



Northwest Zone Chatter

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LMSC websites in the NW Zone

ALASKA www.akmswim.org
INLAND NW www.inlandnwmasters.org
MONTANA SwimMontana.org
OREGON www.swimoregon.org
PACIFIC NW www.swimpna.org
SNAKE RIVER new website coming soon
UTAH www.utahmasters.org

Report from the Chair: I'm happy to report that two of our LMSCs have developed new websites. Check out the links above for Montana and Utah. I am very impressed; you will be too! I know Montana received assistance from the Oregon webmaster, which was much appreciated. Don't hesitate to reach out to your Zone-mates if you'd like help with your website or other positions. We have many leaders among us who would freely give of their time and expertise to mentor others. If you'd like to have help in connecting with the right person, just let me know and I will do my best to help you get connected.

LMSC REPORTS

March 15 membership stats . . .

Alaska – 262 members, 1 club, 12 workout groups in club AKMS; membership is down in 2018
Inland Northwest – 283, 15 clubs
Montana – 204 members, 4 clubs
Oregon – 974 members, 3 clubs, 31 workout groups in club OREG
Pacific Northwest – 1376, 7 clubs, 29 workout groups in club PSM
Snake River – 124 members, 4 clubs
Utah – 304 members, 16 clubs

Alaska

- Chair Ken Winterberger reported that a quorum was not met at a recent meeting; elections could not take place
- Chair - Ken is looking to retire; a replacement has not been named and he has offered to mentor a new chair
- Vice Chair – the position has been filled by the Secretary in the past: the LSMC is seeking a VC to serve instead
- Treasurer - Stan Steck has resigned; Kristina Biceroglu (SST) has been nominated
- Secretary – Carole Triem (GSC) has been nominated
- Records/Top 10 - Paula Smith is looking to retire; Kent Hamilton is a maybe for the position
- Sanctions – Melinda Greig is looking to step down; Angie Brennan is a maybe for the position
- Current assets total \$9817
- Two open water swims were held in 2017 – the Change Your Latitude and Pennock Island swims
- Three workout groups are new; three from 2017 are yet registered with USMS. Not all WGs choose to register
- Final 2017 registration total was 362, down from the all-time high in 2016 of 401 members (389 in 2015)
- SCY Championship meet was held in Fairbanks February 24 & 25
- Spring dual sanctioned meet is taking place in the South East on April 6
- Presented the 2018 AK Masters Swimming Memorial Scholarship to Reid Blackstone of Eagle River. Reid plans to study civil engineering at the U of AK, Fairbanks

Inland Northwest

- Spring Splash meet was held in Coeur d'Alene, ID February 3 & 4
- Inland NW Championships – coming up March 24 in Moscow, ID
- TBD - ALTS Certification/Clinic for Coaches/Stroke Development Clinic under development to replace cancelled Boise date. ALTS Classes – April in Coeur d'Alene

Montana

- Total registration for 2017 was 261
- The LSMC's only regional club has renamed itself Big Sky Montana Masters Swim Club (BMST). This was done to alleviate the confusion with the LMSC name (Montana Masters)
- Current officers are Chair Jeanne Ensign, VC Dick Weber, Treasurer Keegan Witt, Secretary Edie Van Buskirk, Immediate Past President Donn Livoni.
- Other voting board members are BSMT rep. Glenn DeHekker, FLOWS rep. Mark Johnston, and Bozeman rep. Audrey Wooding. The KATS position is vacant
- April 6-8, BMST is hosting the 2018 NW Zone and Montana SCY Championships at the University of Montana Grizzly Pool. A social and the LMSC meeting will take place on Saturday night
- The 2018 USMS Postal Swimtathlon League, a year-long event, is hosted by FLOW Swim Club. The event takes the Check-Off Challenge to a new level! For more information go to <http://www.flowswimmers.com/Events/2018%20Swimtathlon%20League/2018%20Virtual%20Swimtathlon%20Page.htm>
- The new Montana LMSC website has gone live: www.SwimMontana.org

Oregon

Elected Officers: Chair Tim Waud, Vice Chair Robbert van Andel, Secretary Michelle Jacobs-Brown, Treasurer Kermit Yensen

Events held in late 2017:

COMA All-Around SCM Meet	December 10	Bend, Oregon
Canby Animal Meet	December 17	Canby, Oregon

Upcoming Events:

Oregon City Spring Ahead Dual Sanction SCM	March 10-11	Oregon City, Oregon
OMS Association Championship SCY	April 20-22	Corvallis, Oregon
Bend LCM	May 19	Bend, Oregon
Beautiful Lake Juniper OW	May 20	Bend, Oregon
USMS Ultra marathon (10.7mile) OW National Champ	July 8	Portland, Oregon
USMS 2-mile OW National Championship	July 12	Sweet Home, Oregon
USMS Marathon (10K) OW National Championship	July 14-15	Jacksonville, Oregon
Cascade Lakes Swim Series & Festival OW	July 27-29	Elk Lake, Oregon
Eel Lake OW	August 11	Reedsport, Oregon
Gil Young Memorial/NW Zone/OMS Champ LCM	August 24-26	Gresham, Oregon
Hood River SCM	November 10	Hood River, Oregon
COMA All-Around Challenge: Brute Squad Pent. SCM	December 8	Bend, Oregon
Canby Animal Meet SCY	TBD	Canby, Oregon

Notable:

- Willard "Wink" Lamb will be honored as one of Swimming World's Masters Swimmers of the Year

Pacific Northwest

- Registrations are up 3% over 2017; total registration for 2017 was 1738
- An Annual Meeting/Social/Awards event is being planned for the first time in over 20 years. Previous annual board meetings have been poorly attended
- Most meets held thus far in 2018 are seen a 10% increase in participation over 2017
- Two world SCM records were set by Dan Kirkland (70) at the inaugural Bellevue Club Masters Mile in January. Dan broke the 800 and 1500 records, which were previously held by Hall-of-Famer Graham Johnston
- Rick Colella will be honored as one of Swimming World's Masters Swimmers of the Year.

Meets in 2018

Completed – January 21	Bellevue Club Masters Mile SCM	Bellevue
Completed – February 4	Thunderbird Masters SCM	Anacortes
Completed – February 18	Lake Washington Masters SCY	Kirkland
Completed – March 11	Port Angeles Masters SCY	Port Angeles
Sunday – March 18	Lake Stevens Pentathlon SCY	Lake Stevens
Saturday/Sunday April 14/15	PNA Championships SCY	Federal Way

Open Water in 2018

Saturday, June 9	Whidbey Island Adventure Swim (1.2 & 2.4 mi)	Langley (Saratoga Passage)
Saturday, July 14	Fat Salmon (3.2 mi)	Seattle (Lake Washington)
Sunday, August 5	Swim Defiance (3 & 5 K)	Tacoma (Commencement Bay)
Saturday, August 25	Aly Fell Memorial Swim (4 distances)	Bellingham (Lake Padden)
Saturday, September 15	Last Gasp of Summer (1 & 2 mi)	Seatac (Angle Lake)

Snake River

- Sanctioning process for June 2 NW Zone Championship open-water swim is progressing
- Responded to inquiry from Nat'l Office regarding approximate 10% drop in membership year to date compared to 2017
- Working with SAWS and a consultant SAWS has contracted with to identify areas where growth can possibly occur, areas to target, approaching unattached swimmers in outlying areas
- Responded to LMSC By-Laws Minimum Standards survey. Based on the questions and answers, we're estimating a relatively large number of deficiencies that will need to be dealt with to bring the SR LMSC By-Laws into minimum compliance. The Chair believes he has two individuals to assist in the undertaking and is waiting contact from the LMSC Committee or Nat'l Office contact. Our Treasurer has been on work related travel for a number of weeks so hasn't submitted that portion as of today but expects to submit sometime within the next week.
- There was an attempt for the NO to hold an ALTS Instructor Certification and Training and adult swimming lesson session(s) in conjunction with the Treasure Valley West Y in March, however, for whatever reason, it was cancelled. We believe that a more mature synergy between USMS and YMCA will need to develop before this will be re-scheduled and occur.

Utah

- Membership down from last year. Could be due to the state meet, which has not happened yet, and the CSS swimmers not registering as USMS

Board of Directors: Chair-Aaron Norton, Vice Chair-Karen Oliver, Secretary-Michael Flitton, Treasurer-Joe Linford, Registrar-Katy Kissinger

Events held in Q1-2018:

- Utah State University CSS Team "Swim and Dive Aggie Invite – February 17, 2018
- QUAC Ski-N-Swim – March 3, 2018

Upcoming Events:

- Utah State USMS Championships – April 7, 2018

Notable

- New awesome Utah Masters Website went live on March 1, 2018. Done by our new webmaster <http://utahmasters.org/>
- Update on USMS and CSS dual-sanctioning effort
 - Temporary free membership for CSS swimmers to be USMS registered through end of school year (valid March 1 - May 31)
 - USMS working on more permanent fix