

Lake Erie LMSC Annual Meeting
Sunday, September 7, 2025
9:45 a.m.

Location: Avon Aquatic Center 36265 Detroit Road Avon Ohio

Ann Marshfield called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. A quorum was present.

Ann Marshfield welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. She introduced the Board members and Officers: Laura Wright (Vice Chair and Treasurer); Rick Mitchell (Secretary); Chuck Beatty (Editor and Open Water); Dan Cox (Sanctions); Nelson Abbey (Coaches); Paul Berman (Director); and Kristen Bergmann (Director); and Jay Definis (Director).

The 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. The Minutes were amended to show that Nelson Abbey attended. With that correction, the Minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Laura Wright provided a handout showing the Financial Summary for LE LMSC YTD as of September 6, 2025. Laura briefly reviewed the financials and noted that the checkbook has in excess of \$35,000. Laura also noted that the Tri-State Tidal Wave Meet held at SPIRE Academy on June 21, 2025, broke even.

Nelson Abbey discussed the status of coaches. He explained that the LE LMSC has a total of 43 coaches; 21 certified coaches; and 10 active coaches. Nelson then briefly discussed the upcoming training by USMS for coach certification. He described the four levels of certification. The first level of certification is online and levels two-four are in-person.

Chuck Beatty provided an update on the Brogan Open Water Classic Meet, which was held on July 12, 2025. He stated that it was a great race with 114 swimmers participating (128 had entered.) The meet was profitable.

Dan Cox provided a brief presentation, stating that all meets are sanctioned through December of this year.

Ann Marshfield provided a overview for the year in review and for upcoming events in 2026. She noted that Mark Marshfield was unable to attend the meeting due to health issues, but he is doing well. Ann discussed the success of the Ohio Masters State Championship Meet that was held on March 23, 2025. The meet was hosted by Viking Masters at Cleveland State University. Ann stated that it was the largest single day event with 171 swimmers participating. Next year, Ohio Splash will host the meet at The Ohio State University. Ann then discussed the success of the Tri-State Tidal Wave Meet that was held on June 21, 2025, at SPIRE Academy. The meet was well attended with 151 swimmers coming from a number of different Clubs and LMSCs. It

is expected that the meet will be held next year in June at the University of Buffalo. Ann mentioned the success, including the large turnout for September practices at Avon Aquatic Facility. Ann then discussed the new plaque that is displayed at the Avon Aquatic Facility commemorating the world record set by Bob Doud in 2018 at the Ohio Masters End of Summer Spectacular Meet. Bob broke the record for the 200 LCM Butterfly in the 95-99age-group. Bob was a member of Michigan Masters. Ann briefly discussed that she is the outgoing Zone Chair. Finally, Ann provided an overview of some of the changes in the USMS registration process commencing on November 1st, including questions relating to gender. This prompted some discussion on the subject.

Rick Mitchell made a brief presentation regarding the process for rewriting the Code of Regulations/Bylaws for the LE LMSC. Rick explained the documents need to be updated to comply with Ohio law, USMS policies and current LE LMSC practices. It is anticipated that a special meeting of the membership will be called once this process has been completed. Ann Marshfield echoed the importance of complying with corporate governance.

As the Election Chair, Laura Wright turned the focus of the meeting to the election of officers. It was discussed that at the June 1st Board Meeting, Andrea Hahn-Lawson agreed to become the interim Membership Coordinator replacing Ashley Braniecki due to Ashley's desire to resign from that position. For the current election, Michael Kramer nominated himself for the vacancy of Membership Coordinator for the remaining term. As a result, Andrea withdrew her name from consideration for the Membership Coordinator vacancy. Neither Michael nor Andrea attended the meeting.

The slate of proposed officers was presented for the upcoming vacancies due to expiring terms:
Ann Marshfield – Board Chair
Rick Mitchell – Secretary

And, for the remaining one-year term:
Michael Kramer – Membership Coordinator

No additional nominations were made from the floor. The election of the proposed officers was unanimously approved.

Judi Norton briefly discussed a special Top 10 patch for swimmers who achieved that status in six events during a year. She then noted the passing of Janis Mackenna Breckel who swam for Ohio Masters for a number of years.

Ann Marshfield stated the LE LMSC was sending four members to the USMS Relay 2025 – Coach Support and Club Development at the Kansas City Airport Marriott on October 24-26, 2025.

Finally, a raffle was held with winners receiving a USMS membership and gift cards were randomly handed out.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Secretary
Richard S. Mitchell