



**Central Zone General Chairs Call**  
**Thursday, March 14th – 11:00 AM ET/10:00 AM CT**

**Agenda**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 844 7082 0977**

**Passcode: 648645**

Notes from last time: [February 2024 Notes](#)

**Roll Call**

Arkansas	<b>Lake Erie</b>	<b>Missouri Valley</b>	<b>Ozark</b>
<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>North Dakota</b>	South Dakota
Indiana	<b>Midwestern</b>	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>Wisconsin</b>
Iowa	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>Oklahoma</b>	

(**BOLD** reflects that LSC was present on the call)

**1. Welcome! Jack called to order at 10:01AM**

**2. Reports from LSCs**

*Discussion topics:*

*Has your LSC completed an LSC wide survey? If yes, how did that go and did you implement any of the ideas? Did you use LEAP as part of your survey questions?*

Lake Erie – tried but only 2 responses.

Minnesota – has used in the past. Survey responses not as high as would like, but at least gave some information. Topics were around Championship meets. Same survey to parent/coach/athlete. Some changes but not all.

Wisconsin – has done several surveys. Strategic planning – membership opinion surveys. Coach surveys – greater response when surveys came from coaches. (looking for information on pay structure, benefits, professional vs volunteer). Officials – limited feedback received. Officials will likely be done again soon. Championship meet survey – feedback on how it went/what to improve (will go to coaches)

Missouri Valley – Committees send out. Leap survey – reflection, Board member reflective thoughts on Leap Survey responses. Used those comments for official LEAP submission.

Minnesota – Used QR code for the survey link.

**3. Reports from Officers**

**a. Zone Director Update (Jack, Bob)**

i. Interviews with DEI candidates. – Plan is to announce next week. One more interview left to do.

ii. Central Zone Age Group Chair needed. (USA Swimming has asked for this.)

1. Liaison for LSC Age Group Chairs

Quarterly calls, prep calls with USA Swimming Staff, attendance on the GC monthly call.

Dana/Bernie will work with this person. CZ Age Group Chairs will lead the group.

Hope is to give Age Group Coaches a voice.

Questions should be directed to Dana or Bernie

iii. Bids needed for 2026 Zone Meets. To be voted on at fall meeting. Bid form is [HERE](#).

ZERO bids received so far.

**b. 2024 Central Zone 14-under Meets**

i. Next call to be held in April 2024 to discuss Meet Info. Invited parties are LSC Age Group Chairs, Zone team head coaches/managers (if selected). LSC General Chairs and staff are also welcomed to attend. Meet Referees, Admin Referees and Meet Directors and/or Entry Chairs should attend



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- ii. Call will be recorded if unable to attend.
- c. **Any Zone meet updates?**
  - i. Open water – Meet information to be posted in next couple of weeks.
  - ii. Multi-cultural – Check out the CZ or Indiana Swimming website for information.  
<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/cenzzone/page/cz-events/multi-cultural-meet>
  - iii. West Fargo – meeting in early April for MR/Admin/Jack/Bob prior to the LSC Call
  - iv. Des Moines
- d. **Athletes Report**
  - i. 2024 CZ Athlete Summit- June 20-23rd Indianapolis, Indiana 4 athletes/1 non-athlete.
  - ii. [Event website](#).
  - iii. Presentation by Zach & Savannah – Slide presentation will be posted later today on the website.  
Registration April 1-May 3<sup>rd</sup> – watch for registration form from CZ Athlete email on April 1
- e. **2024 Central Zone Governance Plan**
  - i. No spring workshop – Plan to conduct elections and meet bidding at the fall combined ABM/workshop.
- f. **Other officers**

**DEI (Susan) – <https://www.cinciparaswim.com/>**  
The Bill Keating Jr Memorial Cincinnati Para Open is May 10-12th, 2024.  
It is one of 4 regional meets for USA Swimmers with disabilities to request classification to compete in US Paralympic Swimming events.

**Safe Sport (Paul Stauder) – MAAPP policy update coming later this year. Definition updates.**
- g. **Staff Report**

**Age Group 11-14 coach Webinar – April 16 and 18**  
<https://www.usaswimming.org/coaches-leaders/coaches/coaches-community#11-14>

**Next Meetings: Thursday, April 11th, 2024**