

# 2023 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Hybrid

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Great Lakes Zone	<b>Session #:</b>	1
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Lisa Brown	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Ann Marshfield
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Ann Marshfield	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	08/24/2023

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

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## Motions Passed:

1. None

<b>Number of committee members present:</b> 10	<b>Absent:</b> 0	<b>Number of other delegates present:</b> 10
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Lisa Brown, Ann Marshfield, Michael Kristufek, Phil Dodson, Jerrilynn Bayless, Bill Tingley, Patrick Weiss, Caitlin Gagnon, Mary Schneider, Ex-Officio Chris Colburn		
<b>Committee Members Absent:</b> None		
Delegates and Guests: Cheryl Gettlefinger, Chuck Beatty, Daniel Cox, Skip Thompson, Libby Ernharth, Meg Smath, Mel Goldstein, Nadine Day, Paul Berman, Peter Guadagni		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm EDT.

1. Lisa Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting. All attendees were introduced.
2. Reports of the LMSCs: **Michael Kristufek – Allegheny Mountain:** 400 members in 2023, seven (7) clubs. Created a Social Chair for the LMSC to engage the membership in more social events. Seeking to get swim meets on the calendar.  
**Molly Hoover – Illinois:** 1918 members in 2023, 1985 members in 2022. Eighteen (18) clubs, 23 workout groups and 11 swim meets in 2023. We ran a three (3) day state meet for 500 swimmers, which was back to pre-covid participation levels. Big Shoulders sold out in a few hours and will take place on September 9, and a few fall meets are lining up. At our state meet, we installed our inaugural Hall of Fame class. Fourteen members were installed and invited to a reception and dinner at the state meet. Several members and their families, even some who had moved away, came to receive the award. We will induct new members every year moving forward.  
**Jerrilynn Bayless – Indiana:** 1,079 members in 2023 and 20 clubs. In 2022 there were 1,081 members and 34 clubs. The LMSC hosted a successful state meet with 149 swimmers.  
**Ann Marshfield – Lake Erie:** Memberships - 473 members in 2023, 508 members in 2022, a decrease of 7%. Ten (10) registered clubs in 2023 vs. Seven (7) in 2022. One new club is seeking USMS matching grant funding. Three newsletters were published featuring highlights of the year. The 2023 Greater Cleveland Sports Awards honored our own Luise Easton as a 5-Star Senior Athlete. We assisted in funding the first of its kind fundraiser and swim clinic for USA Swimming Foundation featuring Missy Franklin and Cullen Jones. Twenty-seven (27) age group swimmers and 20 Masters swimmers participated in the clinics. The event raised more than \$6,400 for the foundation in support of grants for swim lessons for both adults and children. Shout out to foundation board member and O\*H\*I\*O Masters member Jay Definis for making this happen.  
**Bill Tingley – Kentucky:** 504 members in 2023, 503 members in 2022. Two (2) registered clubs, Nine (9) workout groups. Four (4) SCY swim meets (one is pending a sanction), two (2) LCM swim meets, one (1) SCM swim meet (pending sanction). A discussion of a new Kentucky Board of Health, statewide regulations, that will increase the number of Lifeguards at both Masters workout and competitions. This regulation will increase the cost of having workouts and competitions to the Clubs and Workout groups in the KY-LMSC.  
**Patrick Weiss – Michigan:** Membership up 15% year-over-year. 2022 - 870 members, 2023 - 999 members. 14 Meets in the past year. Two of the meets were the first ever in the City of Detroit. We saw USMS members from the city of Detroit at their first meet in 12+ years. The first State Meet Championship will be held in the city of Detroit in 2024 at Wayne State University. In 2023 we will see the first open water meet sanctioned by the Michigan LMSC in over 10 years - Swim to the Moon. The Michigan LMSC Scholarship grant was raised from \$1,000 to \$1,500. We have given over \$12,000 in scholarships since inception. There were a record 7 applicants for this year's award. We released version 2.0 of the Michigan LMSC Online Registration system. The updated version now provides all meet hosts with a HyTek ready file of meet entries.

Since its inception, we have saved our meet hosts over \$10,000 in meet fees. Last fall we hosted a Swim Clinic and Annual Banquet with special guest Nathan Adrian. We received considerable television coverage of the event and Masters swimming in general. This year's clinic and banquet will feature special guest Rowdy Gaines.

**Caitlin Gagnon – Ohio:** Membership is at 741 which is seven (7) fewer than 2022. Continued our \$5 per head giveback program to the clubs, expanded it to teams with 10 or more USMS members. Encouraging clubs to consider aiming at Gold Club status. There will be a few fall meets in our LMSC this year! We lightly discussed a state meet but weren't able to get it off the ground in 2023. We are looking towards April 2024 and will see if the Lake Erie LMSC would like to be involved. The Mason Manta Rays have spoken to Bill Brenner about starting a USMS team.

**Mary Schneider – Wisconsin:** Membership from low 400s in 2022 to high 400s in 2023. Increase number of swimmers age 30 and under participating in swim meets. Held 1 SCM meet, 1 LCM meet, 1 Open Water event, 6 SCY meets. Meet hosts included non-conforming "fun" events, such as high 5 relay, 50 IM, 25s of strokes, 150 IM, 50 free with fins, 100 yd double arm back relay. Swim meet attendance increased to pre-pandemic levels. One (1) new workout group created in Green Bay area. Hosted a Coaches Certification Course and Stroke Clinic with Bill Brenner.

3. Lisa Brown discussed the need for 70 certified lifeguards for Olympic Trials which will be held at Lucas Oil Stadium June 15-24 in Indianapolis, IN. Flyer advertising this need was provided and LMSCs are encouraged to advance this information to meet the need.
4. Lisa Brown provided an update for Great Lakes Zone website. A short discussion ensued about the need for it and what does it look like. Looking for volunteers to work on creating and launching the website. Caitlin Gagnon (Chair – Ohio) tentatively offered her assistance.
5. Lisa Brown is termed out as Zone Chair. One nomination was on the table, no nominations from the floor were made. Ann Marshfield was nominated for Zone Chair, MSA.

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm EDT.

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