

Breadbasket Zone

Committee Members

[Open], Chair

Breadbasket delegates

Introduction

The 2024 Breadbasket Zone meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, August 28th. Our main communication tool will continue to be our Facebook page, USMS Breadbasket Zone.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Zone Meet Host Rotation.
2. Zone Chair elections (held in odd years).
3. Promoting events held within our zone.

Action Items

1. Update LMSC Chair and Vice Chair contact info.
2. Zone chair and vice chair elections
3. Discuss Zone meet for 2026
4. New business.

Agenda

5. Welcome and introductions
6. Discussion of events and projects since our last meeting.
7. Recap of 2025 Zone meet and plan for Zone meet for 2026 (Meet cycle: 2026 SD ♣ 2027 MN ♣ 2028 CO)
8. Planned events in the zone for 2025-2026 ♣ SD ♣ ND ♣ NE ♣ CO ♣ MN ♣ IA ♣ MO ♣ Ozark •
9. Zone chair elections
10. New business.
11. Thank you everyone!

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Colonies Zone

Committee Members

Douglas Sayles, Zone Chair; Jeremy Gross, Zone Vice Chair.

Voting Members: All USMS 2025 annual meeting delegates from the Colonies Zone.

Ex-Officio: Jessica Reilly

Introduction

Colonies Zone membership is up slightly (< 1.0%) versus this time in 2024, and our 10 LMSCs sanctioned or recognized 74 meets (sans cancelations) in the past year. Thank you to our dedicated LMSC governance volunteers, club leaders, coaches, and event directors!

Colonies Zone Membership					Pool Meets in Prior 12 Months			
LMSC	8/14/2025	8/8/2024	8/14/2023	8/14/2022	8/14/2025	8/10/2024	8/14/2023	8/14/2022
Adirondack	235	166	154	171	4	4	3	1
Connecticut	530	522	436	514	7	9	10	6
Delaware Valley	965	904	797	852	9	10	8	4
Maryland	611	687	652	740	7	9	11	8
Metropolitan	1,349	1,537	1,581	1,489	4	3	4	4
New England	2,060	1,968	1,804	1,891	16	20	14	12
New Jersey	1,000	969	1,033	1,089	6	6	9	6
Niagara	695	638	634	623	11	11	11	10
Potomac Valley	1,925	1,933	1,911	2,099	6	7	7	6
Virginia	1,023	992	976	989	4	5	8	5
Total	10,393	10,316	9,978	10,457	74	84	85	62

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Zone Communications
 - a. The zone chair fielded questions from and checked in with LMSC officers, emailed them and HOD delegates occasional reminders and updates, and sent zone-wide e-newsletters about upcoming [programs](#) and [events](#).
 - b. The zone chair, vice chair, and LMSC officers from NE, DV, PV, and NJ coordinated with each other and facility reps to plan and host zone championships and discuss potential future meet venues.
 - c. 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.
4. Maintained the [Colonies Zone Facebook Group](#).
5. Zone Championships: 2024-2025 Season Recap
 - a. [SCM: December 13-15, 2024, Worcester Polytechnic Institute \(MA\)](#). **371 registered swimmers & 53 teams in 2024** vs 306 & 53 in 2023, 300 & 46 in 2022, and 216 & 40 in 2021. The Saturday session was suspended for 90

minutes due to a heart attack. The swimmer survived thanks to the quick response of the facility staff and an ER physician who was participating in the meet. The 2024 meet lost money partly due to paying lane timers, which was a consequence of holding the meet during college final exams.

- b. [SCY: March 15 & 21-23, 2025, Harvard University \(Boston, MA\)](#). **662 registered swimmers & 69 teams in 2025** vs 285 & 57 in 2024 at JRSSC (VA) in 2024, 225 & 48 at Rutgers (NJ) in 2023, and 298 & 38 at WPI (MA) in 2022. The 2025 meet made a slight profit.
 - c. LCM: The zone chair, vice chair, and NJ LMSC officers met with club and facility reps to discuss [Jersey Aquatic Center](#) hosting a zone championship. The facility opted to initially run this new LCM meet as a sanctioned non-championship event but subsequently canceled it due to low enrollment.
6. Zone Championships: 2025-2026 Season Preview
- a. SCM: WPI (the usual meet venue) and other championship-caliber SCM venues in New England are not available this fall, with the possible but increasingly unlikely exception of [Boston University Aquatics Center](#). Besides BU, LMSC officers are pursuing [Nassau County Aquatic Center](#) in Long Island and [Graham Aquatic Center](#) in York, PA, the status of which is TBD. The [Union College pool](#) in Schenectady, NY, is also a possibility but is geographically remote. Potential dates: Nov. 15-17, Dec. 5-7 or 12-14.
 - b. [SCY: April 10-12, 2026, Jim McKay Natatorium, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA](#). Co-hosted by meet beneficiary GMU Swimming & Diving and the PV LMSC. **Goals: 400+ swimmers and \$10K profit** for the varsity coach to consider hosting this meet annually and reestablish our 17-year pre-pandemic zone championship tradition at GMU.

Agenda:

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

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Great Lakes Zone

Committee Members

Ann Marshfield, Zone Chair

Libby Ernharth, Allegheny Mountain Chair

Molly Hoover, Illinois Chair

Molly Meyer, Indiana Chair

William Tingley, Kentucky Chair

Ann Marshfield, Lake Erie Chair

Chad Steed, Michigan Chair

Caitlin Gagnon, Ohio Chair

Mary Schneider, Wisconsin Chair

Introduction

Listed below are the reports from each LMSC within the Great Lakes Zone.

Allegheny Mountain - Libby Ernharth, LMSC Chair

1. Membership at this moment in 2025 is 524 which is excellent for August 1 as annual memberships for most teams will have a fall registration which often attracts new members. Last year we closed at 545 swimmers and reported only 454 at the meeting at this time last season. We are growing.
2. Clubs: 10
3. Meets/ open water events since last annual meeting: 3 regular meets (2 MLAC, one FFH); but co-hosted Tidal Meet at Spire with two other LMSCs !! BRAND NEW, BIG DEAL. Swimmers at Nationals again.
4. No new ALTS instructors
5. Try Masters Month- FFH hosted in July (unable to extend TMM into August due to their registration-- it is too much. Request offer July only for TMM).
6. 2024 Relay/ National sent one to relay only. 2025 Relay- sending 2; National Conference 1
7. Budget 2024: planned for 4861 deficit, only had 2780 actual deficit.
8. Activities: 5K, assistance for Tidal Wave Meet, sauna/cold plunge event (no current social chair)
9. Successes: Have increased board activity, succession planned, will have social chairs as of new elections (Current chair has volunteered). Have a new website! Have fostered YMCA relationship and coordination as able for these few meets that are USMS. Will start the year for the first time ever with three scheduled (not yet sanctioned etc) meets through early March. Record attendance for each meet in the 2024-2025 season. Work with the amazing Ann Marshfield for the Tidal Wave meet (AMS didn't expect to recoup all investment \$).
10. News: Three in LMSC leadership (Judy Caves open water chair, Jenn Petyk treasurer and Libby Ernharth chair- with Justin Dutta) participate in a 5 mile charity swim and raised >10k for local cancer charity-Cancer Bridges-- and swam 5 miles on their

Monongahela river Saturday 8/2. The swim attracted a lot of media attention (something uncommon for the AMS area and masters swimming!).

11. Frustrations: Heat and warm pools. Interested if anyone has experience with the water cannon or cooling pool strategies (this is outdoor summer pools...). All of the regional pools have been retaining heat and specifically FFH have been looking into options and wondered if there was any expertise/advice from non-south areas with seasonal outdoor pools that are heating up more these past few years....
12. Goals: Spend more money on members in the coming year. A social chair will help. Considering a free or much reduced clinic with dinner in February.

Illinois - Molly Hoover, LMSC Chair

1. Total Membership: 1953
2. How Many Clubs: 19 clubs and 25 workout groups
3. Swim Meets: 12 meets were held from October 2024-July 2025
4. Open Water: 5 open water swims are either sanctioned or recognized by USMS in 2025
5. Community events off the pool deck: ○ We held 1 Coaches Clinic in Joliet led by 2 board members who attended the National Coaches Clinic in October of 2024. This included classroom and in-water work and culminated with a social provided by the board at a local restaurant. ○ At least one more coaches clinic is being planned by the end of the year. ○ 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 200 people.
6. Financial health: as of July, 2025, \$20,400 in the bank and \$285,000 in investments
7. Volunteers: Steady, dedicated volunteers are still going strong. We have brought on new board members or new roles to current members over the last year to fill vacancies.
8. We are excited to bring a full slate of in-person delegates to the Annual Meeting in Kansas City. At this time, we are also working to finalize delegates for the USMS Relay in October.
9. Ideas/Goals for 2026: ○ 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. ○ Continue to work on spending down our surplus for the good of the LMSC. We have voted to help subsidize all meets including our state meet as a benefit to our competitive members. We also want to find ways to use our surplus to benefit those who don't compete.

Indiana – No report

Kentucky

1. **Kentucky Registration/Membership Report - As of August 3, 2025 - Susan Ehringer, Membership Coordinator**

- a. 2024 Registration - 489 Members (257 Men, 232 Women)
- b. 2025 Registration - 472 Members (248 Men, 226 Women)
- c. 416 SKY Members (68 without a Workout Group)
- d. BEST (Louisville) 44
- e. CCMKY (Shelbyville) 23
- f. LAKE (Louisville) 92
- g. NWHLS (New Albany) 2
- h. PBCY (Paris) 0
- i. SLAKE (Florence) 23
- j. SLM (Louisville) 69
- k. SWSF (Stanton) 5
- l. WILD (Lexington) 23
- m. WKGG (Bowling Green) 68
- n. Unattached – 57

2. **Bill Tingley, Sanctions & Top Ten**

- a. The KY-LMSC Sanctioned three meets since the last Annual Meeting.
- b. 2025 Lakeside Masters Long Course Mini-Meet July 20, 2025 LCM
 - i. 47 member 4 nonmember OEVT
- c. 2025 Lakeside Masters Spring SCY Mini Meet Apr 13, 2025 SCY
 - i. 29 members
- d. The 2024 Lakeside Mile Dec 8, 2024 SCY
 - i. 31 members
- e. The 2 largest universities have priced us out of their facilities for meets
- f. This Summer's heat cancelled our biggest meet, 48th Annual Lakeside Masters Long Course Invitational, Aug 2-3rd. The water temperature was 90 degrees on the first day of the meet.

3. **Meg Smath, Secretary**

- a. The University of Kentucky has a **College Club Swimming** program, but we know of no activity this year. The workout group Wildcat Masters has started a **Grown-Up Swimming Group**.

4. **Pam Haeberlin Luebbe, Treasurer of KY-LMSC**

- a. The KY-LMSC had an end of the year 2024 bank balance of \$14,972.61. As of July 31, 2025 we have a balance of \$18,566.11.
- b. The KY-LMSC has always had a healthy account. We spend money hosting swim meets, sending delegates to convention and relay, and paying for relays at national meets.

5. **William Kolb, KY-LMSC-Adult Learn-to-Swim**

- a. Central Adult Learn-to-Swim, Inc. -- Louisville, KY -- (not affiliated with a USMS club/workout group)*
- b. 250 graduates in 2024 - 350+ graduates in 2025
- c. Hosted a USMS ALTS Instructor Certification in February, attended by 25 USMS members
- d. Contact: William Kolb / wmkolb@gmail.com / 502.553.5154 / www.yallwannaswim.com

- e. YMCA LiveStrong Adult Learn-to-Swim -- Louisville, KY -- (not affiliated with a USMS club/workout group)*
- f. 25 graduates in 2024 - 15 graduates in 2025
- g. Contact: Wendy Medley / wendyjmedley@bellsouth.net / 502.445.4047 / www.ymcalouisville.org/programs/health-fitness/livestrong

- h. Shelbyville Adult Learn-to-Swim -- Shelbyville, KY (affiliated with Clear Creek Masters)**
- i. 20 graduates in 2024 - 12 graduates in 2025
- j. Contact: (new) Jenn Davis / jenniferrupertdavis@gmail.com / 814.933.8098 / www.shelbycountyparks.com/aquatics/

- k. *Although these programs all teach the USMS Adult Learn-to-Swim curriculum (or more) and each use a mixture of USMS Certified ALTS instructors and volunteer instructors, they are not all strictly affiliated with USMS or the Kentucky LMSC.

- l. **Only Shelbyville ALTS uses USMS insurance for instructors (via membership) and participants (via 30-day trial memberships).

- m. None of the above programs is funded by the Kentucky LMSC, USMS, or the USA Swimming Foundation at this time.

Lake Erie - Ann Marshfield, LMSC Chair

- 1. Total Membership: 480 as of 8/5/25 – a decrease of 14 from 2024
- 2. How many clubs: 8
- 3. Swim Meets: 1 SCM, 2 LCM, 3 SCY, 1 Open Water Swim

The [2025 Ohio SCY Masters State Championship Meet](#) was the single largest one day Masters swim meet in the LMSC with 171 swimmers. This meet is co-hosted by Ohio LMSC and Lake Erie LMSC

The [2025 Tri-State Tidal Wave LCM Masters Meet](#) was the first LCM Masters swim meet with three LMSCs providing seed money. 151 swimmers, 35 clubs, 11 LMSCs and 1 swimmer from CCS.

LE LMSC pays for pool rental and coaches for continued outdoor practices at the Avon Aquatic Center. All USMS registered members are welcome. Cost is \$10 drop in. Practices are held on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

4. Financial health: LE LMSC attempts to spend down its reserves by investing in the Ohio SCY Masters State Championship Meet, the Tri-State Tidal Wave Masters Meet and the outdoor September practices. We also pay the basic USMS membership (\$75 value) for our LMSC board members, pay for club renewals, and offer prizes of USMS membership (\$75 value) at our annual meeting. The LMSC has \$36,000+ in the bank.
5. Relay 2025: We will send 3 coaches to Relay 2025
6. Projects include updating LE LMSC By-Laws to align with Ohio Code of Regulations and creating a policy document for guidance of board decisions and their implementation.

Michigan LMSC (Michigan Masters): Chad Steed, LMSC Chair

1. US. Masters Swimming Registrations:
 - a. As of 8/1/25:
 - i. Registered swimmers:
 1. 986 for 2025 (95% of 2024 YTD)
 - a. 1,042 for 2024
 - ii. Unattached swimmers 122
 1. Working hard to break last year's record and get unattached swimmers associated with a team/workgroup.
2. Teams and Work Groups:
 - a. Teams & Workout groups holding steady at 19
3. Yearly Highlights:
 - a. Successfully filed and won a National Board Review to ensure we protected our LMSC Board and Swimmers from a member who conducted "Unsporting Behaviors."
 - b. Initiated Year of Data (conducted first-time member surveys to gain real learnings vs. assumptions) to learn how to improve, areas of opportunity, and understand what works well.
 - c. Created several online virtual swim challenges (w/ gift card drawings for participation and performance).
 - d. Conducted an Officials and Referee Certification Class.
 - e. Launched New Team Logo, colors, and team merchandise (caps, pullovers, shirts, etc.).
 - f. Conducted a strong, successful, and well-attended State Meet in the western part of the State.

- g. Drafted and published new 2025 USMS Officials Rules and a USMS certification training process.
 - i. Ensured 100% USMS-certified Referee presence at Michigan LMSC swim meets from November 2024 through 2025.
 - h. Conducted over 10 local swim meets + State Championship Meet (adding a new swim meet opportunity on the west part of the state (Zeeland, MI).
 - i. Started a monthly “Leader and Swim Team Spotlight”, that allows us to get better acquainted with our MI Masters Swimmers
4. Upcoming Areas of Opportunities:
- a. Offering to our members an incredible opportunity to attend, meet, learn from, and hang out with Olympic Swimmer, Cody Miller, at a breakfast, Swim Clinic, and at our Banquet (October 12th), where Cody will be the Keynote speaker.
 - b. Upcoming 2026 State Meet will be at one of our State’s fastest Pools, Oakland University Swim Natatorium, for the first time

Ohio - Caitlin Gagnon, LMSC Chair

1. While our membership numbers are doing okay (about 90 below last year's total with fall still to come) and we have had a new club launch, we have only sanctioned 3 meets in 2025. We have a program to reimburse clubs for meet costs, but as meet directors retire we are having trouble replacing them.
2. We did our membership-based payouts to the teams again this year, it remains a popular program.
3. We added an officials chair to our board, a position that has not been filled for a number of years.

Wisconsin - Mary Schneider, LMSC Chair

1. In the past year we had 500+ members, which is a stabilization of our member numbers since the covid years.
2. Over the past 3 years we have spent down resources by giving grants to host teams to help run swim meets. Wisconsin had 8 SCY meets, 1 SCM meet, 1 Fitness event, 1 Virtual meet and 1 LCM meet. The meets were well attended and most of them featured either individual or relay “fun” (non-conforming) events, or both individual and relay “fun” events.
3. We had good participation at USMS SCY Nationals and finished second among Regional teams.
4. Our methods of communication are our website, a monthly email stressing upcoming events and important dates and our bi-monthly newsletter.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

None

Action Items

None

Agenda

12. Call meeting to Order
13. Approve 2024 meeting minutes
14. Zone report by Chair
15. LMSC reports
16. Election for Zone Chair
17. New Business
18. Other Business
19. Adjourn

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Northwest Zone

Committee Members

Jill Wright (SR), Zone Chair

Kent Hamilton (AK), Robert Heath (IW), Mark Brooke (MT), Marisa Frieder (OR). Linda Chapman (PN), Jim Clemmons (SR), Aaron Norton (UT)

Ex-Officio: At-Large Director Robert Heath (IW), Secretary and Awards Sally Dillon (PN), Webmaster Dave Cabrey (IW), Zone Record Keeper Steve Darnell (OR), Northwest Zone Chatter editor Christina Fox (OR), Zone Treasurer Ken Winterberger (AK)

Introduction

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

The NW Zone currently lists 85 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. Meeting minutes are posted on the NW Zone and USMS websites. 17 zone members are expected to attend in person, and 5 others will attend virtually for a total of 22. As of July 31, the zone has 4,422 members and 55 clubs. Snake River is the smallest LMSC with 123 members, and Pacific Northwest is the largest with 1,838 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

1. Bids were approved for the following 2025 zone championships:
 - SCY – Chehalem Barracudas, Stafford Hills, OR on April 4-6, 2025
 - LCM – Central Oregon Masters, Bend, OR. This was a one-day meet on May 17, 2025
 - OW 2 mile – Sawtooth Masters, Boise, ID, Broadside Harbor, Caldwell, ID on June 14, 2025
 - SCM – Puget Sound Masters, Seattle, WA on November 21-22, 2025
2. Approval of pre-convention gatherings in Kansas City. In-person delegates will arrive on Thursday and meet for meals and a meeting on Friday morning.
3. Many thanks to the following Zone volunteers:
 - Dave Cabrey, for keeping our Northwest Zone website up to date.
 - Steve Darnell, for keeping SCY, SCM and LCM records up to date.
 - Christina Fox, for editing and publishing the Northwest Zone Chatter quarterly.
 - Ken Winterberger, for keeping our zone finances in order.
 - Sally Dillon, for taking on secretarial duties and zone award management.

4. The 2025 USMS Summer National Meet was held in the NW Zone at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way, WA. It was hosted by PN LMSC.

Action Items

1. The LMSC approved via email, the fee for reserving a meeting room in KC.

Agenda

1. Call to order:
2. Confirmation of attendees:
 - a. Actions taken between meetings:
 - i. The June 2, 2025 meeting minutes were approved via email and posted on the USMS and zone website.
 - b. Chair report:
 - c. Financial report:
 - d. Webmaster report:
 - e. Records report:
 - f. Zone Chatter report:
 - g. Secretary report:
 - h. NW Zone At Large Director report:
 - i. NW Zone Championship events update:
 - j. Election of NW Zone Chair
3. Other business TBD

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Oceana Zone

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's meeting will be conducted on a virtual (Zoom) platform as part of the 2025 USMS Annual meeting.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. As of 8/19/2025 in the Pacific LMSC there are 9,406 USMS members. There are 115 recognized clubs. This is slightly down from 9,503 last year.

As of 8/19/2025, Hawaii has 10 active clubs, and six workout groups competing under club HIMA for a total of 11 clubs. We have 617 current members registered in 2025, slightly down from 624 at this time in 2024.

2. **Pacific LMSC:**

Pacific hosted a full schedule of pool and open water events. We hosted a Level 2 and Level 3 Coaches Certification clinic earlier in the year. We are looking to finalize our Annual Celebration in November with Board elections to take place.

3. **Hawaii LMSC:** Formed regional clubs to assist swimmers attending Nationals and International events to help with communication and support.

Competitions: Big Island 3 meets, Oahu 1 meet, Maui 0 meets. (There are many open water events across all islands that are run by other organizations and are open to any age group.)

We hosted a City and County Meeting in Honolulu to help with programs for Adult Swimming with the possibility of having Masters clubs.

Action Items

- Approval of 2024 Zone meeting minutes.
- Election of Oceana Zone Chair

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
- Election of Zone Chair
- Adjournment

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South Central Zone

Committee Members

Jacky Merianos (NT), Zone Chair;

Jacky Merianos (NT), Chair; Kirsten Hoffman (OK), All Time Zone Records; Susan Ingraham (ST), Zone Championship Meet Records; Nicole Christensen (GU), Webmaster and Open Water Chair.

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

South Central Zone Member At-Large Director: Nicole Christensen (GU).

2024 – 2025 Zone LMSC Leadership:

LMSC	Chair	Vice Chair
Arkansas	Bonnie Adams	Susan Torpy
Gulf	Nicole Christensen	Stacey Eicks
North Texas	Jacky Merianos	Frank Cortese
Oklahoma	David Smith	Janet Latham
South Texas	Jeff Campbell	

Introduction

Welcome to the 2025 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 2025 Annual Zone Committee meeting.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. 2025 Spring Zones Championship (143 participants)
2. 2025 Summer Zones Championship (135 participants)
3. 2025 SC Zone Open Water Grand Prix Challenge (4-5 races)
4. Discussion between Zone Leadership and Southern LMSC: Southern LMSC is exploring the possibility of requesting entry into the South-Central Zone.
5. ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP POLICY UPDATE: A motion regarding our Zone Championship Time Standards Policy was duly proposed and submitted to vote. The following motion was approved via electronic ballot conducted on October 6, 2024: *The South Central Zone will adjust its current distance time standard limits, which are only used for entry into the South Central Zone Championship swim meets, as follows: for the 1500/1650 freestyle adjust it from 60 minutes to 50 minutes, for the 800/1000 freestyle adjust it from 40 minutes to 30 minutes, and for*

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the 400 IM and the 400/500 freestyle adjust it from 20 minutes to 15 minutes. These time standard adjustments will initiate with the 2026 Championship Season.

Action Items

1. Vote on our 2025 – 2027 Zone Chair
2. Vote on distribution of 2026 & 2027 Zone expenses
3. Review bids and vote on 2026 South Central Zone Championship locations
4. Vote on adding a Short Course Meters meet to our Zone Championship lineup

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Voting Overview
3. Presentation of the 2025 South Central Zone Jesse Coon Award
4. Zone Chair election
5. Zone Chair report
6. Presentation of Zone expenses for 2025
7. Discussion and vote: distribution of 2026 & 2027 Zone expenses
8. Presentation and vote: 2026 Zone Champs Meet Bids
9. Discussion and vote: Zone to add a Short Course Meters meet to our championship meet lineup
10. Discussion: Southern LMSC to join South Central Zone
11. 2025 Grand Prix Debrief and discussion on 2026 Grand Prix
12. Discussion: South Central Zone Voting Policies
13. Update on TX AG Lawsuit
14. Important Zone dates and events: 2026
15. 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 1st 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), Trey Taylor (At-Large Director, SE Zone), Crystie McGrail (VP of Local Operations), Jay Eckert (Senior Director, Membership & Business Development)

From SE Zone: Ed Saltzman (SE Zone Chair), Cheryl Kupan (FL LMSC Chair), Barb Protzman (FGC LMSC Chair), Vesna Shelnett (GA LMSC Vice Chair), Sara Dunn (NC LMSC Top Ten), Roger von Jouanne (SE LMSC Chair), Chris Shrader (SE LMSC Vice Chair), Aaron Schneider (SO LMSC 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.

March 9, 2025	Charlotte, NC	ALTS
March 29-30, 2025	Mobile, AL	L2/L3/ALTS
September 20-21, 2025	Kingsport, TN	L2/L3/Clinic/Stroke/ALTS
December 7, 2025	Augusta, GA	ALTS
March 1, 2026	Atlanta, GA	L2/L3

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.

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4. Current Southeast Zone Membership Status

				2025		
				Effective 07/21/25		
LMSC	Members		Clubs	Members	Clubs	Recapture
	2024		2024	2025	2025	
Florida	2,721		67	2,226	65	81.8%
Florida Gold	1,369		18	1,223	19	89.3%
Georgia	922		23	900	28	97.6%
North Carolina	1,678		14	1,603	19	95.5%
South Carolina	612		15	583	14	95.2%
Southeastern	1064		35	914	40	85.9%
Southern	328		11	277	11	84.4%
8,694				7,726		88.8%

20. The LMSC's in the Southeast Zone continue their tradition of offering an extensive and varied meet schedule for our members. During the 2025 season (**to-date**) our swimmers had **32** meets to choose from within the zone. During that period the meets drew a total of **3,119** participants, accounting for **14,030** splashes. We had **165** swimmers from our zone attend the 2025 USMS Spring Nationals in San Antonio. We still have 11 more meets scheduled this year. Meet breakdown = (31) SCY, (10) LCM, (2) SCM.

Action Items

1. Continue to seek ways to increase our membership participation in our LMSC meets.
2. Seek addition opportunities within the Zone to offer more SCM meets – subject to pool availability.

Agenda

1. Roll Call / attendance.
2. Approval of last year's minutes (attached)
3. Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten and Records).
4. LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO)
5. Review upcoming 2025/2026 meet schedule
6. Discuss the future of the three Zone Championships.
 - a. We have received a bid from Auburn to host the 2026 Southeast Zone SCY Championships in conjunction with their February 14-15, 2026 - 27th Annual Auburn SCY Meet.
 - b. If you are interested in hosting the Southeast Zone SCY, LCM, SCM championship in conjunction with one of your 2026 LMSC meets; please submit an email to me before 08/15/25 so we can set up a poll for voting during the Zone meeting.
7. Is there a better way to foster friendly inter-LMSC competition?

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8. New Pools – New USMS Team opportunities – how do the LMSC's help?
9. Old Business
10. New Business – Do we want more frequent inter-LMSC communications or periodic Zone zoom calls to foster more LMSC collaboration or exchange of ideas?
11. Open the floor for discussion.
12. End meeting.

Southeast Zone Meeting

[Thursday August 21, 2025 7:00pm - 8:30pm EDT | Zoom Registration Link](#)

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Southwest Zone

Committee Members

Arlette Godges, Zone Chair

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

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 2025 meeting will be conducted by zoom following the format of the previous years. The meeting will be held Friday 8/29/25 at 5:30pm PST.

Southwest Zone Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order and Attendance
2. Welcome Everyone
3. Approval of 2024 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
 - a. Ideas on how to share ideas between LMSCs and leverage knowledge and processes.
 - b. Preferred method of communication; email, zoom, USMS Forums?
 - c. Bex: short discussion on “drop in swimmers”
 - d. Other business?
7. Adjourn Meeting

Southwest Zone Meeting

[Friday August 29, 2025 8:30pm - 10:00pm EDT | Zoom Registration Link](#)