

2026 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

Committee Name:	Oceana Zone	Session #:	n/a
Committee Chair:	Karen Harris	Vice Chair:	n/a
Minutes recorded by:	Sally Guthrie	Date/time of meeting:	Aug 27, 2026; 6:00 PM PDT

Number of committee members present: 14	Absent: n/a	Number of other delegates present: 1 USMS President, Ed Coates
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Sally Guthrie, Karen Harris, Ian King, Peter Guadagni, Phyllis Quinn, John King, Chris Ottati, Teddy Palmer, Nancy Ridout, Dave Brancamp, David Benjamin, Nadine Day, Sharon Wyatt (Hawaii & Vancouver, CA), Kathy Gill, Chuck Ponthier, Ed Coates		
Committee Members Absent: n/a		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PDT on Thursday, August 27, 2026.

1. Introductions - each person present introduced themselves. In addition to the usual complement of Pacific LMSC members, we were happy to welcome Chuck Ponthier and Nadine Day who represented the Hawaii LMSC, and Sharon Wyatt who is a member of the Hawaii LMSC as well as a member of Canadian masters (Vancouver).
2. The 2025 Oceana Zone meeting minutes were approved, 13/14.
3. Pacific updates: Pacific membership is slightly higher compared to last year. The USMS Summer Nationals took place in Sacramento this year and was hosted by Sacramento Masters, with a lot of gratefully accepted help from the Pacific LMSC. The Pacific LMSC will have both a SCM meet in Davis, CA and the Annual Keller Cove Open Water swim in September, as well as the Pacific SCM Championship in October, taking place in Walnut Creek. The Pac Masters Annual Meeting will take place in person in San Ramon on November 8th.
4. Hawaii updates: The Hawaii LMSC has been very active this year. A USMS sanctioned meet took place this year, although sanctioning USMS events is difficult due to local politics in the individual islands and cities (which all have their own rules and regulations). Although the membership is slightly lower than last year, it remains greater than 600 members. It was noted by Nancy that this is a huge improvement because this is many members considering the population of Hawaii. Hawaii will hold elections for new LMSC officers this November. It is difficult to start clubs in Hawaii due to the shortage of pools, and the fact that available pools are fully utilized by USA teams. However, the Kona club on the Big Island now has several workout groups, allowing the club to have a decent sized club when they compete. Most of the swimming events in Hawaii are open water events and they are generally not USMS sanctioned events; they have been run by private groups historically, but the Hawaii LMSC is continuing to make inroads.
5. Karen announced that this is her final term as Zone Chair. She described the main tasks of the zone chair position including acting as a communication conduit between the two LMSC in our zone, conducting the annual zone meeting during the USMS Annual Meeting, acting as a liaison between the zone and the LMSC Development Committee to help meet the LMSC Standards, and directing LMSCs to resources and training offered by the LMSC Development Committee.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Karen asked the members present to please relay that this is the last year of her term as zone chair, and we should be actively recruiting someone as her replacement for the 2027 election.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM PDT
