

USMS Zone Reports and Agendas

Southeast Zone

Committee Members

Ed Saltzman, Zone Chair

The committee is comprised of representatives from each of the seven LMSC's within the Zone: Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern and Southern.

Introduction

The Southeast Zone Committee meets annually, in person or virtually, to conduct business and discuss issues relevant to the Zone. The Zone operates between annual meetings via email amongst the Zone chair and the LMSC chairs.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. LMSC leaders from within the zone met on July 1st via Zoom with members of the USMS Board of Directors and staff to discuss various local and national issues and initiatives.

From USMS: Ed Coates (President), Trey Taylor (At-Large Director, SE Zone), Crystie McGrail (VP of Local Operations), Jay Eckert (Senior Director, Membership & Business Development)

From SE Zone: Ed Saltzman (SE Zone Chair), Cheryl Kupan (FL LMSC Chair), Barb Protzman (FGC LMSC Chair), Vesna Shelnett (GA LMSC Vice Chair), Sara Dunn (NC LMSC Top Ten), Roger von Jouanne (SE LMSC Chair), Chris Shrader (SE LMSC Vice Chair), Aaron Schneider (SO LMSC Chair).

2. During the last few years, the Southeast Zone LMSC's have made a concerted effort to grow their base of USMS certified coaches to strengthen our teams and attract new members.

March 9, 2025	Charlotte, NC	ALTS
March 29-30, 2025	Mobile, AL	L2/L3/ALTS
September 20-21, 2025	Kingsport, TN	L2/L3/Clinic/Stroke/ALTS
December 7, 2025	Augusta, GA	ALTS
March 1, 2026	Atlanta, GA	L2/L3

3. As of this writing; all seven LMSC's in the Southeast Zone report being slightly behind registration numbers from the previous year, but fully expect to meet or exceed last year's registration numbers by year end.

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4. Current Southeast Zone Membership Status

				2025		
				Effective 07/21/25		
LMSC	Members		Clubs	Members	Clubs	Recapture
	2024		2024	2025	2025	
Florida	2,721		67	2,226	65	81.8%
Florida Gold	1,369		18	1,223	19	89.3%
Georgia	922		23	900	28	97.6%
North Carolina	1,678		14	1,603	19	95.5%
South Carolina	612		15	583	14	95.2%
Southeastern	1064		35	914	40	85.9%
Southern	328		11	277	11	84.4%
8,694				7,726		88.8%

9. The LMSC's in the Southeast Zone continue their tradition of offering an extensive and varied meet schedule for our members. During the 2025 season (**to-date**) our swimmers had **32** meets to choose from within the zone. During that period the meets drew a total of **3,119** participants, accounting for **14,030** splashes. We had **165** swimmers from our zone attend the 2025 USMS Spring Nationals in San Antonio. We still have 11 more meets scheduled this year. Meet breakdown = (31) SCY, (10) LCM, (2) SCM.

Action Items

1. Continue to seek ways to increase our membership participation in our LMSC meets.
2. Seek addition opportunities within the Zone to offer more SCM meets – subject to pool availability.

Agenda

1. Roll Call / attendance.
2. Approval of last year's minutes (attached)
3. Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten and Records).
4. LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO)
5. Review upcoming 2025/2026 meet schedule
6. Discuss the future of the three Zone Championships.
 - a. We have received a bid from Auburn to host the 2026 Southeast Zone SCY Championships in conjunction with their February 14-15, 2026 - 27th Annual Auburn SCY Meet.
 - b. If you are interested in hosting the Southeast Zone SCY, LCM, SCM championship in conjunction with one of your 2026 LMSC meets; please submit an email to me before 08/15/25 so we can set up a poll for voting during the Zone meeting.
7. Is there a better way to foster friendly inter-LMSC competition?

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8. New Pools – New USMS Team opportunities – how do the LMSC's help?
9. Old Business
10. New Business – Do we want more frequent inter-LMSC communications or periodic Zone zoom calls to foster more LMSC collaboration or exchange of ideas?
11. Open the floor for discussion.
12. End meeting.

Southeast Zone Meeting

[Thursday August 21, 2025 7:00pm - 8:30pm EDT | Zoom Registration Link](#)