

South Central Zone

Committee Members

Jacky Merianos (NT), Zone Chair;

Jacky Merianos (NT), Chair; Kirsten Hoffman (OK), All Time Zone Records; Susan Ingraham (ST), Zone Championship Meet Records; Nicole Christensen (GU), Webmaster and Open Water Chair.

South Central Zone Championship Meet Advisory Committee: Jacky Merianos (NT); Lynn Morrison (NT), Nicole Christensen (GU), Susan Ingraham (ST), Alana Wilson (GU).

South Central Zone Member At-Large Director: Nicole Christensen (GU).

2024 – 2025 Zone LMSC Leadership:

LMSC	Chair	Vice Chair
Arkansas	Bonnie Adams	Susan Torpy
Gulf	Nicole Christensen	Stacey Eicks
North Texas	Jacky Merianos	Frank Cortese
Oklahoma	David Smith	Janet Latham
South Texas	Jeff Campbell	

Introduction

Welcome to the 2025 South Central Zone Annual Meeting. The South Central Zone includes the following LMSCs: Arkansas, Gulf, North Texas, Oklahoma and South Texas. Our Zone Committee meets annually in conjunction with the USMS Annual Meeting and conducts all other Zone business as needed, by email and/or Zoom calls. We look forward to a productive and informative 2025 Annual Zone Committee meeting.

Discussions and Projects Since Last Annual Meeting

1. 2025 Spring Zones Championship (143 participants)
2. 2025 Summer Zones Championship (135 participants)
3. 2025 SC Zone Open Water Grand Prix Challenge (4-5 races)
4. Discussion between Zone Leadership and Southern LMSC: Southern LMSC is exploring the possibility of requesting entry into the South-Central Zone.
5. ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP POLICY UPDATE: A motion regarding our Zone Championship Time Standards Policy was duly proposed and submitted to vote. The following motion was approved via electronic ballot conducted on October 6, 2024: *The South Central Zone will adjust its current distance time standard limits, which are only used for entry into the South Central Zone Championship swim meets, as follows: for the 1500/1650 freestyle adjust it from 60 minutes to 50 minutes, for the 800/1000 freestyle adjust it from 40 minutes to 30 minutes, and for*

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the 400 IM and the 400/500 freestyle adjust it from 20 minutes to 15 minutes. These time standard adjustments will initiate with the 2026 Championship Season.

Action Items

1. Vote on our 2025 – 2027 Zone Chair
2. Vote on distribution of 2026 & 2027 Zone expenses
3. Review bids and vote on 2026 South Central Zone Championship locations
4. Vote on adding a Short Course Meters meet to our Zone Championship lineup

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Voting Overview
3. Presentation of the 2025 South Central Zone Jesse Coon Award
4. Zone Chair election
5. Zone Chair report
6. Presentation of Zone expenses for 2025
7. Discussion and vote: distribution of 2026 & 2027 Zone expenses
8. Presentation and vote: 2026 Zone Champs Meet Bids
9. Discussion and vote: Zone to add a Short Course Meters meet to our championship meet lineup
10. Discussion: Southern LMSC to join South Central Zone
11. 2025 Grand Prix Debrief and discussion on 2026 Grand Prix
12. Discussion: South Central Zone Voting Policies
13. Update on TX AG Lawsuit
14. Important Zone dates and events: 2026
15. Adjourn

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