

Georgia LMSC ANNUAL Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 6 September 2025, Kedron Fieldhouse, Peachtree City, GA

ROLL CALL

Andrew and Walter Young YMCA (AWYY)

Douglas Carrington
Yvonne Jackson
Tawana Miller

Atlanta Rainbow Trout (ART)

Andrea Knight

Atlanta Water Jocks (AWJ)

Britta O'Leary
Vesna Shelnutt
Mike Stille
Jeffrey Tacca

Augusta Recreation and Parks (ARP)

DeLise Coleman
Barb Ingold
Travis Norman

Dynamo Masters (DYNA)

Ed Saltzman

Georgia Masters Killer Whales (GMKW)

Samy Naguib
Sue Ottosen
Lisa Watson
John Zeigler

Gwinnett County Masters Club (GMAC)

Elizabeth Giesecking

Southside Seals (SSS)

Rob Copeland
Laura Johnson
Isis Jones
Karol Welling

Warner Robins Aquanauts (WRAM)

Carlos Hernandez

Rocky Mountain Regional Masters (Colorado LMSC)

Winifred Prall

Guests

Chris Jones
Greg Shelnutt

Adoption of Minutes from August 2025 Meeting

The minutes of the August meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports of Officers and Coordinators

Chair (Britta O'Leary)

Britta introduced herself and welcomed everyone. She thanked Rob Copeland, the Southside Seals, and all the volunteers for a fun meet. Georgia had 8 meets on the calendar this year, including 2 developmental meets. She thanked all the meet hosts. Meet attendance has been down despite having over 900 swimmers registered in Georgia. She asked everyone to please promote meets to their fellow swimmers.

Britta recognized Barb Ingold, the Coaches Chair for the LMSC, and the fantastic job she's doing, especially with newsletter content and ZOOM meetings for coaches.

She also lauded Elaine Krugman, the Communications Chair, for her dedicated and thoughtful work with the newsletter. Input is due by the 10th of each month. The newsletter goes out to the email address swimmers use when they register. Email address changes must be made with USMS, not the LMSC.

Britta summarized the Membership Report submitted by our Membership Coordinator, Mark Rogers. Year-to-date, Georgia has 972 swimmers among 29 clubs/workout groups registered. She also noted that for 2026, swimmers will be asked to verify their gender at birth when they register with USMS.

Treasurer (Ed Saltzman)

Ed reported that our LMSC is doing well financially, despite the reduced revenue stream from registrations with USMS. Hosting USMS SCY Nationals back in 2010 gained a sizable profit for the LMSC and has allowed us to support meet hosts, to weather closures and restrictions due to the pandemic, and to promote coaches certification training, to name a few things over the years since. Ed files all the required state and federal paperwork, submits the required reports to USMS and pays the LMSC's bills.

Web Master (Ed Saltzman)

The website is up to date. The new platform has necessitated modifications to certain pages.

Records/ Top Ten (Ed Saltzman)

Ed said that this year's results are up to date, including the National Senior Games where several records were set.

SE Zone Chair (Ed Saltzman)

The Auburn meet in February will be a Zone Championship Meet and will feature something new - a high-point challenge between the LMSCs.

Officials (Ed Saltzman)

The in-water wedges for backstroke starts now have a limited range of extension to be legal.

Coaches Chair (Barb Ingold)

Barb has taken on the Coaches Corner articles for the newsletter and has tasked each coach in the LMSC to contribute an article. She also hosts coaches ZOOM meetings every other month. The meetings are topical and are often shared in the newsletter.

Fitness (Lisa Watson)

Lisa talked about the monthly virtual fitness challenges, only one of which (the 30-minute swim) requires registration with SWIM.com. She also talked about the "Go the Distance" campaign. Thirty-five swimmers from Georgia are participating so far this year. Swimmers may enter their yardages online at any time. Open water distances may be included. Everything is on the honor system.

DeLise Coleman talked about the 2025 5k & 10k Virtual Championships. This USMS event runs from 15 May -15 Sep. Ten swimmers from Georgia are competing so far. The 3000/6000-yard Virtual Championships immediately follow, 15 Sep – 15 Nov. Last year 30 people from Georgia participated.

2024 Georgia Grand Prix (Marianne Countryman)

The Grand Prix ongoing results are posted on the GA Masters Swimming website.

Open Water (Rob Copeland)

Swim Across America at Lake Lanier is scheduled for 20 Sep. This fund-raiser for cancer research has 700 swimmers registered so far.

The GA Games Open Water event, held in July, had roughly 150 participants.

Old/New Business**Adult Learn to Swim (ALTS) Certification Reimbursement Discussion**

Barb Ingold campaigned for the LMSC to reimburse people registered with the GA LMSC to be reimbursed for this certification. She had a full page of data and statistics to further her position. In the past, this had been voted down because this certification was used for private business, not to benefit Masters Swimming in Georgia. Some discussion followed about a possible compromise wherein this reimbursement would only be granted if certain conditions were met. Further discussion will be needed for this topic.

Board Election

Slate:	Chair	Vesna Shelnutt
	Vice	DeLise Coleman
	Secretary	Karol Welling
	Treasurer	Ed Saltzman

Rob Copeland ran the election. The full slate was elected by acclamation. Everyone thanked Britta for her many years of service as the Chair of the GA LMSC.

Upcoming Events

Sep 13	USMS Stroke Dev Clinic, Ansley Golf Club
Sep 20	Swim Across America, Lake Lanier
Oct 4	Spooky Fall Classic SCY, Augusta
Oct 26	Collins Hill SCY Developmental Meet
Nov 7-8	GUS East Coast All-Star Meet, Ft Lauderdale, FL
Dec 6	St Nick Invitational, GA Tech
Dec 7	USMS ALTS Instructor Certification Training, Augusta
Dec	HBCU Diversity Meet, Morehouse College
Feb 14-15	Auburn Invitational, Auburn AL
Mar 1	USMS Level 2 & 3 Coaches Certification Training, Atlanta
Mar 14-15	Maria Thrash Memorial Meet, Chamblee

Check georgiamasters.org and southeastzone.org for a full overview of upcoming meets.

Board Meetings/ Calls for 2025

Sunday, October 5th at 7pm via ZOOM
Sunday, November 2
Sunday, December 7

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted respectfully,

Karol Welling