

USMS Zone Reports and Agendas

Colonies Zone

Committee Members

Douglas Sayles, Chair; Jeremy Gross, Vice Chair

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

Ex-Officio: None

Introduction

Masters programs and events in the Colonies Zone continue to recover from the pandemic. Membership and pool access remain below pre-pandemic levels, but we see some progress. For example, our 10 LMSCs sanctioned 75 meets in the past year versus 58 the prior year. Thank you to our dedicated governance volunteers, and welcome newcomers!

Colonies Zone Membership @ August 14		
LMSC	2022	2023
Adirondack	171	154
Connecticut	514	436
Delaware Valley	852	797
Maryland	740	652
Metropolitan	1,489	1,581
New England	1,891	1,804
New Jersey	1,089	1,033
Niagara	623	634
Potomac Valley	2,099	1,911
Virginia	989	976
Total	10,457	9,978

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Zone Communications
 - a. Zone chair contacted each LMSC chair to offer help or a sounding board.
 - b. Periodically emailed LMSC chairs, officers, and HOD delegates updates re: USMS resources, events, BOD meetings, zone championship meet planning, zone service award, and initiatives requiring LMSC feedback.
 - c. Created the [Colonies Zone Facebook Group](#).
 - d. Sent all zone members [February e-newsletter](#) and [April meet reminder](#).
 - e. Convened working groups to identify venues and plan championship meets.
 - f. Coordinated LMSC chair club and event development survey/outreach.
 - g. Coordinated [August meeting](#) of LMSC reps with USMS BOD members.
 - h. Webmaster Ray Novitske updated the [zone website](#) as needed.

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- i. Recorder Chris Stevenson updated [zone records files](#) for each course.
2. Zone Championships
 - a. 2022-2023 Season
 - i. SCM: December 9-11, 2022, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA). 300 swimmers & 46 teams in 2022 vs 216 & 40 at WPI in 2021.
 - ii. SCY: April 14-16, 2023, Rutgers University (NJ). 225 swimmers & 48 teams in 2023 vs 298 & 38 at WPI in 2022.
 - iii. LCM: Expected meet at Hampton Aquaplex (VA) fell through due to management turnover.
 - b. 2023-2024 Season
 - i. SCM: December 15-17 or 16-17 at WPI pending confirmation. Received inquiry about making half-day Dr. Bill Ross Memorial Meet at Nassau County Aquatic Center (NY) zone championship.
 - ii. SCY: April 19-21, 2024, [Jeff Rouse Swim & Sport Center](#) (Stafford, VA). The VA & DV LMSCs co-hosting with support from PV.
 - iii. LCM: A few soft leads. Nothing substantive to date.

Action Items

1. Voting for Colonies Zone Chair
 - a. [Douglas Sayles](#) is standing for re-election.
 - b. Nominations may be submitted via email to the zone vice chair at DVchair@usms.org or via floor nomination. Candidates who accept nomination may briefly address the delegates during the zone meeting.

Agenda

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

Colonies Zone Meeting

[Thursday, August 24 • 7:00pm - 8:00pm EDT | Zoom Registration Link](#)