

2022 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Hybrid

Committee Name:	Southwest Zone	Session #:	N/A
Committee Chair:	Arlette Godges, SPMS	Vice Chair:	N/A

Minutes recorded by: Diana Dolan LaMar, SPMS Date/time of meeting: September 7, 2021, 9:05 pm EDT

Motions Passed:

1. MSA the Southwest Zone minutes from 9/07/2022.
2. MSA the Southwest Zone meets for 2023 as presented.
3. Unanimous endorsement of Jeff Commings as USMS At-Large Board Candidate

Number of committee members present: 22

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

AZ – Judy Gillies, Jeff Commings, Cokie Lepinski, Celeste Jacroux, Terry Heggy.

NM – Teddy Decker, Cole McGee, Jeremiah Stanton

SI – Barbara Dunbar, Alta Stengel

SPMS – Ken Brisbin, Alina de Armas, Robin Smith, Omar de Armas, Anita Cole, Diana Dolan LaMar, Mary Hull, Becky Cleavenger, Jessica Seaton, Virgil Chancy, Bill Sive, Jeff Moxie.

Number of committee members absent: 7

AZ – Laura Winslow, Michael Biondo

NM –

SI – Marilyn Fink

SPMS – Arlette Godges (Chair), Jill Gellatly, Brandon Franklin, Robert Mitchell

Others Present:

Peter Guadagni, President, USMS; Bill Brenner, Senior Director, Club and Coach Development; Jessica Reilly, USMS National Office

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 p.m. EDT by acting chair Ken Brisbin, SPMS.

Approval of Minutes: MSA the Southwest Zone minutes from 9/07/2021.

Southwest Zone Chair Report: Ken Brisbin reported that Arlette Godges was unable to attend because of a family emergency in Europe. As Southwest Zone Chair, Arlette wants to be involved and attend all the Southwest LMSC meetings when they occur. Please reach out to Arlette when meetings are held.

Zone Reports

Arizona – Judy Gillies (Past Chair) reported that membership is currently at 1,098 which is almost back to normal at this time. The AZ state championships (LCM) were recently held. Attendance was a little less than last year because some decided to attend the recent MVN Southwest Zone meet instead. Upcoming meets include September 24 at NAU in Flagstaff (SCM), September 25 in Sedona (SCY) and the Ron Johnson annual Invitational October 29 & 30 at the Mona Plummer pool at ASU is the AZ state (SCM) meet. AZ recently certified 4-5 new USMS officials and Judi is hosting an upcoming officials clinic. The AZ senior games will be held the last Sunday in February 2023 and it is hoped that the Polar Bear Swim will return in January 2023. Elections for board members happens in the fall. AZ is providing scholarships for the National Coaching Clinic and ALTS/Coaching clinics.

New Mexico – Teddy Decker introduced Cole McGee as the new Chair. Cole reported that membership remained stable at 357 members. Currently there are still no pool meets, however there was a recent open-water swim that attracted 80 swimmers. Membership should increase if West Texas moves over to New Mexico after the Annual Meeting. Jeremiah Stanton (new coach) mentioned that his team is going to host a non-sanctioned pool meet in September.

San Diego-Imperial – Barbara Dunbar (Chair) reported that club numbers and individual membership are recovering and increasing. There are still pool closures due to shortages of staff, lifeguards, pool chemicals, and funds. SI anticipates an increase in members because of more local meets and more pools open for club workouts and competition. The first post-COVID meet is planned for November 6 (SCM) at the Alga Norte pool in Carlsbad. SI plans to host more meets in 2023. Barbara thanked all volunteers.

SPMS – Ken Brisbin (Chair) reported that membership increased to 4,530 which is higher than the 4,217 members at the end of 2021. Membership is moving in the right direction. Currently there are 76 clubs in comparison to 69 at the end of 2021. Seventeen sanctioned swim meets were held in SPMS and 4 more are scheduled for the end of the year. Two sanctioned open water races were held and 1 more is planned at Lake Mission Viejo. In addition to the shortages mentioned earlier, there is also a lifeguard shortage at the beaches. SPMS is offering up to \$1,500 to clubs and/or individuals to assist with hosting meets, attending coaching clinics, or other needs. SPMS is also supporting open water events with rental of automatic timing systems and is providing scholarships to coaches to attend the National Coaches Clinic. The SCM Regional meet will be held at Long Beach Community College December 2, 3, 4. This is a brand-new outdoor facility. If any LMSC needs assistance with a process to provide grants, contact Ken, Robin Smith, or Judi Guiles.

USMS Spring Nationals are scheduled for April 2023. This is a challenging time for local SPMS officials since it is the closing of the high school swimming season. All LMSCs are encouraged to invite trained USMS officials to assist at the meet. The Championship Committee is working out the details of the meet now.

Zone Championship Meets

Discussion of the Zone meet rotation schedule occurred. SPMS held the LCM Zone Championship as scheduled, and AZ plans to host the SCM Zone Championship in October as scheduled. There was no SCY or Open Water Zone Championship in 2022. MSA the 2023 Southwest Zone Championships as follows: SCY – SPMS; LCM – SPMS; SCM – AZ; Open Water – SPMS or NM

Old Business – Treasurer’s Report.

According to the Southwest Zone Minutes of 2018, there was \$1,171.55 in the Southwest Zone account. Questions as to where these funds are. Jeff Moxie stated from experience, they were held in a separate account with USMS. Ken and Teddy will research. Addendum: Funds were found in a USMS account. Southwest Zone to reimburse MVN \$100 for the recent LCM Southwest Zone Championship meet as per the Southwest Zone guidelines of a maximum of \$100 for awards.

New Business – Jeff Commings announced that as Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, there will be new annual awards presented at the Annual Meeting. SPMS will be recognized.

USMS At-Large Board Candidate: Jeff Commings. Unanimous support by AZ, NM, SI, and SPMS to endorse Jeff Commings as At-Large Board Candidate. Jeff thanked the Southwest Zone for the endorsement.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

Follow-up to determine if NM can host

Open-Water Zone Championships.

Follow-up to see if AZ receives a bid
to host LCM Zone Championships

MSA to adjourn meeting at 9:57 p.m. EDT