



## Northwest Zone Chatter September/October 2021

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### **LMSC websites in the NW Zone**

ALASKA [www.akmswim.org](http://www.akmswim.org)

INLAND NW [www.inlandnwmasters.org](http://www.inlandnwmasters.org)

MONTANA <http://swimmontana.org/>

OREGON [www.swimoregon.org](http://www.swimoregon.org)

PACIFIC NW [www.swimpna.org](http://www.swimpna.org)

SNAKE RIVER [www.snakerivermasters.com](http://www.snakerivermasters.com)

UTAH [www.utahmasters.org](http://www.utahmasters.org)

## Report from the Chair

Hello NW Zoners!

We just completed another interesting and pandemic affected virtual National Annual convention. As part of our annual meetings, we held our NW Zone Annual meeting with our many zone delegates. We had some wonderful discussions, but everyone missed being able to see each other in person and partake of Paige's wonderful selection of chocolates. We are hoping to be able to meet in person sometime soon. This year we had one of our zone's own receive the highest volunteer honor that USMS gives. Bob Bruce received the Ransom J. Arthur award and we are so proud and thankful for all his years of service!

As part of this meeting, I was elected as our Zone Chair, after being appointed to finish out Paige Buehler's term last year. It was good to get the zone support to be the chair for another term. I am excited to help the zone continue to grow as the most active zone in the whole country.

We look forward to coming out of this pandemic hopefully very soon. Please be safe and don't forget to "Just keep swimming".

Aaron Norton

## Reports from LMSC chairs

**Note:** All membership data and officer information from USMS website as of Oct 9, 2021

### Alaska

**Membership:** 197 members, 2 clubs, 5 workout groups under club AKMS

#### Elected Officers

Chair	<i>Ken Winterberger</i>
Vice-chair	<i>Matthew Reilly</i>
Secretary	<i>Carole Triem</i>
Treasurer	<i>Kristina Miller</i>

#### Recent and/or upcoming events:

An open water swim in Sitka attracted 37 swimmers, 8 without wet suits. Participants came from all around the country. (as reported at the annual Northwest Zone meeting held Sep 7, 2021 in conjunction with 2021 USMS Annual Meeting).

### Inland Northwest

**Membership:** 311 members, 11 clubs, no workout groups

#### Elected Officers

Chair	<i>Matt Bronson</i>
Vice-chair	<i>Michael Hamm</i>
Secretary	<i>Rob Heath</i>
Treasurer	<i>Wes Bratton</i>

#### Recent and/or upcoming events:

A 3-way virtual meet took place this year and there were a few OW swim.

(as reported at the annual Northwest Zone meeting held Sep 7, 2021 in conjunction with 2021 USMS Annual Meeting).

## Montana

**Membership:** 158 members, 4 clubs, 3 workout groups under club BSMT

### Elected Officers

Chair	<i>Donn Livoni</i>
Vice-chair	<i>Richard Weber</i>
Secretary	<i>Mackenzie Jones</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jeanne Ensign</i>

### Recent and/or upcoming events:

- Dual sanctioned meet – **May, 2022** – Bozeman
- Annual membership meeting – **Nov 21, 2021** – via Zoom

### Notable news:

Brady Baughman – a new delegate – was the MT delegate to the 2021 Annual Meeting.

## Oregon

**Membership:** 958 members, 4 clubs, 23 workout groups under club OREG

### Elected Officers (next elections to be held in April 2022)

Chair	<i>Tim Waud</i>
Vice-chair/Sanctions	<i>Robbert van Andel</i>
Secretary	<i>Kristina Franklin</i>
Treasurer	<i>Kermit Yensen</i>

### Other board members

Membership Coordinator	<i>Susie Young</i>	Payments Administrator	<i>Ginger Pierson</i>
Club/Workout Group Liaison	<i>Christina Fox</i>	Records	<i>Stephen Darnell</i>
Top Ten	<i>MJ Caswell</i>	USMS Rep	<i>Sandi Rousseau</i>
Coaches	<i>Kevin Cleary</i>	Souvenirs	<i>Jeanna Summers</i>
Officials	<i>Jacki Allender</i>	Awards	<i>Sara Shepard</i>
Newsletter	<i>Alice Zabudsky</i>	Data Manager	<i>Gary Whitman</i>
Fitness	<i>Colette Crabbe</i>	Safety	<i>Joy Ward</i>
Webmaster	<i>Matt Miller</i>	OREG Club Representative	<i>Nancy Vincent</i>
Adult Learn-to-Swim	<i>Marlys Cappaert</i>	Past Chair	<i>Jeanne Teisher</i>
OW/Long Distance	<i>Bob Bruce</i>		

### Update on pool availability and workout activity:

Most pools are open with limited occupancy and Covid-19 procedures.

### Recent and/or upcoming events:

- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bend All-Around Challenge Meet (SCM) - **Saturday, December 11, 2021** - Bend, Oregon
- **Upcoming webinar** - "How to start a cold-water swimming group" - **Tuesday, Oct 12, 2021, 07:00 PM Pacific Time**  
Interested in trying cold water swimming but don't know how to start? We were in the same position last year around this time and were given the wise counsel in a cold-water swimming webinar to "start our own group". One year and 100+ cold water group swims later we've learned a thing or two about how to go about this and we would love to share this experience. Please join the Broughton Beach Ballenas Suzy Happ, Christina Malango, and Brad Biddle for this fun and informative webinar.  
Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84202363699?pwd=Q2VQSZRic2ptaUZCTk45OFBYRFNlUT09>

### Notable news:

- Bob Bruce received the 2021 Ransom J. Arthur Award
- Oregon City Tankers raised \$13,743.00 for Swim Across America
- OMS Annual Retreat will be held in October

### Pacific Northwest

**Membership:** 1417 members, 4 clubs, 25 workout groups under club PSM

#### Elected Officers

Chair	<i>Linda Chapman</i>
Vice-chair	<i>Kathy Casey</i>
Secretary	<i>Steve Peterson</i>
Treasurer	<i>Lucianne Pugh</i>

### Snake River

**Membership:** 92 members, 2 clubs, no workout groups

#### Elected Officers

Chair	<i>Jim Clemmons</i>
Vice-chair	<i>Jeff Erwin</i>
Secretary	<i>Suzy Cavanagh</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jane Wright</i>

#### Other board members

Membership Coordinator	<i>Jill Wright</i>
Sanctions	<i>Paula Moores</i>
Top Ten	<i>Ellen Reynolds</i>
Coaches/Officials	<i>Jeff Erwin</i>
Editor	<i>Suzy Cavanagh</i>
Webmaster	<i>Tom Arnold</i>

### Update on pool availability and workout activity:

Swimmers in the Snake River LMSC are still without “home” pools due to pool operators not offering dedicated workout times for adult groups. Most swimmers have been able to find a place to work out however, whether it is open water, small gym or YMCA pools to meet with others and to share workouts. Because we don’t have current relationships with pool facilities, we were not able to participate in Try Masters Swimming month.

### Notable news:

Work continues on the effort to build a multi-function private facility in Boise that would house a 50m x 25y pool and a separate 6 lane 25y pool for warm up during competitions. The pools would also be utilized for lessons, water polo, high school, age group (USAS) and master’s (USMS) use. Sawtooth Masters is in discussions with the facility management group to work out the details to utilize this facility and to call it the SAWS “home” pool. Funding has been approved by the Boise Auditorium District to support the construction and land needs. Additional private funding is still being sought. If all goes well, the pool may be functioning by spring or summer of 2022. More info: <https://gbacswim.com/>

### Utah

**Membership:** 291 members, 10 clubs, no workout groups; membership is almost back to 2019 pre-COVID numbers (295)

#### Elected Officers

Chair	<i>Bruce Schroeder</i>
Vice-chair	<i>Gerald Treiman</i>
Secretary	<i>Karen Hodges</i>
Treasurer	<i>Joe Linford</i>

**Recent and/or upcoming events:**

- **Utah Virtual Open Water Series:** The Utah LMSC had a series of site specific virtual open water swims at Utah State Parks every Saturday from June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> ranging from Gunlock State Park in Southern Utah to Bear Lake State Park 450 miles North on the Utah/Idaho border. All participants were required to be registered USMS members and no entry fee was charged. USMS open water practice policies were in place. Participation ranged from 3 to 10 swimmers. To get a registered time, swimmers created a Swim.com account and uploaded the swim from their watch or tracking device. We hope to do this again next year.
- Huntsman Senior Games - October 6-8, 2021 - St. George
- Our annual meeting will be held using Zoom later this fall.