

To all the LMSC Leaders in the Southeast Zone

Hopefully, many of you are in Greensboro, NC at the 2021 USMS SCY National Championships, and will read this when you return. Good luck and swim fast.

By now you should have received the various emails from the National Office about the upcoming Virtual Convention and started registering for meetings. Our annual Southeast Zone meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 7th, at 7:00PM.**

Attached is the zone annual report and the meeting agenda. Below is the link to sign up for the meeting – you'll need to register to receive the Zoom connectivity information.

<https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/annual-meeting/2021-annual-meeting/schedule>

One of the most important items on this year's agenda will be the election of the new Zone Chair for the next two years. In June's newsletter I requested that interested parties submit their names for the Zone Chair position. As of today, I have not heard from anyone or received any candidate names.

Just to review the benefits:

- High annual salary relative to other volunteer positions
- Fantastic medical benefits
- Automatic delegate status to the annual convention for the next two years
- Name recognition in all 9 LMSC's that make up the Southeast Zone
- Open invitation to compete in any Masters Meet in the zone at the same entry fee level as everyone else

We have many capable leaders in the zone. Please step forward and throw your name in the hat. If necessary, we will put everyone's name in the hat who attends the meeting and randomly pick one :>)

Please feel free to reach out to any of our highly paid Southeast Zone staff if you have any questions:

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*There are a lot of Pool and Open Water events coming up in the zone.
Please get the word out to your members and support these events.
Check the Southeast Zone web page for more details and entry links.*

<http://www.southeastzone.org/meets.html>

2021 Pool

July 31-Aug. 1 / SCM: Southern SCM Championships. Baton Rouge LA.

Aug. 14-15 / LCM: St. Pete Masters LCM Meet. St. Petersburg FL.

Aug. 21-22 / LCM: Coral Springs LCM Meet. Coral Springs FL.

Sept. 11 / LCM: Dog Days Meet. Clearwater FL

Sept. 11 / SCY: Southside Seals Pentathlon Meet. Peachtree City GA

Sept. 12 / SCY: Gainesville Senior Games. Gainesville FL.

Sept. 19 / LCM: ART Fall Splash. Atlanta GA.

Oct. 6-10 / LCM: USMS Long Course Nationals. Geneva OH.

Oct. 15-17 / SCM: Rowdy Gaines Classic. Orlando FL.

Oct. 23 / SCY: EMS Oktober Splash. Fairhope AL.

Oct. 30 / SCY: Coastal Masters Fun-vitational. Wilmington NC.

Nov. 13-14 / SCM: Shark Tank Meet. Sarasota FL.

Dec. 4-5 / SCY: Florida State Senior Games. Coral Springs FL.

Dec. 11-12 / SCM: Chris Jackson Memorial Meet. Coral Springs FL

Dec. 12 / SCM: St. Nick Invitational. Atlanta GA.

2021 Open Water

July 31: Georgia State Games Open Water (3K, 2K, 1K, 500m). Acworth GA. *USMS sanctioned: NO*

Sept. 11: Swim for Alligator Lighthouse (8-miles). Islamorada FL. *USMS sanctioned: NO*

Sept. 12: Swim Hobbs Island (1-mile, 2-miles, 5-miles). Huntsville AL *USMS sanctioned: YES*

Sept. 18: Upstate Splash Charity Open Water Swim (1.2-miles, 2.4-miles). Lake Jocassee, Salem SC. *USMS sanctioned: NO*

Sept. 26: Bridges to Bluffs (10K). Knoxville TN. *USMS sanctioned: YES*

Oct. 9: Swim the Suck (10-miles). Chattanooga TN. *USMS sanctioned: YES*

USMS Zone Reports and Agendas

Southeast Zone

Ed Saltzman, Zone Chair

Committee Members

The committee is comprised of representatives from each of the seven LMSC's within the Zone: Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern, Southern. The Zone is bouncing back in a post pandemic environment and is averaging 85.8% Y-T-D 2021 member registration compared to pre-pandemic numbers. Swim meets are beginning to pick up where they left off and the Zone will play host to the 2021 USMS SCY National Championship in Greensboro, NC in July.

Introduction

The Southeast Zone Committee meets annually, in person, or virtually, at the USMS Convention to conduct business and discuss issues relevant to the Zone. The Zone operates between conventions via email amongst the Zone chair and the LMSC chairs.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Convention

1. The Zone completed its name change and re-branding from the "Dixie Zone" to the "Southeast Zone". The new website is up and running and the old site has been turned down. All records and Zone documents have been updated and display the new Zone logo.
2. Zone Championships were not held during 2020 and the first half of 2021 due to the pandemic. We will be taking bids for the 2022 Zone Championships during this year's virtual convention.
3. Several Southeast Zone newsletters were published over the course of the last few months to keep our LMSC's informed of hot topics within the Zone.

Action Items

- Consider YCF Masters (Orlando, FL) offer to host a 2021 SCM Zone Championship October 15-17, 2021 concurrent with this year's Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic.
- Select Zone Championship hosts for 2022 (SCY, LCM, SCM, OW).
- Solicit nominations and hold an election for the Southeast Zone Chair to replace the current Zone Chair who has reached his term limit.

2021 Southeast Zone Meeting

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

7:00 PM EDT

Location – Virtual

Agenda

- Roll Call / attendance.
- Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten, and Records).
- LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO)
 - How is your LMSC running?
 - Any major problems or issues you would like to discuss, or get feedback on how other LMSC's are addressing?
- Consider YCF Masters (Orlando, FL) offer to host a 2021 SCM Zone Championship October 15-17, 2021 concurrent with this year's Rowdy Gaines Masters Classic.
- Accept dates for 2022 meets to be placed on the Zone calendar.
- Solicit and vote on Southeast Zone Championship hosts for 2022
- Introduction of the candidates for Southeast Zone Chair – each candidate will have 5 minutes to address the members
- Conduct election of new Southeast Zone Chair and announce results
- Discuss re-activating the Zone Top Ten Patch program
- Old Business
- New Business
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