

# 2022 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Hybrid

<b>Committee Name:</b> Southeast Zone	<b>Session #:</b> 1
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Randy Marchman	<b>Vice Chair:</b>
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Lisa Watson	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> Sept 1, 2022 7 PM EDT

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

None

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## Motions Passed:

1. **MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM LAST YEAR'S CONVENTION.**
2. **MSA TO ENDORSE BRITTA O'LEARY AS THE AT-LARGE DIRECTOR FROM THE SOUTHEAST ZONE.**
3. **MSA TO AWARD THE 2023 SOUTHEAST ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS TO ATLANTA.**

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 22	<b>Absent:</b> na	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 1
<b>Committee members present:</b> Randy Marchman (Chair), Lisa Watson, Ed Saltzman, Britta O'Leary, Rob Copeland, Jay Ebert (National Office), Meegan Wilson, Cheryl Kupan, Barb Protzman, Elise Shank, Richard Hartman, Catherine Rust, Trey Taylor, Claire Letendre, Helen Naylor, Julia Dussliere, Celia Wolff, Chris McPherson, Linda Bostic, Bill Brenner, Peter Guadagni (USMS President)		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at . 7 PM EDT

1. **ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE** Chair Randy Marchman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **APPROVAL OF 2021 MINUTES** The minutes from 2021 were sent to all Zone members. Conner Bailey moved to approve the minutes. Britta O'Leary seconded the motion. **MSA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM LAST YEAR'S CONVENTION.**
3. **ZONE REPORTS**

CHAIR-Randy noted that meets in our Zone seem to be getting close to where they were pre-pandemic. Concerns continue to be the rising cost for pool rentals and low attendance at meets.

WEBMASTER- Dick Brewer is our Zone webmaster. He was not at this meeting, but the zone members all applauded Dick for the fine job he has done and continues to do on the website,

TOP TEN/RECORDS- Andy Dyer is our Zone Top Ten Chair. Ed Saltzman noted that he was not on this call, but will be updating LC meet results. These results should be posted soon. Ed is our Zone Records Chair. Once the Top Ten results for LC are finalized, he will update the Zone records.
4. **LMSC CHAIR REPORTS**

Georgia- Chair Britta O'Leary Britta noted that the annual St Nicholas SCM meet at Georgia Tech comes up on December 10. She is also trying to get some new venues for meets and set dates for 2023. One possibility is the Chastain pool. Membership in Georgia is close now to what it was pre-pandemic.

South Carolina- no representatives were present. It was noted that the Charleston SCM meet is Dec 3 & 4.

North Carolina- Chair Trey Taylor Trey reported a decrease in membership and meet attendance since the pandemic. The North Carolina LMSC is providing subsidies for meet hosts and coaches as an incentive to hopefully increase these numbers. Celia Wolff announced the Wilmington meet on Oct 22, which should be a lot of fun- 25 yard events and innertube relays will be offered.

Southeastern- Chair Conner Bailey Conner stated that the membership in this LMSC is almost at 1000 swimmers. Auburn hosted the Southeast Zone SCY Championships in 2021. Unfortunately, they were forced to move the date back 5 weeks due to high Covid rates. There were 160 swimmers attending. There is still 1 more pool meet and 3 open water events to be held in 2022. Conner also noted that they pay the officials \$100 for officiating the Auburn meet.

Florida- Cheryl Kupan Cheryl reported that there are 2400 registered swimmers in the Florida LMSC. All meets are now back on the calendar. She reminded the Zone members that Sarasota will be hosting LC Nationals next summer, and encourages everyone to attend. Jim and Annalee Matysek are recipients of the Ransom Arthur Award.

Florida Gold Coast- Chair Barb Protzman Barb said that the newly renovated Hall of Fame facility will be reopening in December. The pool is actually finished, but there is still work to do in the locker rooms. She noted some staffing problems as well. The Coral Springs SCM meet will be held on Dec 3 & 4.

Southern-Aaron Schneider Aaron stated that there are about 300 swimmers in the Southern LMSC. The vast majority are in Louisiana, with a very small percentage in Mississippi. They recently hosted a LC meet in Shreveport. The LMSC does subsidize meet hosts.

#### 5. **SOUTHEAST ZONE ZOOM MEETINGS**

It was recently discussed that it would be a good idea to have at least 2 Zone meetings each year for LMSC Chairs and Vice Chars to share ideas and best practices. Randy suggested our first meeting be held sometime in October or November. Consensus was that a weekday would be best and 7 PM Eastern/ 6 PM Central would be a good time. Randy will send out some possible dates to see what date would work best.

#### 6. **DISCONTNUED PATCH PROGAM**

Ed Saltzman had been handling the distribution of Zone Top Ten patches, but it has since been discontinued. Ed noted the rising postal costs and hassle of sending out the patches. Aaron suggested that the LMSCs decide if they want t the parch program to continue. Randy will investigate this further.

#### 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

##### A. **AT LARGE DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHEAST ZONE**

Britta O'Leary is running unopposed for this positions. Randy moved to approve Britta as our candidate for this position. Rob seconded the motion. **MSA TO ENDORSE BRITTA O'LEARY AS AT LARGE DIRECTOR FOR THE SOUTHEAST ZONE.**

##### B. **2023 ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Georgia LMSC has submitted a bid to host the 2023 Southeast Zone SCY Championships in Atlanta at the Dynamo Swim Center on March 25 & 26. There were no other bids, nor any bids at this time for LC, SCM, or Open Water. **MSA TO AWARD THE SOUTHEAST ZONE SCY CHAMPIONSHIPS TO ATLANTA.**

##### C. **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ISSUE**

Elise Shank, NC Communications Chair, addressed this sensitive issue, asking for feedback from Zone members. After Masters swimmer Sarah Kwon was violated by a teammate, Elise brought this to the attention of the coach and the LMSC, with no effective result. Elise hopes to see legislation passed to hold LMSCs and all USMS members responsible for their behavior. Clear procedures should be set up, in case other incidents occur. Helen Naylor suggested each LMSC add a Sexual Misconduct section to their Grievance Policy. Conner Bailey serves on the Diversity & Inclusion Committee. That committee did meet with Sarah and made a recommendation that USMS should work with Safe Sport to establish clear guidelines. Rob Copeland, who serves on the Legislation Committee, suggested that legislation regarding this issue be proposed for next year. He said that the incident involving Sarah Kwon was addressed by the USMS National Board of Review. Britta O'Leary, our At Large Director on the Board of Directors, confirmed that there was a brief discussion of Safe Sport by the Board, but it was not recommended at this time. She will bring this issue up again at the next meeting. Celia Wolff added that USMS needs to provide education for coaches and USMS members regarding this issue. Ed Saltzman agreed that our current protocols are not effective. Ed officiated at LC Nationals last year, which were held at the Spire Institute in Ohio. He cited that a similar incident occurred at that meet, so this is not an isolated issue. Ed ultimately banned the offender from the meet. Elise thanked the Zone members for their comments, and would like for our Zone to address this issue in the upcoming HOD sessions at the 2022 Convention.

#### 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Randy moved to adjourn and Rob seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM, EDT.

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## **Tasks for the Upcoming Year**

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The meeting was adjourned at.

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