



Northwest Zone Chatter

June 2026

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LMSC websites in the NW Zone

ALASKA www.akmswim.org

INLAND NW www.inlandnwmasters.org

MONTANA <https://swimmontana.org/>

OREGON www.swimoregon.org

PACIFIC NW www.swimpna.org

SNAKE RIVER www.snakerivermasters.com

UTAH www.utahmasters.org

Report from the Chair

- Since our March 1st meeting, a sub-group (Paul Windrath, Sally Dillon, Jeanne Ensign, and Ken Winterberger) reviewed the current NW Zone Financial Policy sections. The sub-group met three times in March and submitted the following recommendations for immediate consideration and action:
 1. Approve the updated NW Zone Financial Policy (sections 2 and 3 - updated March 25, 2026). The updated Financial Policies include seven (7) substantive changes which are outlined in the attached policy change document.

Informational: The sub-group focused on adding guidelines, based on LMSC fund balances, to determine when an LMSC could request financial assistance from the NW Zone. Also included were guidelines for when swimmer fee assessments could be considered. Current LMSC fund balances are substantial and should be used to encourage participation in USMS events such as the Annual Meeting and Relay.

2. Approve suspension of the 2026 \$.50/swimmer fee assessment.

Informational: Based on current NW Zone and LMSC fund balances (see below), the group feels there is no need to increase the NW Zone fund balance at this time.

These recommendations were approved by email vote. Thank you so much to this group for their speedy and efficient work.

- Snake River is finally up to date on our Standards - yeah. (we think)
- Southwest Idaho Senior Games will be held at the Tomlinson South YMCA in Boise on Aug 22, 2026. Entries will open on Jun 1, 2026.
- Under the LMSC Development Committee, the Zone Chairs subcommittee has been created to make sure all LMSCs are being served. Our NW Zone is in great shape. Our Zone/LMSC leadership is amazing compared to almost all others in USMS. From what I hear from other Zone Chairs, we're #1!!!

Jill Wright, NW Zone Chair

Zone News

- Next Zone meeting – **Jun 1, 2026** – at **4:00 pm Alaska, 5:00 pm Pacific** and **6:00 pm Mountain**.
- The **2026 NW Zone SCY Championships** hosted by Blue Wave Aquatics was held on **Apr 11-12, 2026** at King County Aquatic Center (KCAC) in Federal Way, WA with 223 swimmers.
- The “Around Tubbs Hill Swim” and **NW Zone OW Championships** will be hosted by Kroc Masters in Coeur d'Alene, ID on **Jul 18, 2026**. Entry info [here](#) and attached.

Report from At-Large Director (NW Zone)

Note from Rob:

“I’ve been out of touch and don’t return until Tuesday. I will email a report to Jill for distribution upon my return.”

Rob Heath, NW Zone At-Large Director

Reports from LMSC chairs

Note: All membership data and officer information are from USMS website as of **May 31, 2026**.

Alaska

Membership 2025 – 2026 (to date): 224 members, 2 clubs, 8 workout groups under club AKMS
2025 (final): 269 members, 4 clubs, 8 workout groups under club AKMS
2024 (final): 243 members, 4 clubs, 8 workout groups under club AKMS

Elected Officers

Chair *Kent Hamilton*
 Vice-chair *Vacant*
 Secretary *Vacant*
 Treasurer *Shannon Titzel*

Other board members

Membership Coordinator *Angie Brennan*
 Sanctions *Signe Johannes*
 Top Ten *Kent Hamilton*
 Communications/Webmaster *Ken Winterberger*
 Open Water *Kevin Knox*
 Awards *Michelle Turinsky*
 Past Chair *Ken Winterberger*

Recent and Upcoming events/Notable News:

- No upcoming events or notable news to report

Inland Northwest

Membership 2025 – 2026 (to date): 414 members, 11 clubs, no workout groups
2025 (final): 474 members, 12 clubs, no workout groups
2024 (final): 424 members, 12 clubs, no workout groups

Elected Officers

Chair *Rob Heath*
Vice-chair *Michael Hamm*
Secretary *Brian Johnson*
Treasurer *Scott Neuhaus*

Other board members

Past Chair *Matt Bronson*
Membership Coordinator *Sean Murphy*
Top Ten *Margaret Hair*
Sanctions, Editor, Safety *Paige Buehler*
Coaches *Michael Hamm*
Officials *Wes Bratton*
Webmaster *Dave Cabrey*

Recent and Upcoming events:

- The **Spokane Club Pentathlon SCY meet** was held Mar 21, 2026 in Spokane, WA with 48 swimmers
- The **INW SCY Championships** was held Apr 18, 2026 in Moscow, ID with 72 swimmers. The LMSC Annual meeting and elections were held in conjunction with the meet.
- 2026 IE VS Starlight Open (LCM; Dual Sanction) – **Jun 19-21** – Wenatchee, WA
- Kroc Open Water “Around Tubbs Hill” Swim (Open Water) – **July 18** – Coeur d’Alene, ID

Montana

Membership 2025 – 2026 (to date): 180 members, 2 clubs, 4 workout groups under club BSMT
2025 (final): 210 members, 2 clubs, 4 workout groups under club BSMT
2024 (final): 207 members, 2 clubs, 4 workout groups under club BSMT

Elected Officers

Chair *Mark Brooke*
Vice-chair *Maureen Porter*
Secretary *Jennie Boulerice*
Treasurer *Karen Simpson*

Other board members

Immediate Past Chair *Jeanne Ensign*
Membership Coordinator *Jennifer Turchin*
Sanctions *Susan Huckleby*
Top Ten & Records *Josh Huckleby*
Coaches *Open*
Officials *Susan Huckleby*
Webmaster *Steven Kothen-Hill*
Club Rep BSMT *Bill Hughes*
Club Rep BOZE *Sara Wussow*

Upcoming/recent events and Notable news:

- Glacier Aquatic Club IMX Challenge (SCY) – **May 30-31, 2026** – Whitefish MT.
- We are getting ready for the open water swim season in Montana and welcome any swim visitors to the state to reach out to us via any of the contacts on our website: <https://swimmontana.org/>
- The March 2026 Championship Meet in Butte had to be cancelled this year because the pool lost its heaters and just recently came back on line. Our local swimmers have been busy in the meantime with dryland workouts.
- The LMSC website has been revamped and updated. Check it out at: <https://swimmontana.org/> and let us know what you think.

Oregon

Membership 2025– 2026 (to date): 1,177 members, 3 clubs, 28 workout groups under club OREG
2025 (final): 1,335 members, 5 clubs, 28 workout groups under club OREG
2024 (final): 1,290 members, 5 clubs, 30 workout groups under club OREG

Elected Officers

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|------------|-------------------------|
| Chair | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Vice-chair | <i>Paul Windrath</i> |
| Secretary | <i>Julie Baker</i> |
| Treasurer | <i>Doug Christensen</i> |

Other board members

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|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Sanctions | <i>Paul Windrath</i> | OW/Long Distance | <i>Bob Bruce</i> |
| Membership Coordinator | <i>Christina Fox</i> | Records | <i>Stephen Darnell</i> |
| Club Development | <i>Vacant</i> | USMS Rep | <i>Sandi Rousseau</i> |
| Top Ten | <i>MJ Caswell</i> | Souvenirs | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Coaches | <i>Paul Frentsos</i> | Awards | <i>Jayette Pettit</i> |
| Officials | <i>Jacki Allender</i> | Data Manager | <i>Gary Whitman</i> |
| Communications | <i>Angela Fadlovich</i> | Safety | <i>Joy Ward</i> |
| Fitness | <i>Vacant</i> | OREG Club Representative | <i>Nancy Vincent</i> |
| Webmaster | <i>Geneva Olson</i> | Past Chair | <i>Tim Waud</i> |
| Adult Learn-to-Swim | <i>Marci Wright</i> | | |
| | <i>Cheryl Morgen</i> | | |

NW Zone activity:

At the March 2026 meeting, the Board selected Paul Windrath, Jeanne Ensign, Sally Dillon, and Ken Winterberger to review the current NW Zone Financial policies in general and specific to the LMSC swimmer fee. The group met 4 times in March. The updated Financial Policy was presented to the NW Zone Board and unanimously approved via email in early April 2026.

Recent events – full results [here](#)

- The **2026 Oregon City Spring Forward SCM Meet** was held Mar 7-8, 2026 in Oregon City, OR with 65 swimmers.
- The **OMS Association SCM Championship** was held Apr 18-19, 2026 in Hood River, OR with 229 swimmers.
- The **COMA LCM Championship Meet and Beautiful Lake Juniper Buoy Swim** was held May 16 -17, 2026 in Bend, OR with 45 swimmers.

Upcoming events – registration available or coming soon [here](#)

Pool

- 2026 Oregon Senior Games (SCY; recognized) – **Aug 16, 2026** – Albany, OR.
- 2026 GACC SCM Summer Sunshine Meet – **Aug 29, 2026** – Camas, WA.

Open Water

- Portland Bridge Swim – **Jul 12, 2026** – Portland, OR. **Not USMS sanctioned.**
- **CANCELLED** - 39th Southern Oregon Open Water Swims - Applegate Lake – **Jul 18-19, 2026** – Jacksonville, OR.
- 32th Annual Cascade Lakes Swim Series & Festival – **Aug 9, 2026** – Elk Lake, OR.
- 19th Annual Central Oregon Coast Swims – **Aug 22, 2026** – Eel Lake, OR.

Notable news:

- The Oregon LMSC Chair position continues to be vacant
- The OMS Annual Gathering on May 31, 2026 was well attended for the inaugural event.
- The 2026 Association meet was held as a 2 day event instead of 2+ days due to facility limitations. To maintain a reasonable daily timeline, swimmers were restricted to enter the 800 or 1500 – not both. The 1500 swimmers were provided automatic 800 split times and were allowed, if desired, to have their 800 split entered and scored in the 800 regular event. Swimmers choosing to do this were charged as one of their 6 events. The 2 day format and the 800 protocol was generally well-received by the swimmers.
- Hood River's bond measure to build a new pool to replace the current facility passed!

- The 2026 Applegate Lake Series which included the USMS National 10K Championship was cancelled due to low water levels – caused by lack of rain fall and snow pack run-off.

Pacific Northwest

Membership: 2025 – 2026 (to date): 1,577 members, 11 clubs, 20 workout groups under club PSM

2025 (final): 2,040 members, 15 clubs, 20 workout groups under club PSM

2024 (final): 1,925 members, 11 clubs, 21 workout groups under club PSM

Mid year details:

| PNA MEMBERSHIP BY MONTH AND YEAR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2024 Thru 05-29-2026 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| YEAR | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | Thru May 31 | Full Year | YTD Diff | YTD Diff % |
| 2026 | 489 | 595 | 214 | 55 | 75 | 73 | 70 | | | | | | 1571 | 1571 | | |
| 2025 | 420 | 672 | 267 | 94 | 100 | 58 | 94 | 70 | 80 | 54 | 73 | 54 | 1705 | 2036 | -134 | -8% |
| 2024 | 309 | 656 | 332 | 81 | 88 | 61 | 80 | 72 | 52 | 57 | 68 | 69 | 1607 | 1925 | -36 | -2% |

Elected Officers

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| Chair | <i>Linda Chapman</i> |
| Vice-chair | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Secretary | <i>Steve Peterson</i> |
| Treasurer | <i>Brent Barnes</i> |
| At-Large Directors | <i>Kathy Casey</i> <i>Dave Scott</i> |

Other voting board members

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| Past President | <i>Sally Dillon</i> |
| Membership | <i>Linda Chapman</i> |
| Bylaws and Open Water | <i>Jim Davidson</i> |
| Meets | <i>Lorraine Masse</i> |
| Appointed Directors | <i>Dan Underbrink</i> <i>Bob DeWard</i> |
| Club Directors | <i>Kim Boggs</i> <i>Doug Jelen</i> |

Non-voting coordinators

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| Awards & meet box | <i>Dan Underbrink</i> |
| Coaches | <i>Diana Hermanson</i> |
| Fitness/Clinics | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Club and Team Development | <i>Sally Dillon</i> |
| Historian | <i>Walt Reid</i> |
| Newsletter/Social media | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Officials | <i>Dave Baer</i> |
| Virtual events | <i>Sally Dillon</i> |
| Records/Top Ten | <i>Doug Jelen</i> |
| Webmaster | <i>Dave Scott</i> |

Recent events:

- The **Thunderbird Masters March Madness SCM Meet** was held Mar 8, 2026 in Anacortes, WA with 45 swimmers
- The **PNA SCY Championships and Zone Meet** were held Apr 11-12, 2026 at WKCAC in Federal Way, WA with 221 swimmers.
- The **PASC Masters and Munchkins combined meet** (Dual Sanction) was held May 16 in Port Angeles, WA.

Upcoming events – registration available or coming soon [here](#)

Pool

- BAMFest 2026 – **Oct 11, 2026** – Bremerton, WA
- PSM SCM Championships – **Nov 11-12, 2026** – WKCAC, Federal Way, WA.

Open Water

- Whidbey Adventure Swim (1.2 and 2.4 mile courses) – **Jun 1, 2026** – Langley, WA.
- Fat Salmon (3.2 mile course) – **Jul 26, 2026** – Seattle, WA.

Snake River

Membership 2025 – 2026 (to date): 119 members 2 clubs, no workout groups
2025 (final): 138 members, 3 clubs, no workout groups
2024 (final): 136 members, 3 clubs, no workout groups

Elected Officers

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|------------|----------------------|
| Chair | <i>Jim Clemmons</i> |
| Vice-chair | <i>Jeff Erwin</i> |
| Secretary | <i>Suzy Cavanagh</i> |
| Treasurer | <i>David Murphy</i> |

Other board members

| | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Membership Coordinator | <i>Jill Wright</i> | Editor | <i>Suzy Cavanagh</i> |
| Sanctions | <i>Paula Moores</i> | Webmaster | <i>Jim Clemmons</i> |
| Top Ten | <i>Ellen Reynolds</i> | Fitness | <i>Lisa Rankin-Galane</i> |
| Coaches | <i>Victoria Caulum</i> | Open Water/Virtual Swims | <i>Jill Wright</i> |
| Officials | <i>Teri White</i> | | |

Recent events

- The Snake River LMSC Annual meeting was held on May 14. Two prep meetings were held via Zoom on March 10 and March 31 followed by the formal meeting via Zoom on May 14. Bylaws were updated and submitted to the National Office for publication on May 18. Minutes are in process and will be submitted the week of May 25.
- Bill Brenner and Mel Goldstein provided the following trainings at the Idaho Central Aquatic Center:
 - Stroke Development Clinic (Apr 24)
 - Level 2 and Level 3 USMS Coach Certification (Apr 25)The LMSC provided the cost of attending the Level 2 & 3 courses for Snake River LMSC coaches.

Upcoming events

- Broadside Harbor One and Two Mile Open Water Swims – **Jun 20, 2026** – Caldwell ID
- Idaho Senior Games – **Aug 22, 2026** – Meridian, ID; [registration](#) opens Jun 1

Notable news

- Due to work commitments, the Snake River Secretary resigned in March. We are actively looking for a replacement. In the meantime, the chair has temporarily undertaken the responsibilities associated with the position.
- The Chair will be unavailable to attend the June meeting due to travel but Jill Wright will be in attendance.

Utah

Membership 2025 – 2026 (to date): 410 members, 16 clubs, no workout groups
2025 (final): 437 members, 16 clubs, no workout groups
2024 (final): 364 members, 15 clubs, no workout groups

Elected Officers

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|------------|----------------------|
| Chair | <i>Aaron Norton</i> |
| Vice-chair | <i>Jerry Treiman</i> |
| Secretary | <i>Sydney Olson</i> |
| Treasurer | <i>Joe Linford</i> |

Appointed Board Members

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|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Membership Coordinator/Webmaster | <i>Bruce Schroeder</i> |
| Sanctions | <i>Anna Forest</i> |
| Clubs | <i>Aaron Norton</i> |
| Coaches and Open Water/Virtual | <i>Both open</i> |
| Triathlete | <i>Dawn Martindale</i> |
| Top Ten/Records | <i>Jerry Treiman</i> |

Recent and Upcoming events/Notable news

- The **Trailblazers Masters St. George Invite SCY Meet** was held Mar 28, 2026 in St. George, UT with 70 swimmers.
- The LMSC was represented by 15 swimmers at Spring Nationals with **Joe Linford** (45-49) winning the 1650.
- **Anna Forest** is the new Sanctions Chair