

Dixie Zone Newsletter

June 2020

To all the LMSC Leaders in the Dixie Zone

Hopefully this newsletter finds you, your family and your teammates safe and healthy.

Depending on where you live, some of you may still be dry. Hopefully, you will be able to get back in the water very soon.

There are several hot topics I need to catch everyone up on.

- By now you have gotten the word that the **2020 USMS Championships** have been cancelled due to the pandemic. USMS has published several articles and resources on their webpage to help you get through these hard times and to help you transition back to the water when the time comes. Check the calendar on the Dixie Zone webpage frequently to keep up with the latest cancellations – Dick Brewer is doing a great job keeping it current.
- You should have also gotten word that the **2020 USAS Convention** in Jacksonville has been cancelled. All of the committees and the HOD will now conduct their convention business virtually. Keep checking the USMS Annual Meeting page for more information and to keep up with due dates for various pre-convention items and reports that need to be submitted.

<https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/annual-meeting/2020-annual-meeting>

- The results of the **2020 LMSC Standards Survey** have been released. Each LMSC Chair, Vice Chair, Registrar and Treasurer should have received copies of their LMSC's results.

Several LMSC's have some work to do. The chair from one of our LMSC's did not complete and submit their survey – please do so as soon as possible. Two of our LMSC's have missed the same standard two years in a row.

There is still time to correct some of these issues.

LMSCs that have anything less than a perfect score have, until

Sunday, June 21, to complete quick fixes such as:

- Complete a missing Survey
- Follow up on other missed Standards like unregistered volunteers, unfilled volunteer roles, missing job descriptions, research unregistered swimmer issues, etc.

After the deadline, they will update the data and issue final scores.

In Georgia we discovered that we were wrongfully, charged with a board member who was not registered. The National Office received our notification that we had made a change to our Coaches Chair and failed to update their records. We reached out to Linda Chapman; she updated our survey and adjusted our score.

- **Dixie Zone Name Change Proposal** - A proposal has been put forth by one of the Dixie Zone LMSC's calling for a discussion about changing the Zone name.
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- Given the current environment in our country; it has been

suggested that the name "Dixie" is out dated and inappropriate for these times. This issue has been escalated to the USMS Diversity Committee for review.

- Many of you have probably received the email from USMS President Peter Guadagni stating:
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 - *The question the Board and eventually LMSC Development Committee and the House of Delegates will consider is whether the name 'Dixie' creates a barrier and prevents USMS from being the type of inclusive community we seek to be.*
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 - We, as a zone should get in front of this discussion and be a part of it.
 - I have posted a thread under the "Zone Forum" on the USMS Discussion Forum. Please use this forum to express your feelings about this issue and please keep it civil.

Please indicate your preferences:

- 1) Should the name "Dixie Zone" be changed?
- 2) Possible alternative names the Zone?

Stay Safe and Healthy
Ed Saltzman
Dixie Zone Chair