the clubs. Snake River is the smallest LMSC with 129 members and (98 in 2023). Pacific Northwest is the largest with 1718 members (1,659 in 2023). The Zone publishes a newsletter four times a year. It is posted on the Zone website - [www.northwestzone.org](http://www.northwestzone.org).

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. 17 zone delegates arrived a day early in Houston, TX for the 2023 USMS Annual Meeting. The group met for dinner, held a meeting the following morning, and lunched with members who held similar positions. All agreed it was worth the extra hotel/meal expense and was time well spent.
2. Bids were submitted and accepted for three NW Zone Championships, which were held in Caldwell, ID (OW at Broadside Harbor Ski Lakes June 29) and Federal Way, WA (LCM July 6&7). The SCM champs will also be in Federal way November 23&24.
3. Webmaster Dave Cabrey (IW) continues to keep the northwest zone website current. It was decided to archive NW Zone Chatters (newsletters) on the website.
4. Records in SCY, SCM and LCM are kept up to date by Steve Darnell (OR). After Steve records any new records, they are then posted to the website.
5. An effort was made to better connect the webmasters so the various events within the zone could be shared on websites and social media. The membership coordinators in the zone's LMSCs were encouraged to mentor each other as well.
6. The Zone discussed their concerns that the USMS committee members were not included in this year's Rule Book.
7. The Zone collects membership surcharges of \$.50/swimmer as of 5/1 of each year. These funds have been billed and collected for 2024 and the June account balance was

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\$8659.92. The smaller LMSCs were encouraged to request use of the zone's account to support attendance at the USMS Volunteer Relay and National Coaches Clinic.

8. OR submitted a proposal to the USMS Legislation committee that would codify in the USMS Rule Book that USMS Board of Directors' meetings would be "open to non-BOD members who are USMS members" who can listen, but not contribute. Numerous other LMSCs have signed on to endorse the proposal.
9. PN submitted a proposal to the USMS Legislation committee that would "require House of Delegate meetings to be held in person on an annual basis (unless an emergency prevents that)".

### **Action Items**

1. With inventory low, new 2<sup>nd</sup> place zone ribbons were purchased from Hasty Awards.
2. Rob Heath (IW) announced that he would submit a packet to run for the NW At Large Director position. It was MSA to endorse Rob as the Zone's preferred candidate.

### **Agenda**

Call to order:

Confirmation of attendees:

#### A. General business

1. Actions taken between meetings:
  - a. The minutes of the June 3, 2024 meeting were approved via email.
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. New business

1. Profit guarantee for zone meet hosts
2. Zone championship rotation for 2025
3. Rules/Legislation/Long Distance Proposal Discussion
4. Reaffirm support of Rob Heath as the NW Zone At-Large Director candidate

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## Oceana Zone

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### Committee Members

Karen Harris, Chair

Pacific LMSC and Hawaii LMSC

### 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 2023, the meeting will be conducted on a virtual (Zoom) platform as part of the 2024 USMS Annual meeting.

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. As of 8/1/2024 there are 9,406 USMS members in the Pacific LMSC compared with 10,153 members at the same point in 2023 (a slight decrease of approximately 7%). In Hawaii, as of 8/1/2024 there are 545 USMS members compared with 575 members at the same point in 2023 (a decrease of approximately 5%).
2. **Pacific LMSC:** Pacific hosted a full schedule of pool events as well as open water events. We will be hosting a Level 2 and Level 3 Coaches Certification clinic in late September, as well as a stroke development clinic. We are finalizing the program for our Annual Celebration in November.
3. **Hawaii LMSC:** The Hawaii LMSC has been busy. Bylaws have been updated and the draft is being reviewed by members. The bylaws will be voted on at the upcoming Annual Meeting scheduled to take place over Zoom in late August. We have sent out several newsletters to all members this year. The LMSC will be hosting several clinics (stroke development, Coaches Certification Level 2 and Level 3, and ALTS Instructor certification), free to all Hawaii LMSC members during Labor Day weekend on Maui. The LMSC will be providing \$200 stipends available to those who are traveling from neighbor islands for up to 15 LMSC members.

The LMSC continues to look for ways to support local clubs and events by providing grants to clubs and funding for swim meets. In 2023, we distributed about \$20,000 in grants to local clubs to help them restart after Covid. The grant amounts available to each club were pro-rated based on the number of registered USMS swimmers in each club. Clubs are encouraged to submit proposals for swim events and the LMSC is looking for support to help run swim meets. Our Lahaina club is not back in the pool and the LMSC is looking for ways to help.

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## Action Items

- Approval of 2023 Zone meeting minutes.

## Agenda

- 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
- New Business
- Adjournment

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## South Central Zone

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### Committee Members

Jacky Merianos (NT), Zone Chair;

Kirsten Hoffman (OK), All Time Zone Records; Susan Ingraham (ST), Zone Championship Meet Records; Nicole Christensen (GU), Webmaster; Alana Wilson (GU), Social Media Chair, Nicole Christensen (GU), Open Water Chair (GU).

South Central Zone Championship Meet Advisory Committee: Jacky Merianos (NT); Lynn Morrison (NT), Nicole Christensen (GU), Susan Ingraham (ST)

South Central Zone Member At-Large Director: Kris Wingenroth (GU)

### Zone LMSC Leadership:

<b>LMSC</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
Arkansas	Bonnie Adams	Susan Torpy
Gulf	Nicole Christenses	Stacey Eicks
North Texas	Jacky Merianos	Frank Cortese
Oklahoma	David Smith	Janet Latham
South Texas	Tim Murphy	Stacy Abrams

### Introduction

Welcome to the 2024 South Central Zone Annual Meeting. The South Central Zone includes the following LMSCs: Arkansas, Gulf, North Texas, Oklahoma and South Texas. Our Zone Committee meets annually in conjunction with the USMS Annual Meeting and conducts all other Zone business as needed, by email and/or Zoom calls. We look forward to a productive and informative 2024 Annual Zone Committee meeting.

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Establishment of the South Central Zone Championship Meet Advisory Committee
2. Expansion of our Zone communication and marketing channels: newsletters, Facebook and Instagram
3. 2024 Spring Zones Championships (200+ participants)
4. 2024 Summer Zones Championships (200+ participants)
5. 2024 SC Zone Open Water Grand Prix Challenge

### Action Items

1. Vote on distribution of 2024 Zone expenses
2. Review bids and vote on 2025 South Central Zone Championship locations
3. Review of the updated Zone Meet Bid documents

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## **Agenda**

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Zone Chair Report
3. Presentation of the 2024 South Central Zone Jesse Coon Award
4. Presentation of Zone Expenses - vote on cost sharing
5. Review updated Zone Meet Bid Documents – vote on changes as needed
6. Presentation of 2025 Zone Champs Meet Bid - vote on 2025 hosts
7. 2024 Grand Prix Debrief and discussion on 2025 Grand Prix
8. Important Zone dates and events: 2025
9. Adjourn

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## Southeast Zone

### Committee Members

Ed Saltzman, Zone Chair

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.

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. LMSC leaders from within the zone met on July 7<sup>th</sup> via Zoom with members of the USMS Board of Directors and staff to discuss various local and national issues and initiatives.

**From USMS:** Ed Coates (President), Britta O'Leary (At-Large Director, SE Zone), Kyle Deery (USMS Chief Marketing Officer)

**From SE Zone:** Ed Saltzman (SE Zone Chair), Kirk Clear (FL LMSC Vice Chair), Barb Protzman (FGC LMSC Chair), Cheryl Kupan (FL LMSC Chair), Linda Irish Bostic (FGC Vice Chair), Sara Dunn (NC LMSC Top Ten), Stephanie Waninger (SC LMSC Treasurer), Celia Wolff (NC LMSC Vice Chair).

2. During the last few years, the Southeast Zone LMSC's have made a concerted effort to grow their base of USMS certified coaches to strengthen our teams and attract new members.

August 17-18, 2024	Augusta, GA
May 4-5, 2024	Wilmington, NC
December 2-3, 2023	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
April 15-16, 2022	Atlanta, GA
Jan 28-29, 2022	New Orleans, LA

3. As of this writing; all seven LMSC's in the Southeast Zone report being slightly behind registration numbers from the previous year, but fully expect to meet or exceed last year's registration numbers by year end.

Effective 07/14/24

LMSC	Members		Recapture	Clubs	
	2024	2023		2024	2023



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Florida	2,439	2,737	89%	67	64
Florida Gold	1,234	1,505	82%	18	20
Georgia	788	864	91%	23	27
North Carolina	1,486	1,689	88%	13	14
South Carolina	521	609	86%	15	16
Southeastern	959	1,058	91%	34	33
Southern	293	319	92%	11	9

- The LMSC's in the Southeast Zone continue their tradition of offering an extensive and varied meet schedule for our members. During the 2024 SCY season (January – June) our swimmers had 23 SCY meets to choose from within the zone. During that period the meets drew a total of 2,701 participants, accounting for 12,366 splashes. We had 272 swimmers from our zone attend the 2024 USMS Spring Nationals in Indianapolis. They had 1,221 swims and participated on 79 relays.

We've started our LCM season and our zone swimmers will have six opportunities across the zone to test themselves in LCM pools. Hopefully, in the future we will be able to offer them even more LCM opportunities as new pools pop up around our region.

We currently have three SCM meets on our schedule through December. Hopefully we will be able to offer more opportunities to compete at SCM events in the future.

### 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)
- Review upcoming 2025 meet schedule
- Discuss the future of the three Zone Championships.
- Is there a better way to foster friendly inter-LMSC competition?
- New Pools – New USMS Team opportunities – how do the LMSC's help?
- Old Business
- New Business – Zone endorsement vote – Southeast Zone At-Large Director:  
Erika Braun – NC  
Trey Taylor – NC
- New Business – Do we want more frequent inter-LMSC communications or periodic Zone zoom calls to foster more LMSC collaboration or exchange of ideas?

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## Southwest Zone

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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 2024 meeting will be conducted by zoom following the format of the previous years.

### Southwest Zone Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order and Attendance
2. Welcome Everyone
3. Approval of 2023 minutes
4. LMSC Reports
  - a. Arizona
  - b. New Mexico
  - c. San Diego Imperial
  - d. Southern Pacific
5. Zone Championship Meet selection for 2025
  - a. SCY
  - b. LCM
  - c. SCM
  - d. Open Water
6. New business  
Ideas on how to share ideas between LMSCs and leverage knowledge and processes.  
Preferred method of communication; email, zoom, USMS Forums?  
Other business?
7. Adjourn Meeting

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**[Wednesday August 28, 2024 8:00pm - 9:30pm EDT | Zoom Registration Link](#)**