

# USMS Zone Reports and Agendas

## Colonies Zone

### Committee Members

Douglas Sayles, Chair; Jeremy Gross, Vice Chair.

Voting Members: All USMS 2024 annual meeting delegates from the Colonies Zone.

Ex-Officio: None

### Introduction

USMS membership within the Colonies Zone is up 1.0% versus this time in 2023. The zone's 10 LMSCs have sanctioned or recognized about the same number of meets in total as last year, with a notable increase in New England. Thank you to our dedicated governance volunteers!

Membership in Prior 12 Months				Meets in Prior 12 Months		
LMSC	8/10/2024	8/14/2023	8/14/2022	8/10/2024	8/14/2023	8/14/2022
Adirondack	167	154	171	4	3	1
Connecticut	523	436	514	9	10	6
Delaware Valley	904	797	852	10	8	4
Maryland	687	652	740	9	11	8
Metropolitan	1,548	1,581	1,489	3	4	4
New England	1,972	1,804	1,891	20	14	12
New Jersey	973	1,033	1,089	6	9	6
Niagara	640	634	623	11	11	10
Potomac Valley	1,937	1,911	2,099	7	7	6
Virginia	992	976	989	5	8	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,343</b>	<b>9,978</b>	<b>10,457</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>62</b>

### Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Zone Communications
  - a. The zone chair periodically checked in with LMSC chairs and emailed them, vice chairs, and HOD delegates updates regarding USMS resources, events, zone championship meet planning, the zone service award, and initiatives requiring LMSC feedback.
  - b. Sent a few zone-wide e-newsletters about upcoming events. Example: <https://conta.cc/48oxvml>
  - c. The zone chair, vice chair, and LMSC officers from DV, PV, VA, and NE coordinated to identify venues and plan the zone's championship meets.
  - d. Coordinated July meeting of LMSC reps with USMS BOD members.
2. Webmaster Ray Novitske maintained the [zone website](#).
3. Recorder Chris Stevenson updated [zone records files](#) for each course.

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4. Maintained the [Colonies Zone Facebook Group](#).
5. Zone Championships
  - a. 2023-2024 Season
    - i. SCM: December 15-17, 2023, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA). 306 swimmers & 53 teams in 2023 vs 300 & 46 teams in 2022 and 216 & 40 in 2021.
    - ii. SCY: April 19-21, 2024, Jeff Rouse Swim & Sport Center (Stafford, VA). Co-hosted by the VA, DV, and PV LMSCs. 285 swimmers & 57 teams vs 225 swimmers & 48 teams at Rutgers in 2023 and 298 & 38 at WPI in 2022.
  - b. 2024-2025 Season:
    - i. SCM: December 13-15, 2024, at WPI. Hosted by the New England LMSC. Entries are open: <https://bit.ly/cz-nelmsc-scmchamps24>
    - ii. SCY: The preferred meet dates are April 4-6, 2025. The host and venue are not yet confirmed. George Mason University's Jim McKay Natatorium in Fairfax, Virginia, is available; discussions are ongoing about holding the meet at GMU as a varsity swim team fundraiser or as a straight rental. Last year's nice venue, Jeff Rouse Swim & Sport Center in Stafford, Virginia, is also available. Other targeted premier pools are not available for various reasons.

### Agenda

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Reports (Chair, Vice Chair, Webmaster, Recorder, USMS At-Large Director)
3. Bestow Zone Dot Donnelly Service Award
4. Discuss Zone Championships
5. Expenses / Budget (if needed)
6. New Business
7. LMSC Updates
8. Adjourn

### Colonies Zone Meeting

[Wednesday August 28, 2024 6:30pm - 8:00pm EDT | Zoom Registration Link](#)