

# USMS Zone Reports and Agendas

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## Breadbasket Zone

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### Committee Members

Robin Tracy, Chair

### Members Present at 2019 Annual Meeting

Marcia Anziano, Dave Seamen, Lori Payne, Susan Nolte, Erin Sullivan, Sue Nutty, Lori Terzopoulos, Doug Hayden, Tom Keely, Katherine Kuhl, Carrie Stolar, Sandra Frimerman-Berquist, David Berquist, Randy Ness, Dave Kough, Robin Tracy, Jenny Hodges, Katherine Olson, Stan LeMaster, Heather Hagadorn, Christopher Nolte, Maryanne Barkley

### Introduction

The Breadbasket Zone meeting was represented by at least one member from each LMSC. Robin Tracy was elected as the new Zone Chair. We will continue to use our Facebook page to communicate, USMS Breadbasket Zone. The Zone Meet will be in MN in early April, as a State/Zone meet.

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Each LMSC submitted 2 names as contacts for the chair to use as needed.
2. Sue Nutty, NE, will head up organization of the Breadbasket Zone Virtual Meet in Mar/Apr. Sue will contact each LMSC to get info on their State meet and she will coordinate with each on the submission of the meet results. If a LMSC is not holding a state meet, swimmers can use times swam at a spring meet or at another LMSC's State meet.

### Action Items

1. 2020 Virtual Breadbasket Zone Meet was not held due to Covid-19 pandemic. Will discuss 2021 Virtual Meet.

### Agenda

1. Compilation of the 2021 Virtual Swim Meet.
2. Discussion on LMSC Standards.
3. Voting on endorsement of BOD At-Large Director
4. Any new business.

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## Colonies Zone

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### Committee Members

Mollie Grover, Chair; Douglas Sayles, Vice Chair

All annual meeting attendees registered within the Colonies Zone

Ex-Officio: N/A

### Introduction

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Colonies Zone Chair for the last three years. We have a high performing zone with members from 10 LMSCs: Virginia, Potomac Valley, Maryland, Delaware Valley, New Jersey, Metropolitan, Adirondack, Niagara, Connecticut, and New England, all with members who are heavily involved in USMS.

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- LMSC Standards Survey and Results
- Zone Championships:
  - 2019 SCM (WPI)
  - 2020 SCY (GMU-Fairfax) – Awarded but cancelled

### Action Items

- Endorsement of BOD At-Large Director
- Discussion of COVID-19 and impacts on LMSCs
- Discussion regarding 2020 - 2021 Zone Championships

### Agenda

- Call to Order and Introductions
- Voting on endorsement of BOD At-Large Director
- LMSC Standards Survey Results
- Zone Championship Recap (2019 SCM)
- New Business and Events Announcements
- Adjourn

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## Dixie Zone

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### Ed Saltzman, 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, Southern. In spite of the pandemic; the current 2020 Y-T-D membership of the Dixie Zone is 7,342 members; 181 clubs; which is within 90.5% of the final, year-end 2019 registration.

#### Introduction

The Dixie Zone Committee meets, in person, annually at the USMS Annual Meeting 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. All LMSC's within the zone completed their LMSC Standards survey and received their feedback. Two LMSC's (Georgia, North Carolina) met all Mandatory and Target Standards. Two LMSC's (Florida Gold, South Carolina) met all Mandatory Standards.
2. Zone Championships were not held due to the pandemic.
  - SCY – March 21-22, Cary, NC – Cancelled
  - LCM – June 6-7, Sarasota, FL - Cancelled
  - SCM – Never Scheduled, Charleston, SC
  - OW – Oct 10, Chattanooga, TN – Rescheduled to Oct 9, 2021
3. Several Dixie Zone newsletters were published over the course of the last few months to keep our LMSC's informed of hot topics within the zone.
4. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> a proposal was submitted to the Zone chair to explore the possibility of changing the Zone name, from Dixie to something more appropriate, given the current social unrest and political environment. The proposal was brought to the attention of the seven LMSC boards and the question posted on the Zone discussion forum to gather feedback and suggestions. On June 13<sup>th</sup> USMS President, Peter Guadagni reached out to us to inform us that the USMS board had discussed the issue at their June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and was considering various alternatives. During the remainder of June there was a lot of active discussion and dialogue between members of the zone, via discussion forum and email, resulting in a list of possible new names for the zone. On June 24<sup>th</sup> the zone chair "Called the Question". Voting took place in each LMSC between June 24<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> with each LMSC Chair forwarding their results for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Zone chair.

The results were compiled and the winner was announced on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> an email was sent to USMS President Peter Guadagni notifying him of the Zone's preference, should the board decide that a name change was required.

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The Zone webmaster took immediate action to lock down and purchased the appropriate domain name to go with the proposed new zone name.

The USMS BOD met on July 11<sup>th</sup> and voted to move forward with their request for a formal name change for the Dixie Zone. The matter was sent to the LMSC Development Committee which met on July 21<sup>st</sup> and voted to accept the zones recommendation of “Southeast Zone” and assigned a member of the committee to draft the formal legislation that will be presented to the HOD for approval. The vote will take place at the HOD meeting on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Until such time as the legislation is approved by the USMS HOD, the Zone will take no further action on the matter. Once approved; appropriate modifications will be made to the Zone webpage and any other documents, rewards, etc. to reflect the new name.

### Action Items

- Select Zone Championship hosts for 2021 (SCY, LCM, SCM, OW).
- Discuss candidates running for the At-Large Director to the BOD from the Dixie Zone.

### Agenda

- Roll Call / attendance.
- Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten, and Records).
- LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO)
  - How is your LMSC running?
  - Any major problems or issues you would like to discuss, or get feedback on how other LMSC’s are addressing?
- Discuss issues related to developing a meet calendar for 2021 if the pandemic persists and how we can work with hosts to allow for flexibility in date changes
- Solicit and vote on Dixie Zone Championship hosts for 2021
- Q&A / Open discussion on LMSC Standards Survey Results
- Introduction of the candidates for At-Large Director to the BOD from the Dixie Zone – each candidate will have 5 minutes to address the members
- Discussion on options for dealing with the 2020 LCM and SCM Zone Top Ten lists given the limited number of meets
- Discuss possible logo change for the Zone associated with any name change and review any logo submissions
- Discuss re-activating the Zone Top Ten Patch program
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

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## Great Lakes Zone

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**Lisa Brown, Zone Chair**

### **Committee Members**

Ann Marshfield, Vice Chair; Allegheny Mountain, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin

### **Introduction**

Great Lakes—Allegheny Mountain, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin

### **Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention**

1. Allegheny Leadership - interim leadership to now fully active board
2. Ohio Leadership - Chair would like to step down and need to find replacements.

### **Action Items**

1. Need to help Ohio LMSC to identify future leadership.
2. What to do with GLOW money.

### **Agenda**

1. Ohio LMSC leadership
2. Allegheny - has a new board and is awaiting official election to finalize board positions.
3. GLOW virtual swim? Use GLOW \$ for prizes
4. Voting on endorsement of BOD At-Large Director

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## Northwest Zone

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### Committee Members

Paige Buehler, Chair

Ken Winterberger (AK, also Zone Treasurer), Matthew Bronson (IW), Donn Livoni (MT), Tim Waud (OR), Sally Dillon (PN), Jim Clemmons (SR), and Aaron Norton (UT)

Ex-Officio: At-Large Director Matt Miller (OR), Webmaster Hugh Moore (PN), Zone Record Keeper Steve Darnell (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 four of them: Inland Northwest (IW), Oregon (OR), Pacific Northwest (PN), and Snake River (SR). With the increased demand for used jets in the corporate aviation market during the pandemic, we voted to sell the Zone Jet (donated by Breadbasket Zone in 2016) to fund our greener bullet train.

The NW Zone roster currently lists 100 USMS members serving on the LMSCs' leadership teams. The Zone conducted teleconference calls in March, June, and December and will videoconference in September at the annual meeting. While all leaders within the zone are invited, conference calls typically have 12-15 attending. As of July 31, the zone has 3429 members (523 fewer than last year – a 13% drop) and 43 clubs (equal to 2019). Snake River is the smallest LMSC with 103 members and 5 clubs and Pacific NW is the largest with 1418 members and 5 clubs. Alaska, Oregon, and Pacific NW have registered workout groups (9, 26, and 25 respectively).

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- NW Zone Championship meets/events – bids were received and approved for championship meets in short course yards, long course meters, and short course meters. All the events were cancelled due to the pandemic. There was no bid for an open water championship.
- Unified Fee – we briefly reviewed feedback from the LMSCs that chose to pilot the Unified Fee concept while the annual membership renewal process was underway. While all 5 of the participating LMSCs anticipated increased revenue, it was too early to see if the increased member fee was a barrier to membership and the pandemic soon made it hard to execute to plans to use the additional income on member programming.
- Updating financial policies and procedures – with possible changes to Annual Meeting funding under the Unified Fee model and current LMSC bank account balances, we decided that it is time to look at our zone income and expense policies. Recommendations include collecting fees every four (4) years and reducing the Small LMSC Annual Meeting grant policy to an “as needed” item to support all LMSCs in the NW Zone when they may need a grant to fund their delegates' travel.
- Dual-sanctioned meets and USA Swimming MAAPP (athlete protection policies)– we discussed the implications of USA Swimming's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy

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(new in 2019) on dual-sanctioned events with Masters Swimming participants to confirm that the impacts were few except to those people who have roles in USA Swimming and participate as a USMS member.

- NW Zone website hosting – we moved the northwestzone.org website off the USMS web servers this year and renewed the domain for five (5) years.

### **Action Items**

- Endorse At-large Director candidate(s) from NW Zone

### **Agenda**

- Call to Order & Introductions
- Actions taken between meetings
- Approve modifications to NW Zone financial policies
- At-large Director candidate(s) endorsement
- Unified Fee in pilot LMSCs discussion
- Chair Report
- Treasurer Report
- At-large Director Report
- LMSC Reports (SR, OR, UT, IW, PN, AK, MT)
- Annual Meeting “hot topics”
- Other business as time allows
- Adjourn

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## Oceana Zone

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Sally Guthrie, 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 at the USMS Convention and conducts other business, as needed, by phone, email or a virtual program such as Zoom. This year the meeting will be conducted on a virtual platform (Zoom) due to the pandemic.

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

The two LMSCs are joined only by our shared Pacific Ocean. The Pacific LMSC met 25 of 25 Mandatory Standards and 23 of 23 Target Standards in the 2019. The Hawaii LMSC met 24 of 25 Mandatory Standards and 20 of 23 Target Standards. The only mandatory standard not met by Hawaii was standard 2.1.6 (prepare and submit annual meeting minutes to the USMS National Office...). After communicating with the Hawaii LMSC Chair we have concluded that it should be acceptable for Hawaii to conduct their Annual LMSC meeting using a virtual format such as Zoom since it is extremely difficult for their LMSC to conduct an in person Annual Meeting due to having to travel amongst the islands. As of 7/22/20 there are 8,781 USMS members in the Oceana Zone. Largely due to COVID-19 this year USMS membership has decreased nationally. We are not an exception, there is an 18.6% decrease in members in our zone. Pacific membership is down 18.2% (last year 2.8% decrease) and Hawaii membership is down 26.5% (last year it was down 8.46%) as of 7/22/2020.

### Action Items

- Approval of 2019 Zone meeting minutes
- Endorsement of Oceana Zone Director candidate

### Agenda

*Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 5pm Pacific Time (2pm Hawaii Time)*

- Introductions
- Approval of Last Year's minutes
- Oceana Zone Director candidates - John King, any floor nomination for position
- Reports of the LMSCs
- Review of proposed rule changes that may be of interest to the Zone
- Oceana representation on USMS Committees
- New Business
- Adjournment

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## South Central Zone

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Nicole Christensen: Chair

### Committee Members

Andrea Gillman, Anita Parisi, Billy Marshall, Bob Seagraves, Bonnie Adams, Bruce Williams, Byron Shefchik, Carie O'Banion, Carlos Rodriguez, Cindy Udelhofen, Cynthia Myer, Ed Coates, Janet Latham, Karlene Denby, Kevin Lunsford, Kirsten Hoffman, Kris Wingenroth, Linda Visser, Louise Churchill, Michael Doyle, Richard Garza, Robert Openheimer, Scott Halliburton, Stacy Abrams, Susan Hengstenberg, Susan Ingraham, Tim Murphy, Trey Robnet

### Introduction

The South Central Zone is comprised of the Arkansas, Gulf, North Texas, Oklahoma, South Texas and West Texas LMSCs. The goal of the Zone is to promote each of the LMSCs within and to assist each other in a cooperative manner.

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

- Cancellation of Short Course and Long Course Zone Champs Meets
- Creation of South Central Zone Website
- Update of Zone Champs Meet records and All Time South Central Zone records (on Zone web site at both [usmssouthcentralzone.org](http://usmssouthcentralzone.org) and [southcentralzone.org](http://southcentralzone.org))

### Agenda

- Welcome, Call to order and roll call
- South Central Zone At-Large Director endorsements
- Discussion of Virtual Zone Champs meets – discuss interest level and plan to implement if approved
- Bids on in-person Short Course and Long Course Meets – discuss viability and how to address uncertainties caused by Covid
- USMS Club Assistance program – how are the LMSC implementing the program? Are there LMSCs that need assistance with this program?
- USMS Virtual Championships – did the LMSC promote and have members participate? What was the response?
- LMSC membership – what is the “health” of the 2020 registration in each LMSC? Have the zones been promoting the “get 2021 free if you join now for \$60” campaign by USMS? Are there ways LMSCs can mentor and support struggling LMSCs?
- Zone web site – What needs to be added or edited? How is each LMSC planning on notifying their membership of the Zone web site? Can each LMSC put a link on their home page (link button with url will be provided)?
- Old business
- New business
- Adjourn

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## Southwest Zone

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Michael Heather, Zone Chair

### Introduction

The Southwest Zone includes Arizona, New Mexico, San Diego-Imperial, and the Southern Pacific LMSCs. The committee meets annually at the U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting and conducts other business as needed by email.

### Southwest Zone Meeting Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of 2019 minutes
3. Voting on endorsement of BOD At-Large Director
4. Reports and/or announcements by LMSC:
  - AZ
  - NM
  - SDI
  - SP
5. Zone Meet selections for 2021:
  - SCY
  - LCM
  - SCM
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

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