



**Western Zone Board Meeting  
May 7, 2025**

**In attendance:**

Mike Dilli – Zone Director (non-coach)  
Scott Shea – Zone Director (coach)  
Lisa Vetterlein – Secretary/Treasurer

Ryan Stratton – Championship Coordinator  
Simran Jayasinghe – Zone Athlete Director  
Mike Davis – WZ Officials Coordinator  
Joe Zemaitis – Open Water Coordinator

**Not attending:**

April Walkley – Safe Sport Coordinator  
Susan Huckleby – DEI Coordinator  
Tharon Drake – Disability Coordinator

Lara Robertson – Jr Athlete Rep  
Jane Grosser – USA Swimming WZ Senior Advisor  
MJ Truex – USA Swimming WZ Senior Advisor

**Reports**

**Disability:** no report

**Athletes:**

- Plan in the works for a 1-day virtual athlete summit with the Southern Zone. Hopes are to have an in-person summit with another Zone in the future.
- Check in rounds with WZ LSC's, especially from LSC's that do not have been in contact with the WZ.
- All zone workshop in April went well. A few WZ LSC received awards at that.

**Open Water:**

- Date has been set for Saturday, August 23 in Coeur' d Alene, ID. Joe will be working to help make it successful to help host club and get the word out. Lisa will help in keeping the OW part of the site updated.

**DEI:** submitted

**Treasurer:** submitted

- With the addition (in 2026) of the SC Zone meet, we should be able to maintain a goal of \$30K in our account, and cover ABM costs for board members as noted in APP. This is all speculation. ABM 2025, and SC Zones 2026 (as well as continued successful LC AG and SR zones in 2025) will provide some actual data.

**Directors:**

- Jane Grosser sent email to Mike and Scott about new club approval process. Contact is Gracie Mensay, her contact information will be posted on the website.
- Limitation of terms for board directors:

- the term limits will be clarified and amended in the APP to “can serve no more than two, 2-year terms”.
- Mike Dilli (non-coach director) and Mike Davis (Officials Coordinator) term limit out this fall. Desire is to have the 2026 Meet Referees and Admin Referees in place to aid in the transition process.

#### **Championships Coordinator:**

- Admin Procedures and Bid Processes:
  - Ryan discussed the admin procedures and the bid processes for senior zones and meets. He mentioned regrouping with the Age Group Committee and moving his efforts to the age group side. Also discussed, was the quad for the Senior Champs meet and the idea of building flexibility in the bid process. The team discussed the clarity of their bid contracts and the organization of their sections.
  - Will Increase swimmer entry surcharge fee by \$5 for each meet to raise an additional \$10,000. This will fund the senior short course zone meet at the same level as the as the long course AG and Senior zone meet. Open Water would still receive \$5000. The officials travel assistance program reimbursement program will be honored at the SC zone meet. Michael Davis will update that document to reflect this.

#### **Officials Coordinator:** submitted

- Seven LSC's were represented at the Sectional and Zone meets this past year in the roles of MR and Team Leads. Working to mix the experienced officials with officials less experienced, to continue building strength for the future.

#### **Next meeting:**

- August 12th