

IASI Open Water Committee HOD Report

October 5, 2025

As we focus on getting to the June 2026 open water event, the open water committee has restructured with the following changes:

- Mike Repko is the committee chair
- Andrea Kelley is the vice chair
- Mehal Raghvani is the secretary

The committee has requested from the athlete's committee additional representation. The committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1900 Central time (7 PM).

The committee is working on planning a June 5, 2026, Open Water event at Easter Lake in Polk County. While the committee recognizes that there is some conflict with the last day of school in some IA school districts, this schedule is the only schedule that does not conflict with other swimming events.

The committee is using the open water checklist from past Central Zones meets as a method to organize and direct activities leading up to the event. The LSC currently has most open water equipment necessary to run an event, except for a finish chute. The committee is looking into options for obtaining a finish chute.

The following June 5 open water meet organizational nominations / assignments are in process:

- Scott Weinheimer was nominated (and accepted) the meet director position
- Either Mike Repko or Andrea Kelley will be nominated as the meet referee
- Either George Gannon or John Shenberger will be nominated as the safety officer

Once nominations and planning are complete, the committee will provide the technical planning committee with a recommendation for open water events, along with qualifying times and a draft meet invite. Once approved, the committee will begin the process of getting open water sanctioning, including the water quality testing and venue preparation necessary to hold an open water meet.