

2025 Great Lakes Zone Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2025
7PM EST

Allegheny Mountain: Matthew Harris, Katie Kenyon, Wynne Kirchner **Illinois:** Chris Colburn, Phil Dodson, Janet Goodridge, Molly Hoover, Camille Tan **Indiana:** Cheryl Gettelfinger, Steven Rouch **Kentucky:** Susan Ehringer, Meg Smath **Lake Erie:** Ann Marshfield **Michigan:** Barbara Church, Jim Izzi, Ken Mammo, Parick Weiss, Chad Steed **Ohio:** Caitlin Gagnon, CJ Rushman, Eric Schmitt **Wisconsin:** Elyce Dilworth, Mary Schneider **USMS:** Ed Coates

Summary: LMSCs gave recaps, discussion about how to recruit new volunteers, discussion on how to spend LMSC funds creatively

Call Meeting To Order

2024 Meeting Minutes Approved

Motion by Chris Colburn, Seconded by Wynne Kirchner, Unanimously voted to approved

Zone Recap

6146 Members
68 Clubs
73 Workout groups
44 Swim meets
6 Open Water Events

Michigan Masters Swimmer Robert Doud recognized for his World Record in the 200 fly. This plaque was revealed and fixed to the Avon Aquatic Facility on the occasion of their 10th anniversary.

New LCM meet - Tri-State Tidal Wave meet held at SPIRE Academy. This was a collaboration of three LMSCs - Allegheny Mountain, Lake Erie and Niagara (Colonies Zone).

And the launch of Grownup Swimming in Ohio LMSC and the teams' 3rd BEST in the WORLD!!
Woo Hoo!

LMSC Highlights

- Allegheny Mountain
 - Membership increase to 524, 3 meets, sending two people to Relay, and two delegates to the Annual Meeting, planned for a budget deficit this year, partnering with their local YMCA, leadership team did a charity swim to raise \$10,000 for Cancer Bridges
- Illinois
 - Membership down, awards and swim meets went well, reasonably functioning LMSC, Big Shoulders on September 6.

- Indiana
 - Update provided in writing for Annual Meeting
- Kentucky
 - 472 members, slight decrease, 57 unattached members, 3 meets, Grown Up Swimming in Lexington, Central ALTS still operating
- Lake Erie
 - Hosted Tri-State Meet and State Championship, Brogan Water Swim
- Michigan
 - Membership down slightly, 19 teams and workout groups, trying to connect unattached swimmers to a team, added swimmer spotlights, worked on officiating and refereeing, hosted a state championship, new logo colors, had to initiate an MBR, adding a new meet at Oakland, hosting a stroke clinic with Cody Miller
- Ohio
 - 80 members below last year (810), Grown Up Swimming launch in Cincinnati, hosted three meets, no long course meets, planning the state championship for 2026, planning a duel sanctioned meet in Athens
- Wisconsin
 - Membership has stabilized, spent money to assist meet hosts, 8 SCY meets, 1 SCM meet, 1 fitness event, 1 virtual event, 1 LCM meet, sending newsletter, having a hard time getting new board members.

Update from Ed

Ed thanked volunteers for their hard work.

Zone Chair Nominations

Ann Marshfield nominates Caitlin Gagnon

No other nominations, Caitlin is appointed

New Business and Discussion

Discussion on how to recruit new board members

Suggestions: Short form video to show what each position does, create committee

Action item: Caitlin will send an email to create a committee for volunteer recruitment after the Annual Meeting

Spending LMSC Money in Creative Ways

Suggestions: Pay officials, cover board member memberships, pay for pool rental fees, host LMSC events and clinic, use digital marketing