

Great Lakes Zone

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Introduction

Listed below are the reports from each LMSC within the Great Lakes Zone.

Allegheny Mountain:

- New website launch, team unify SEO has been an issue
- Tri State Long Course Meet, cancelled due to low sign ups
- 5K event

Illinois

- Some turnover and new faces on the board, membership coordinator took over newsletter
- State Meet was in Illinois, over 600 entries

Indiana

- Indiana is looking into the possibility of a short course meters zone championship

Kentucky

- 9 meets sanctioned, 2 cancelled
- Supporting officials by paying them
- Sanction changeover issues because the sanctions chair can't edit so changes mean starting from scratch
- USA Swimming wants to duel sanction an open water swim on October 1

Lake Erie

- Total Membership: 468 as of 8/11/26 – a decrease of 11 from 2025
- How many clubs: 8
- Swim Meets: 1 SCM, 1 LCM, 3 SCY, 1 Open Water Swim
- One SCY meet was cancelled due to winter weather
- LE LMSC pays for pool rental and coaches for continued outdoor practices at the Avon
- Aquatic Center during September. All USMS registered members are welcome. Cost is
- \$10 drop in. Practices are Saturday and Sunday mornings.

- Financial health: LE LMSC has deficit of \$2000 for 2025.
- The LMSC has \$30,000+ in the bank.
- Relay 2026 & NCC : We will send 3 to Relay and 1 to NCC.
- LE LMSC updated its Governing By-Laws, awaiting approval from the membership for revised
- Code of Regulations.
- One after meet social – rescheduled due to meet cancellation.

Michigan

- Report Pending

Ohio

- 3 meets, 2 more coming in the fall
- Grown up swimming huge, will translate to USMS membership

Wisconsin

- In the past year we had about 560 members, which is a stabilization of our member numbers over the last few years.
- Our finances are stable, with no unforeseen spending, and careful monitoring of our spending to budget.
- Wisconsin had 8 short course yard meets, 1 short course meter meet, 1 fitness event, 1 virtual meet, 1 long
- course meter meet, and 1 Recognized meet. One of the short course meets was a first time host. The meets were well attended, and most of them featured either individual or relay “fun” (non-conforming) events, or both individual and relay “fun” events.
- We had good participation at USMS short course nationals, and finished second among Regional teams. We also had swimmers attend the middle distance open water event in Minnesota, and long course USMS Nationals.
- Our methods of communication are our website, a monthly email sent to all members stressing upcoming events and important dates, and our bi-monthly newsletter.
- A number of our current board members have all served multiple years, but we were successful in recruiting
- several new members. We still need to involve additional members and mentor them to take over leadership positions.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. Michigan incoming chair Corrin Buck discussed the possibility of a Long Course Zone Championship in Holland, MI in August, but due to lead time and expense could not secure the support needed from enough LMSCs to go forward. This will be discussed for next year to allow more lead time.
2. Cameron Owen, Indiana Chair, discussed the possibility of a Short Course Meter Zone Championship with Caitlin Gagnon, Zone Chair, and will send an Indiana representative to speak at the meeting.

Action Items

1. Long Course Zone Championship Discussion
2. Short Course Zone Championship Discussion

Agenda

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Approve 2025 meeting minutes
3. Zone report by Chair
4. LMSC reports
5. Election for Zone Chair
6. New Business
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

Great Lakes Zone Meeting

[Thursday, August 27, 2026 7:00pm - 8:00pm EST | Zoom Meeting](#)