

Southeast Zone

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The committee is comprised of representatives from each of the seven LMSC’s within the Zone: Florida, Florida Gold Coast, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southeastern and Southern.

Introduction

The Southeast Zone Committee meets annually, in person or virtually, to conduct business and discuss issues relevant to the Zone. The Zone has been operating between annual meetings via email amongst the Zone chair and the LMSC chairs and recently switched to Slack as the primary platform for communication.

Discussions and Projects

Since Last Annual Meeting

1. The zone leadership and LMSC leaders of the seven LMSCs were invited and started using Slack as the primary platform for communication.
2. The 2026 LCM zone championship was awarded to RAM with their LCM Meet held in Cary, NC on August 15-16, 2026.
3. The Southern LMSC has an active proposal to become part of the South Central Zone with the Legislation Committee that was recommended for adoption
4. LMSC leaders from within the zone met on July 28th via Zoom with members of the USMS Board of Directors and staff to discuss various local and national issues and initiatives.
 - a. From USMS: Ed Coates (President), Trey Taylor (At-Large Director, SE Zone), Jessica Reilly (Sr. Director, Business Operations)
 - b. From SE Zone: Britta O’Leary (SE Zone Chair), Tom Murphy (FGC LMSC Chair), Vesna Shelhutt (GA LMSC Chair), Sara Dunn (NC LMSC Chair), Erika Braun (NC LMSC Secretary and USMS Secretary), DeLise Coleman (GA LMSC Vice-Chair).
5. As of this writing; six of seven LMSC’s in the Southeast Zone membership numbers are slightly behind registration numbers from the previous year, but fully expect to meet or exceed last year’s registration numbers by year end.
6. Current Southeast Zone Membership Status 2026 USMS Virtual Annual Meeting

Effective 07/24/2026

LMSC	Members 2025	Clubs 2025	Members 2026	Clubs 2026	%
Florida	2,472	65	2,237	65	90.4
Florida Gold	1,308	22	1,166	18	89.2
Georgia	1,026	42	914	39	89.0
North Carolina	1,757	46	1,707	46	97.2
South Carolina	641	17	615	14	95.9
Southeastern	996	41	977	40	98.0
Southern	294	15	303	11	103.1
TOTALS	8,494	248	7,919	233	

7. The LMSC’s to offer a variety of meets throughout the year. During the 2025/26 season (to-date) our swimmers had 34 meets to choose from within the zone, including the 2026 USMS Spring Nationals in Greensboro, NC. Additionally, 6 Open Water Meets, including 2 USMS National Championships OW events, were offered. We currently have 8 additional meets in 2026 recognized or sanctioned.

Action Items

1. Utilize Slack to improve inter-LMSC communication and exchange of ideas and best practices.
2. Continue to seek ways to increase our membership numbers through Participation in LMSC meet and events.
3. Seek additional opportunities within the Zone to offer more SCM meets – subject to pool availability.

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of [2025 Southeast Zone Annual Business Meeting Minutes](#)
3. Zone Reports (Chair, Webmaster, Top Ten and Records).
4. LMSC Reports (LMSC Chairs – FG, FL, GA, SC, NC, SE, SO) 2026 USMS Virtual Annual Meeting
5. Review upcoming 2026/2027 meet schedule
6. Discuss the future of the three Zone Championships.
 - a. We have received a bid from FLL to host the 2026 SCM zone championship (final confirmation 8/20)
 - b. We have received a bid from Auburn to host the 2027 SCY zone championship.
7. Input on Slack communication: what communication or exchange would you like to see? Everyone is invited to post and interact.
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - a. Legislation proposal (recommended for adoption) to bring the Southern LMSC under the South Central Zone
 - b. Southeast Zone at-large representative candidate – [Tom Murphy](#) (Florida Gold Coast)
10. Open the floor for discussion.
11. End meeting.