

2019 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — St. Louis, Missouri

Committee Name:	Northwest Zone	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Sally Dillon	Vice Chair:	none
Minutes recorded by:	Sally Dillon	Date/time of meeting:	Thursday, Sept 12, 9:45 AM

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. none

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA to approve the financial report as submitted.**
2. **Election of NW Zone Chair: It was MSA to elect Paige Buehler as the next zone chair. The vote was unanimous.**

Number of committee members present: 30	Absent: 0	Number of other delegates present: 2
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): AK – Kristina Miller & Ken Winterberger; IW – Paige Buehler, Matt Bronson, & Michael Hamm; MT – Jeanne Ensign, Mark Johnston, & Donn Livoni; OR – Bob Bruce, MJ Caswell, Christina Fox, Matt Miller, Sandi Rousseau, & Tim Waud; PN – Kathy Casey, Linda Chapman, Jim Davidson, Sally Dillon, Stephanie Hiebert, Hugh Moore, Jane Moore, Steve Peterson, Walt Reid, Sarah Welch, & Teri White; SR – Jim Clemmons, Brigitta Gruenberg, & Jill Wright; UT – Anna Marie Forest & Aaron Norton.		
Audience members: Jeff Moxie (newly moved to Oregon) and Mike Dunwiddie (King County Aquatic Center director)		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM in Regency E.

1. **Introductions:** Delegate stated their names, LMSCs, and positions held at the LMSC and national level. The chair specifically welcomed new delegates Kristina Miller, Stephanie Hiebert, Brigitta Gruenberg, and Anna Marie Forest.
2. **Actions taken between meetings**
 - a. Approved the June 6, 2019 meeting minutes via email.
 - b. Amended the policies at the June 6, 2019 meeting to expand the pool event order and meet rotation to 2024 and 2030 respectively.
3. **Reports**
 - a. **Chair:** Sally thoroughly enjoyed serving the zone as chair these past 4 years. It's been a fun experience, challenging at times, but overall very rewarding. She thanked Ken, Hugh, and Steve Darnell for serving in their positions for all four years. She also thanked the Zone Meet directors for hosting events and their cooperation during the meet approval process and the exchange of ribbons. Sally volunteered to continue helping with ribbon delivery until an opportunity to pass on the ribbons becomes available. Finally, she thanked the LMSC chairs for making her job so easy and to all of the zone members who attended conference calls and contributed to contributions. Sandi thanked Sally, on behalf of the group, for a "job well done" and emphasized that communication has been great.
 - b. **Treasurer:** Ken reported a balance of \$6519.17 and reminded LMSCs that when paying zone dues in the spring, to make the checks out to the NW Zone, not him. The checks will be sent to the National Office and deposited into our zone account. Sandi noted that we are the only zone with income, an account, and a budget. Sarah noted that in spite of recent changes, we are still taking in more than we are spending; she suggested we take another look at the fee we charge each LMSC and how we can better keep our balance down. Jill suggested we consider an amount between 25¢ and 50¢. Sarah, Ken, and Aaron will bring a proposal to the zone meeting coming up in December. Paige suggested the subcommittee consider how the Unified Fee might affect LMSC finances. **MSA to approve the financial report as submitted.** (Jim D/Jim C)
 - c. **Webmaster:** Hugh reported that most of what he does is update records. Steve Darnell sends him revised record listings regularly. Hugh also posts links to our zone meets; we have been doing a better job of keeping current with this. One concern is that USMS might "sunset" the web service we have been using, and he suggested we talk with Matt about using his servers. Also, our domain needs to be renewed in February. We'll discuss these items in December.
 - d. **Record Keeper:** Steve Darnell reported via email that the three Northwest Zone Records files (LCM, SCM, SCY) for both individual events and relay events, are up to date through late August 2019. This includes new records set at the 2019 USMS Summer LCM Nationals and the 2019 NW Zone LCM Championship meet. He has also included the World

records from Korea. Current record files are posted on the Northwest Zone website. He thanked all LMSC Records Chairs for sending him information via email when their swimmers set new Zone records. That process has been working well.

- e. NW Zone At Large Director: Matt noted that the CEO's report did a good job of covering BOD activity during the past year. Yesterday's meeting was mostly spent on "hot topics". There are no legislative proposals regarding the Unified Fee but LMSCs can "opt-in" this year. Also discussed were the finance changes in the Budget Modernization, especially regarding HOD approval. Matt commended the work of the Open Water Task Force. He noted that the changes within IT services are moving slower than expected. Membership numbers are down 2%. We will not vote on the Unified Fee until next year but a large number of LMSCs have "opted-in" for 2020. The \$60 flat fee will provide 20% (\$12) to the LMSC for each registered swimmer. Jeanne said that if it doesn't pass next year, it will eventually. Further discussion was saved for later in the meeting.

4. Old Business

- a. Zone Championship meets update for events held since 2018 convention
2018: SCM – Federal Way, WA, 166 entrants
2019: SCY – Federal Way - 301 entrants; OW – Elk Lake, OR - 89 entrants, Gresham, OR - 112 entrants
2019 SCM – is taking place in Bountiful, UT at South Davis Rec Center – Fri/Sat November 8/9.

Aaron emailed information and a flyer today for distribution, requesting all to forward. The pool has 10 competition lanes and 4 separate warmup lanes. There is a beautiful view of the mountains from the pool deck. The Friday/Saturday event includes a BBQ social/memorial event on Friday. The meet typically gets 100 swimmers and they are hoping for a spike in attendance as a Zone championship.

- b. NW Zone Chatter – The LMSC reports were all submitted by the deadline and will be included at the end of the meeting minutes.

5. New Business

- a. 2020 events: Bids are due on December 1 for hosting 2020 events. Selections will be made at the December meeting. Scheduled events and locations are:
SCY – PN; Sally confirmed that BWAQ will bid. Meet will be 4/10-12. Easter weekend, which 2 days is TBD.
LCM – Open to any LMSC
SCM – OR; Sandi indicated that Hood River will likely host. Date TBD.
OW – AK; Jim said that the "Change Your Latitude" event in Sitka may bid. It would be held August 8; distances are 1K, 3.3K, 6.6K, and 10K. Not sure which distance would be the Zone event. Most, but not all, wear wetsuits. Temp ~60.
- b. Election of NW Zone Chair: It was MSA to elect Paige Buehler as the next zone chair. The vote was unanimous.

6. Convention "Hot Topics"

- a. Unified Fee: There were numerous comments made, both in favor of the concept and against.
 - Sandi - it has been underplayed that the \$60 gives the National Office a \$3 increase (their current "cut" is \$45)
 - Matt – the dues cannot be increased without a vote of the HOD.
 - Sally – Maddie Sabilia told PNA that the goal was to not increase dues for a couple years at least.
 - Jeanne – the fee could also be reduced; it's possible that some costs (e.g. IT) could go down. If you opt in for 2020, the extra \$3 goes back to the NO to offset the costs of hotel rooms for delegates.
 - Matt – confirmed that all delegates would have their hotel rooms covered (for those opting-in for next year).
 - Donn – there has been no discussion about changing the number of delegates LMSCs are entitled to.
 - Sarah – asked if the members have been made aware that the dues might be raised.
 - Jeanne – for MT, the fee change is relatively neutral. She suggested that we not lose sight of the objective to have a unified fee across the US.
 - Sandi – asked Donn about the proposed discounts for other memberships (USAT, etc.), and he replied that there has been discussion but no relations have been established. The Unified fee is the priority. The CCS fee has not changed.
 - Linda – asked if any metrics have been done to determine the effects on LMSCs that will get less income. Apparently, there have not been, but on the other hand, many LMSCs will have more income and hopefully that will allow LMSCs to give their swimmers a better "product". Linda noted that it often takes volunteers to provide more services; just having more money won't necessarily affect change. She also noted that it challenges the LMSCs who might want to increase their budget to provide a specific service or benefit to their members.
 - Mark – expressed concern that raising fees will cause members to drop out. Donn said that he doesn't think swimmers are "shopping" for LMSCs with lower fees; he emphasized that the organization needs a fee that is the same to join the organization, no matter where the swimmer lives.
 - Patty Miller was present during part of the discussion and reminded us that it's the LMSC's job to provide services.
 - Linda – thinks higher fees will affect younger swimmers; Stephanie noted that as membership chair, those asking for financial assistance from PNA are typically younger members.

- b. Budget Modernization – L8 – amends the timing of budgeting and would allow the BOD to approve the budget by the end of the year.
- Jeanne explained that the HOD would still determine membership and sanction fees. By allowing the BOD to make final approval of the budget, convention committees would be able to propose projects at convention and have them approved by the BOD post-convention.
 - Hugh said it is rare that we have a substantive change come from the floor of the HOD, but Paige recalled an instance that involved an Open Water issue that became a big debate on the floor.
 - Teri supports the proposal; it would be nice to have more time to develop a budget for officials as requests rarely come in before the current deadline to submit.
 - MJ is concerned about transparency.
 - Paige asked about the process and Jeanne responded that the staff submits budget assumptions to the BOD, which then has four weeks to submit the budget before convention. Jeanne noted that committee chairs would have the opportunity to submit budget items at convention and convention would be the time to discuss programs. The BOD can then approve the cost after convention.
7. LMSC reports – complete reports were submitted prior to the meeting and are attached after these minutes.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Make changes, if recommended, to our financial procedures.
2. Renew domain for website in February. Consider moving to another server.
3. Approve bids for 2020 NW Zone Championship events at the December meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

LMSC ANNUAL REPORTS

Alaska annual report

Membership: 262

Number of clubs: 1 with 233 members: UC56 – 29 members

Number of workout groups: 9

Baranof Barracudas Swim Club – Sitka – 24 members

Buckner Masters Swim Team – JBER – 9 members

Glacier Swim Club – Juneau – 28 members

Northern Lights Masters – 35 members

Salty Dawgs Swim Association – Cordova - 10 members

Stingray Swim Team – Fairbanks – 37 members

Swimming with Alaska Masters – Anchorage – 45 members

Top of the World Swimming – Soldotna – 4 members

Wrangell Island Masters Swimming – 6 members

Elected Officers

Chair - Ken Winterberger

Vice Chair - currently open

Secretary - currently open

Treasurer - Kristina Biceroglu

Other board members – Kristi Neptun, Registrar; Melinda Grieg, Sanctions, Matt Williams, Coaches, Kevin Knox, Open Water

Next elections – scheduled for February 2020 – working to fill positions

Events held since last convention:

SCY Dual sanctioned

• 2019 Savannah Cayce SE Champs - Apr 5-7, 2019 – Juneau – 11 swimmers

• 2019 Sweetheart Invite – Feb 2, 2019 – Fairbanks – 8 swimmers

• Juneau Invite - Nov 9-11, 2018 – Juneau – 9 swimmers

SCY sanctioned

• 2019 Alaska Masters SCY State Championship - Mar 9-10, 2019 – North Pole – 39 swimmers

• 2018 Fairbanks Masters Holiday Invite – Dec 2, 2018 – Fairbanks – 33 swimmers

Open Water

- Change Your Latitude – Sitka, Alaska 1, 3.3, 6.6, and 10 kilometer events
 - 1k - 9 swimmers – 32-69 – 3 skin & 6 wetsuit
 - 3.3k – 6 swimmers – 34-67 3 skin & 3 wetsuit
 - 6.6k – 5 swimmers – 19-56 3 skin & 2 wetsuit
 - 10 k – 9 swimmers – 20-65 2 skin & 7 wetsuit

Events scheduled for fall 2019 and spring 2020:

- 2019 AKMS SCM State Championship – Nov 30 & 1 Dec - Fairbanks
- 2020 Alaska Masters SCY State Championship - Feb 9/23&24, 2020 – Sitka
- 2020 Southeast Champs - April 3-5 – Juneau (dual sanctioned)

Notable:

AK LMSC is struggling to get quorums to conduct official meetings and hold elections. We are also struggling to find folks to run for the board.

Alaska LMSC Financials:

Checking:\$9094

Savings:\$1304

CD's (4): \$3598

Cumulative: \$13,996

Inland Northwest annual report

Membership (as of Sept 2): 317

Number of Clubs (current): 10

Number of Workout Groups (current): 0

Elected Officers:

Chair – Matthew Bronson

Vice Chair – Michael Hamm

Secretary – Margaret Hair

Treasurer – Wes Bratton

Others elected – None. All other positions are appointed.

Next elections to be held in 2021

Events held since last convention:

- Officials Clinic and Mini Meet, October 2018, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho
- Spring Splash Meet, February 2019, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho
- USMS ALTS Certification/Clinic Training for Coaches/Stroke Development Clinic, March 2019, Coeur d' Alene, Idaho
- Inland NW Championships Meet, April 2019, Moscow, Idaho

Events scheduled for fall 2019 and spring 2020:

Fall 2019 – TBD

Spring 2020 – Spring Splash Meet, February; Inland NW SCY Champs Meet, March/April

Notable:

- Three USMS All Americans for 2018 – Michael Hamm (Pool), Larry Krauser (Pool, Long Distance), Pat Lee (Long Distance).
- Kroc Masters conducted ALTS lessons in conjunction with the Coeur d' Alene Kroc Center in March. 48 students provided lessons.
- USMS COO Bill Brenner visited Spokane/Coeur d' Alene area during July to meet with aquatic facility managers about expanding USMS club programs
- Position of ALTS Coordinator created to assist clubs with Swimming Saves Lives Foundation ALTS grant proposals. Gloria Waggoner (Kroc Masters) appointed.
- Paige Buehler (Moscow Chinooks) has been nominated to run for Northwest Zone Chair.

Montana annual report

Membership: 197

Number of clubs: 5

Number of workout groups: 0

Notable:

The Montana LMSC is in the process of undergoing some significant changes.

- Jeanne Ensign has resigned as chair and will continue to serve as past chair and treasurer .
- Donn Livoni will assume the position of chair.
- Keegan Witt has resigned as treasurer after 10 years of service.
- Dick Weber, vice-chair would like to retire from his position.
- The LMSC has committed to be an early adopter of the unified fee structure for 2020.
- The BOD is working on hosting a pentathlon in Nov. (date TBD) in Missoula. At this event, the LMSC annual meeting, 2020 budget approval and election of officers will take place; and other business as needed.

Oregon annual report

Membership: 1213 (6 more than 2018!)

Number of clubs: 5

Number of workout groups: 27

Elected Officers:

Chair – Tim Waud

Vice Chair – Robbert van Andel

Secretary – Kristina Franklin

Treasurer – Kermit Yensen

Next elections to be held in 2020

Events held since last convention:

November 10, 2018	Hood River Meet	Hood River	SCM	
December 8, 2018	COMA All-Around Challenge Meet	Bend		SCM
January 13	Canby Animal Meet	Canby		SCY
January 27	Chehalem Meet	Newberg		SCY
March 9-10	Oregon City Spring Ahead (Dual Sanction)	Oregon City	SCM	
May 17-19	OMS Association Championships	Beaverton	SCY	
June 9	5K/10K ePostal swim opportunity at Amazon Pool	Eugene	LCM	
June 15	COMA Long Course Meet	Bend	LCM	
June 16	Lake Juniper Buoy Swim	Bend		OW
June 29	Foster Lake Cable Swims (Dual Sanction)	Sweet Home		OW
July 7	Portland Bridge Swim	Portland	OW	
	<i>U.S. Masters Swimming Ultra-Marathon Distance</i>			<i>OW National Championship</i>
July 13-14	Southern Oregon Swims at Applegate Lake	Ruch	OW	
July 26-28	Cascade Lakes Swim Series & Festival at Elk Lake	Bend		OW
July 27	<i>NW Zone Open Water Championship (1500m)</i>	Bend		<i>OW</i>
August 17	Southern Oregon Coast Swims at Eel Lake	Lakeside	OW	
August 23-25	NW Zone/ Gil Young/OMS Championship	Fairview	LCM	
September 7	Southern Oregon Swims at Lake of the Woods	Klamath Falls		OW

Notable:

- Willard Lamb will be inducted into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame on September 13, 2019.
 - OMS held our annual OMS Association Championship on May 17-19, at Tualatin Hills Swim Center. We also held our annual meeting, social, and awards banquet. The following volunteers were awarded the following Service Awards:
 - OMS Volunteer Service Awards for 2018
- Connie Wilson Memorial Award - Joy Ward
 Ol' Barn Award - Kermit Yensen
 Hazel Bressie Award - Arlene Delmage and Connie Shuman
 Gil Young Spirit Award - Matt Miller
 Special Service Award - Marcie Wily
 Mike Morehouse Spirit Award - Caryl Schiavon, Jessica Kieras, and Tom Landis

Events scheduled for fall 2019 and spring 2020:

December 15, 2019	COMA All-Around Challenge Meet	Bend	SCM
March 14-15, 2020	Oregon City Spring Ahead Dual Sanction Meet	Oregon City	SCM

Pacific Northwest annual report

Membership: 1712

Number of clubs: 6

Number of workout groups: 26

Elected Officers:

President – Sally Dillon

Vice President – Linda Chapman

Secretary – Jay Pearson

Treasurer – Arni Litt

At Large Directors – Kathy Casey & Todd Doherty

Next elections to be held Spring of 2021

Events held since last convention: all in Western Washington

• **9 Pool meets:** SCY in October on Bainbridge Is.; SCY in November in Snohomish; SCM in November in Federal Way; SCM in January in Bellevue; SCM in February in Anacortes; SCY in February in Kirkland; SCY in March in Port Angeles; SCY Champs and Zone Champs in April in Federal Way; and LCM in July in Federal Way.

• **5 Open Water events:** Whidbey Island Adventure Swim - 1.2-mi & 2.4-mi in June in the Saratoga Passage (salt water); Fat Salmon OW Swim - 3.2-mi in July in Lake Washington; Swim Defiance – 3K & 5K in July in Commencement Bay (salt water); Aly Fell Memorial Swim – 10K, 5K, 2.5K, or 800m in August in Lake Padden; Last Gasp of Summer – 1-mi & 2-mi in Angle Lake.

Events scheduled for fall 2018 and spring 2019:

The usual 3 meets will be held in the fall:

• SCY BAMfest on Saturday, October 12 on Bainbridge Island

• SCY Snohomish Masters Meet on Sunday, November 3 in Snohomish

• SCM PSM Championship Meet on Sunday, November 24 in Federal Way

Entry links for all three can be found here: <https://www.swimpna.org/PNA/pool-meets/>

Winter and Spring . . . it is expected that all of the meets listed above will occur again in 2020, but final dates have not been confirmed.

Notable:

• PNA awards were presented at the Annual Meeting and Social, which was held during SCY Champs weekend. The Dawn Musselman Inspirational Award went to long-time volunteer and board member - Arni Litt. The Coach of the Year Award was presented to Stanwood Camano Masters coach - Brad Hering.

• PNA hosted its first LCM meet in over 10 years at KCAC in Federal way. The 127 swimmers were supported by volunteers representing numerous clubs, WGs, and community groups. It was a successful collaboration that yielded 4 world records and many other national, zone, and PNA records.

• PNA was represented in Korea at the recent World Championships. Teri White served as USMS's Technical Official. Walt Reid is the Fina Masters Recorder and he was responsible for documenting the FINA Masters World Records during the meet. He also swam 3 events, medaling in 2 of them! Frank Warner (PSM) and Nellis Kim (BWAQ) represented the two PNA clubs. Frank medaled in the 50, 100, and 200 backstroke events. While Nellis didn't receive awards, she had a wonderful time and spent the week before the competition visiting family in Korea.

• PNA is thrilled to have another member inducted into the Masters International Swimming Hall of Fame. This time it is Rick Colella, who is being recognized for his accomplishments in the pool over many years.

Snake River annual report

Membership: 118

Number of clubs: 5 (includes UC59)

Number of workout groups: 0

Elected Officers:

Chair - Jim Clemmons

Vice Chair - Jeff Erwin

Secretary - Suzy Cavanagh

Treasurer - Brigitta Gruenberg

Others elected – Jill Wright, Registrar; Paula Moores, Sanctions

Next elections will be held in June 2020

Events held since last convention:

Two dual sanctioned SCY meets with Boise Y USA-S team:

- TYR Thanksgiving Invitational, November 16-18, 2018
- Candy Cane Invite meets, December 15-16, 2018

Two dual sanctioned LCM meets with Boise Y USA-S team:

- Boise Spring Fling, May 17-19, 2019
- Treasure Valley LC Last Chance, July 6-7, 2019

One Open Water event:

- Broadside Harbor, June 1, which had ten USMS participants and included both 1-mile and 2-mile competitive swims.

Events scheduled for fall 2019 and spring 2020: (all dual sanctioned with Boise Y USA-S team; all at Treasure Valley West Y, Boise)

- Boise TYR Thanksgiving Invitational, SCY, November 22-24, 2019
- Candy Cane Invite, SCY, December 14-15, 2019
- Boise Spring Fling, LCM, May tbd, 2020
- Treasure Valley LC Last Chance, LCM, July tbd, 2020

Notable:

- 2018/2019 Treasurer Report filed with USMS in timely manner.
- Results of LMSC standards survey found the Snake River LMSC to be in compliance.

Utah annual report

Membership: 290

Number of clubs: 13

Number of workout groups: 0

Elected Officers:

Chair - Aaron Norton

Vice Chair - Karen Oliver

Secretary - Bruce Schroeder

Treasurer - Joe Linford

Registrar - Katy Kissinger

Next elections to be held 11/2019

Events held since last convention:

- 12th Annual South Davis Masters Meet
- Spring Nationals – Had 16 swimmers from Utah (most ever)
- Utah Open Water Triple Crown (not sanctioned)
- 3rd Annual Tour of Utah Lakes (not sanctioned)
- Utah Summer Games
- Huntsman World Senior Games

Events scheduled for fall 2018 and spring 2019:

- 13th Annual South Davis Masters Meet/North West Zone SCM Championships
- Have prepared a 2019/2020 Meet schedule that includes 6 meets

Notable:

- Continued Newsletters for Utah LMSC published regularly
 - 3rd Annual Tour of Utah Lakes (not sanctioned)
 - Swim 1 mile in 6 lakes in 1 day
 - 30 participants including from out of state (CA, NV)
-