

# U.S. Masters Swimming LMSC Development Committee

"LMSC Update" Webinar 2022-02-10

Information Sharing & Community for LMSC Volunteers

# LMSC Update Facilitators



**Tom Moore** swims with Minnesota Masters Swimming in the Minnesota LMSC. Tom currently serves on the USMS Diversity & Inclusion committee as well as the USMS LMSC Development committee.

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# Welcome Everyone!



The webinar will begin in a few minutes;
 please stand by as everyone gets connected



 All attendees will be muted throughout the presentation and un-muted for the Q&A segment



 You can submit questions to the moderator via the Q&A 'Chat' window







# Tom Moore & Linda Chapman





## LMSC Update "LMSC Great Ideas" Panelists





Tim Waud

Oregon LMSC Fundraising & Engagement



Crystie McGrail

New England LMSC

**Coach Support** 



Alana Aubin

New England LMSC LMSC Communications



Michael Moore

Pacific LMSC Membership & Marketing 5

# LMSC Update



- New & Notable (Streamlines for Volunteers / Deadlines for LMSCs)
- Upcoming Webinars / Recordings of past Webinars
- Information Share: Downstream & Upstream
  - Today's Downstream Topic: "More LMSC Great Ideas"
  - Upstream: What are your questions / comments / concerns?
- Community: "Live" group chat (with cameras on!)

# New & Notable (1 of 4)



- Streamlines for Volunteers (now Monthly!) February issue came out Tuesday, 2/8/2022
  - Letter from CEO Dawson Hughes
    - As of 1/31, membership was 37,745. Typically, ~70% of members have registered by 1/31, so that puts us on track for nearly 55,000 members in 2022 (which would be our first year-over-year increase since 2016).
    - Our goal is to surpass our highest membership total (65,778) by 2024.
    - Each LMSC should set annual and multiyear targets for membership growth, and start initiatives to reach those goals.
      - The LMSC Focus of Resources provides a list of ideas for consideration
      - Dawson is available for a call as part of your LMSC's planning.
    - We can collaborate on ideas to increase the quantity and quality of opportunities for adults to swim in clubs and at events next month at Relay 2022.
  - Volunteer working Calendar
  - <u>LMSC Financials</u> and Tax Filing due by April 30
  - LMSC 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes due by April 30
  - Volunteer Relay 2022 (see next slide!)
  - Volunteer Spotlight: Guy Davis, New England LMSC

# New & Notable (2 of 4)



- "Volunteer Relay" in person meeting planned for Fri March 4 Sun March 6, 2022
   <a href="https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/lmscs/lmsc-leadership-summit/relay-2022">https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/lmscs/lmsc-leadership-summit/relay-2022</a>
  - Westin Denver International Airport. Mask mandate in effect.
  - The theme of Relay 2022 is Club Development with a focus on
    - building relationships with facilities,
    - recruiting and supporting coaches, and
    - providing resources for clubs to grow.
  - LMSCs should select attendees who have the interest, skills, and passion for helping develop USMS clubs at the local level. LMSCs are recommended to consider bringing at least one tenured volunteer, one volunteer who also coaches, and one volunteer who has never participated in a national-level meeting.
  - Relay 2022 calendar, showing all meetings and choice of workshops is <u>here</u>.
  - Latest Updates:
    - December 2, 2021 <u>2022 Volunteer Relay Update 1</u>
    - December 16, 2021 <u>2022 Volunteer Relay Update 2</u>
    - January 12, 2022 <u>STREAMLINES for Volunteers</u>
    - January 20, 2022 <u>2022 Volunteer Relay Update 3</u>

# New & Notable (3 of 4)



- Upcoming Deadlines for Volunteers:
  - Election nominations open March 1 and close April 20
  - Relay 2022; Denver, CO; March 4 6
  - Captain Ransom J Arthur MD Award Nomination Deadline March 15
  - Spring Nationals April 28 May 1
  - LMSC Annual Financial Statement and LMSC Annual Meeting Minutes Deadline; April 30
  - IRS Tax filing deadline April 30

# New & Notable (4 of 4)



- Published Minutes (<a href="https://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/index.php">https://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/index.php</a>)
  - 1/17 Coaches Committee Minutes
    - Presenting "Great Masters Coaching" at Relay 2022
    - Support for LMSC Coach & Club Development chairs
  - 12/20 Board of Directors <u>Minutes</u>
    - CEO Update
    - USAS Bylaws update
    - Presidential Appointments
    - Policy Review Project (SSLF, Audit Committee)
    - Strategic Plan Update (themes: club development, event development, community development, local focus and independent swimmer support)
    - Compensation & Benefits
  - 12/6 Executive Committee Minutes
    - Special Appointments & Liaisons
    - 2022 EC Priorities
    - Committee Appointment Process
    - 2022 Committee Objectives
    - Relay 2022 Agenda

### Webinars



There are 4 types of webinars (see <a href="https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/lmscs/peer-to-peer-calls">https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/lmscs/peer-to-peer-calls</a>)

#### 1. Education

 Scheduled 60min session hosted by subject-matter expert on a specific topic, schedule and pace driven by current BOD & USMS priorities

#### 2. Community

- Scheduled 60min session coordinated by relevant national committee, hosted by subjectmatter expert, focused toward a specific group of volunteers (i.e. "Education" session designed for "Peer" group).
- Currently, "Coaches" and "Adult-Learn-To-Swim" host regular Community webinars.

#### Peer-to-Peer (Relationship Building / "Mentoring")

 Annual 30min to 60min session hosted by LMSC Development and/or relevant national committee for a specific LMSC role focused on establishing and growing relationships & sharing best practices

#### **4. LMSC Update** (This Meeting)

- regular 30min to 60min session hosted by LMSC Dev to review webinar schedule & highlight info for LMSC volunteers
- National Committee Meetings

# **National Committee Meetings**



You can join a national committee meeting as a guest with the approval of the committee chair See the Volunteer Calendar (<a href="https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/volunteer-working-calendar">https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/volunteer-working-calendar</a>) for schedule)

Adult Learn To Swim (ALTS) Programming Committee

**Championship Committee** 

**Coaches Committee** 

**Diversity and Inclusion Committee** 

**Fitness Education Committee** 

**History and Archives Committee** 

Legislation Committee

LMSC Development Committee

Long Distance Committee

Membership Committee

Officials Committee

**Open Water Committee** 

**Recognition and Awards Committee** 

**Records and Tabulation Committee** 

**Rules Committee** 

**Sports Medicine and Science Committee** 

#### **Recent Webinars**



Presentations and/or Recordings Available <a href="https://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/index.php">https://www.usms.org/admin/minutes/index.php</a>

- February 8: Education: "Volunteer Working Calendar & USMS Community/Forums" Presentation —
  Recording Not Yet Posted
- February 3: Peer-to-Peer for Event Hosting (Sanctions, Safety, Officials, Top10, LMSC Records) -<u>Presentation</u> - <u>Recording</u>
- January 27: ALTS Community: "Breathing into Fear Calming the Anxious Adult Swimmer" -<u>Presentation</u> - <u>Recording</u>
- January 21: Coaches Community: "So you want to start your own masters team?" Presentation Recording
- January 12: LMSC Update: "Great Ideas from LMSCs" Presentation Recording
- January 11: Diversity & Inclusion Discussion: Inclusive LMSC Culture Presentation Recording
- January 6: Peer-to-Peer for LMSC Leadership (Chair/Vice-Chair) Presentation Recording
- November 30: D&I Discussion: Race + National Origin/Culture Presentation Recording

# Webinars – Upcoming Calendar



https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/lmscs/peer-to-peer-calls

#### February – Black History Month

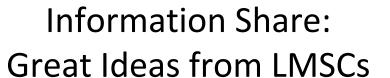
- Tue 2/15 Lunar New Year
- Thur 2/24 ALTS Community: "Becoming a More Effective ALTS Instructor" Register

#### March – Women's History Month, National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

- Thur 3/3 LSMC Treasurer P2P Register
- (Fri 3/4 Sun 3/6 Volunteer Relay 2022)
- Tue 3/8 Education: "LMSC Volunteer Development" Register
- Thur 3/10 LSMC Update Focus on LMSC Standards for Governance & Financials
- Thur 3/17 Coaches Community: TBD
- Thur 3/24 ALTS Community: "Lessons on Partnering with Volunteers and the Community from Pacific Masters Swimming" Register
- Tue 3/29 Education: "Local Event Hosting: How To ..." Register
- Thur 3/31 LSMC Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator P2P Register

#### April – Ramadan Sat 4/2-Mon 5/2, Passover Fri 4/15 – Sat 4/23

- Thur 4/7 LSMC Coach & Club Development Coordinator P2P Register
- Thur 4/14 LMSC Update Focus on Volunteer Relay 2022 Recap





- Last month & this month we have mini-presentations from four people highlighting the ways their LMSC:
  - Supports coaches
  - Strategize, collaborate, and take action to market USMS locally and build membership
  - Communicate with members
  - Enhance volunteer engagement
  - Fundraise within an LMSC

#### LMSC Communications



#### Alana Aubin - NELMSC

- Alana has been an avid member of USMS since 2012, swimming and occasionally coaching with Charles River Aquatics Masters. She served as a board member for New England Masters, CRM's parent club, for two years and overhauled their website during that time. After one year as Webmaster, Alana served as the New England LMSC Communications Chair for five years, rebuilding the LMSC website and expanding the email newsletter. She was awarded the USMS June Krauser Communications Award in 2019.
- Alana served on the USMS Long Distance Committee for four years.
   She is currently in her first year as Chairperson for the New England LMSC as well as Vice President and Treasurer of the Massachusetts Open Water Swimming Association.





## **LMSC Communications**

- Website
- Email
- Social Media





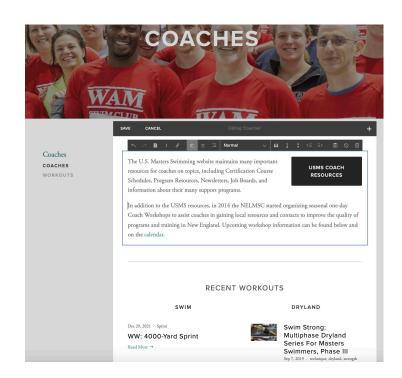




#### **LMSC Communications – Website**

Choose a platform that is easy to use – no code to maintain!

- Ensures continuity over time
- Encourages officers to contribute more proactively
- NELMSC uses Squarespace www.nelmsc.org





#### **LMSC Communications – Website**

#### Keep your website up to date!

If needed, simplify or link elsewhere



#### Where to Swim

TEAMS

OPEN WATER

#### Clubs & Workout Groups

To find USMS-registered clubs and workout groups use the Club Finder tool and enter the team name and/or geographic location and radius you want to search. View real-time team rosters in the New England LMSC Membership Directory. USMS members can also access a user-generated list of pools by logging into your My USMS account and selecting Places To Swim.

#### **New England LMSC Upcoming Events**

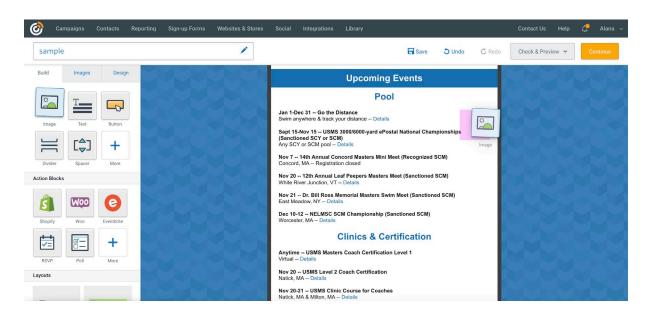




#### **LMSC Communications – Email**

#### Choose a platform that is easy to use

NELMSC uses Constant Contact





#### **LMSC Communications – Email**

#### Build a stable of contributors

- Get people to commit to write a recap BEFORE the event takes place
- Ask board members to take turns

Can be simple or content-rich, but keep it fresh

 Be sure to add the content and newsletters to your website too!







# **LMSC Communications – Newsletter Topics**

- Upcoming events meets, clinics, postals, fitness swims
- Event results & recaps
- Praise, shoutouts, member achievements & awards
- Education dryland, pool skills, open water, yoga, swim workouts
- Volunteer & member profiles or interest stories
- Board updates meetings, elections, seeking volunteers
- USMS articles

#### September 2019

New England hosts USMS Open Water National Championships at Lake Willoughby Sep 9, 2019

Swim Strong: Multiphase Dryland Series for Masters Swimmers, Phase III Sep 7, 2019

New England Athletes Swim and Socialize at FINA Masters Worlds Sep 4, 2019

Musings from my Summer of Open Water Swimming Sep 3, 2019

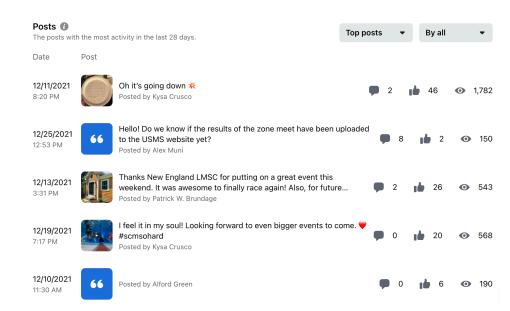
Kingdom Swim Draws a Crowd to Lake Memphremagog Sep 2, 2019



# **LMSC Communications – Social Media**

#### Facebook

- Post all content here as well
- Likely a highly engaged subset of your membership
- NELMSC uses a Group which allows members to post and interact with each other more than a Page

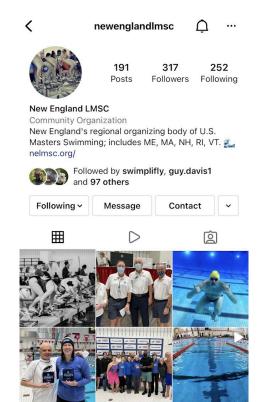




## **LMSC Communications – Social Media**

#### Instagram

- Perhaps a smaller following here, but may be worth cultivating
- Younger members likely active here
- Makes things look fun!





# LMSC Fundraising and Volunteer Engagement



#### Tim Waud – Oregon LMSC

Tim first joined U. S. Masters Swimming in 1992. Since then, he has been the Vice-chair, Souvenir Chair, Coaches Chair, and Chair for Oregon Masters Swimming.

During his term as the NW Zone Chair from 2013-2015, he served on the LMSC Development Committee.

He is a current Coaches Committee member and has coached on the local, zone, national, and world stage. In 2016, he was Co-Meet Director for the U.S. Masters Swimming Summer National Championship in Portland, Oregon and is the Safety Chair for the Ultra-marathon Portland Bridge Swim.

This will be Tim's eleventh year as head coach for the Oregon City Tankers workout group.





# Who are your volunteers?

- Coaches
- > Swimmers
- > Officials

# What do they become?

- Local Volunteers
- Association and Zone Volunteers
- National Level Volunteers

# **Local Volunteers**



- Meet Directors
- > Event Directors
- > Safety Directors
- > Officials



# LMSC and Zone Volunteers

- > LMSC Board Members
- > NW Zone Chair

# National Level Volunteers



- USAS Delegates
- Delegates at Large
- Committee Chairs
- Committee Members
- NW Zone Chair
- At Large Director
- National Championship Meet Director



# Local

- Monthly Board Meetings
- Annual Membership Meetings
- Annual Retreat



# **Zone and National**

- Monthly Committee Meetings
- Quarterly Zone Meetings
- Annual Meetings



# **Administrative**

- Policy and Bylaws (Local)
  - > Update
  - > Revise
- LMSC Standards Survey (National)



# **Financial Health**

- > Souvenirs
- Merchandise
- Officials
- > Scholarship
- Coaches
- > Clinics
- Webinars



# **Financial Health**

- > Investments
  - CD/Money Market
  - Race equipment
    - Pool (Laptop, Software)
    - Open Water (Timing System)



# **Membership Health**

- Social Media
- > Email Blasts
- Newsletter
- Swim Clinics
- Webinars



# **Membership Health**

- Coaches
- > Clinics
- Webinars
- Competitions
- Coach at Nationals

## LMSC Health



## **Membership Health**

- Awards and Recognition
- Record Keeping
- > Zone Records (SCY SCM LCM OW)
- ➤ LMSC Records (SCY SCM LCM OW)
  - Top Twelve Pool Association (SCY SCM LCM)
  - Open Water Series

### LMSC Health



### **Membership Benefits**

- Competition
- > Social
- Communication/Promotion
  - Newsletter (10 x year)
  - Social Media (5 x week)
  - Email Blasts (Frequent)

### LMSC Business



- Membership
  - Promotion
- Adult Learn-to-Swim
  - > SSL Grants
- Planning Ahead
  - > Fundraising
  - Budgeting

# Volunteer Engagement



- > Is it fun?
- Do you offer a variety of events?
- What is the value of an event?
- ➤ How do you communicate?
- ➤ Do you give thanks?
- > Are you willing to try something new?
- What does it take?

# Volunteers Hosting Events



- LMSC Championship
  - Pool
  - Open Water
- Northwest Zone Championships
  - > SCY
  - > LCM
  - > SCM
  - > OW

# Volunteers Hosting Events



### Pool Competition

- Long Course/Summer 50 Meter
- Postal/ePostal/Virtual events
- One-hour
- > 5/10K
- > 3000/6000

# Volunteers Hosting Events



#### Open Water

- > Sprint
- 2-mile Cable
- Distance
- Long distance
- Marathon
- Ultramarathon

# Recognition and Awards



- Workout Group
- Annual Award (Male and Female)
- > LMSC Awards
  - Founder Awards
  - Spirit Awards
  - Special Service Award
  - Team Spirit Award

(Male and Female)

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(Individual or Group)

(Team)

# Recognition and Awards



#### USMS Awards

- Captain Ransom J Arthur Award
- Coach of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Dorothy Donnelly Service Award

# Recognition and Awards



#### USMS Awards

- Kerry O'Brien Coaches Award
- Fitness Award
- Long Distance National Championship Award
- Open Water Service Award
- National Championship Meets Award
- Newsletter of the Year
  - > IMSHOF-Honor Masters Swimmers

# Special Events



- Oregon Swim-cation (National)
  - Ultramarathon (17K)
  - 2-mile Cable Swim
  - Long Distance (10K)
- February Fitness Challenge
- > 2-Mile Relays

## **USMS National Committees**



- Committee Chair
- Vice-chair
- > Subcommittee Chair
- > At Large Director
- > NW Zone Chair



#### Panelist Wrap-Up

#### Questions for the panelists?





- Feedback and input
- Priorities for upcoming webinars?
- Questions / Concerns?
- Small group discussion for volunteers from similar LMSCs?

#### Community



• Group Discussion (with Cameras on!)

#### Peer 2 Peer Tentative Schedule 2021-22



- Thur 9/30 LMSC Membership Coordinator
- Thur 11/4 LMSC Secretary
- Thur 1/6 LMSC Leadership (Chair / Vice-Chair)
- Thur 2/3 Event Hosting (LMSC Sanctions, Officials, Safety, Records, Top10)
- Thur 3/3 LSMC Treasurer
- Thur 3/31 LMSC Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator
- Thur 4/7 LMSC Coach & Club Development
- Thur 5/5 LMSC Awards & Recognition
- Thur 6/2 LMSC Communication
- Thur 6/30 LMSC Fitness Event Coordinator
- Thur 7/7 LMSC Hall of Fame
- Thur 9/1 LMSC Community Service

#### Context & Acronyms



- FINA (federation internationale de natation) is the international federation which governs international aquatics competition
- USAS (United States Aquatic Sports) is the umbrella organization that allows
  US athletes to compete in FINA events. USAS consists of USA Water Polo,
  USA Artistic (nee Synchronized) Swimming, USA Diving, USA Swimming, and
  US Masters Swimming)
- USMS (United States Masters Swimming) is the national governing body for swimming for adults 18 and over
- LMSC (Local Masters Swimming Committee) is the "state" level governing body for regions throughout the US
  - USMS is divided into 8 geographic zones
  - USMS contains 52 LMSCs.