

## New Jersey LMSC Board Meeting Minutes

10:30am Sunday, June 14, 2026

via Zoom

### Attendees:

**Board Members Present:** Jerry O'Mara, Chris McGiffin, Marie Vellucci, Ed Tsuzuki, Linda Brown-Kuhn, Jane Ikeda, Kristen Guth, Megan Bull, Hetal Sampat

**Board Members Absent:** Sara Johnston, Lorna Ciadella-Morehead, Anne Laurita, Tom Brunson, Max Howard

**Guests Present:** Michael Gemelli

### ACTION ITEMS

1. **Kristen to connect with NJ Division of Consumer Affairs regarding Delinquent Charity Registration notices received by Mike Recchia.**
2. **Chris to reach out to USMS National team for info about Slack**
3. **Gerald to follow up with Craig Beardsley about Swim Across America event options/suggestions**
4. **Ed offered to clean-up/remove the archives on the njmasters.org website**
5. **Megan will look into planning a next LMSC clinic/social**
6. **Linda to coordinate planning and communications needed for a September 2026 Manhattan Island virtual swim**
7. **Chris will reach out about ALTS. There was mention that it may still be possible.**

### MOTIONS

1. **MSA via email (5/21) to approve the budget for the 2026 LMSC Last Chance Swim event - Cranford Orange Ave 50M pool is available on 9/12, rental fee for the pool is \$150 plus payment for the two guards, 8:30-11 am with an 8:15 check in and 8:45 start. Refreshments estimated to be \$30 (moved by Linda, second from Jane).**
2. **MSA to approve the new web presentation for NJ LMSC Records for [SCY](#)/[SCM](#)/[LCM](#) pool events (Ed moved, Chris seconded)**

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Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am

#### I. Review Open Action Items

#### II. Volunteer Reports

##### A. Treasurer (K. Guth)

- Summary [report](#)

##### B. Membership Coordinators (T. Brunson/C. McGiffin)

- 978 Members Registered (526 Men, 452 Women)
- 22 registered clubs for 2026

Club Name	Club Abbr	Total Members
Somerset County YMCA Masters	SCYM	212
Excel Swimming	XCL	158
Jersey Aquatic Center Masters	JACM	101
Garden State Masters	GSM	90
RBAY Masters	RBAY	33
Rutherford Masters Team	RMT	33

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West Morris Area YMCA Masters	WMYM	29
Madison Area YMCA	MAY	25
Peddie Aquatic Association	PAA	16
Jersey Area Masters	JAM	15
Valley Health Lifestyles	VHL	12
Jersey City Master Swimming	JCMS	10
Jersey Shore Masters	JSM	10
YMCA of Greater Monmouth County	YGMC	7
Ocean County YMCA	OCY	5
Open Water Swim Team	OWST	5
Coney Island Brighton Beach Open Water Swimmers	CIB	4
Life Time Mount Laurel	LTMTL	3
Ridgewood YMCA Breakers	RY	2
Sussex County YMCA Silver Tsunami's	SCYST	1
Ocean County Masters Swim Team	OCM	0
WeREndurance	WRE	0
Unattached	UC07	207

- [2025-26 Coach Development Scholarship](#) program
  - Robert Curry completed Level 1 on 11/25/25 (applied on 1/8/26)
  - Lorna Cialdella-Morehead completed Level 1 on 1/28/26 (applied on 2/10/26)
  - Mike Gemelli (applied on 2/17)
- [2026 Gen Z Scholarship](#) program
  - Total of 10 applicants (3 have been reimbursed so far)

### C. Secretary (H. Sampat)

- Social Media - question about Slack or WhatsApp -
  - **Chris to reach out to USMS National team for info about Slack**
- Instagram/Facebook
- Swim Across America
  - **Gerald to follow up with Craig Beardsley about Swim Across America event options/suggestions**
- Volunteer [Peer to Peer Calls](#)
- Member Emails:
  - April 2026 eNews, 4/21/26: 888 sends | 615 (77.4%) opens | 116 (14.3 %) clicks | 9 bounces | 0 unsubscribes
  - March 2026 eNews, 3/11/26: 850 sends | 566 (67%) opens | 52 (6%) clicks | 9 (1%) bounces | 0 (0%) unsubscribes
  - February 2026 eNews 2/16/26: 817 sends | 385 (46.7%) opens | 77 (9.5%) clicks | 9 (1.1%) bounces | 0 (0%) unsubscribes

### D. Newsletter (S. Johnston)

- May/June deadline is June 1
- July/August deadline is Aug 1

### E. Sanctions & Safety (L. Cialdella-Morehead)

- OEVT use at SCM and LCM meets disqualifies World Aquatics Masters Top Ten and Records

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### F. Top Ten and Records (E. Tsuzuki)

- The NJ LMSC records have been updated for the following events:
  - 2025 Delaware Valley Souderton Masters Meet (SCY) at the Souderton Area High School in Souderton, PA on November 2, 2025
  - 17th Rowdy Gaines (SCM) Masters Classic held at the Rosen Aquatic and Fitness Center in Orlando, Florida on January 30-February 1 2026
  - Gulf Coast Games for Life Senior Games (SCY) held at the Selby Aquatic Center in Sarasota, Florida on February 7, 2026
  - OCY Masters Meet (SCY) at the Ocean County YMCA in Toms River on March 15, 2026
  - 2026 St. Pete Masters Bob Beach Championship (SCY) meet held at the North Shore Pool in St. Petersburg, Florida on March 21, 2026
  - 2026 Albatross Open (SCM) held at the Germantown Indoor Swim Center in Boyds, Maryland on March 14, 2026
  - YMCA Masters National Championships (SCY) at the Selby Aquatic Center in Sarasota, Florida on April 16-19, 2026
  - 2026 Metro SCY Championships at the Nassau Aquatic Center in East Meadow, NY on April 12, 2026
  - USMS Spring Nationals (SCY) at the Greensboro Aquatic Center in Greensboro, NC on April 30, 2026
  - Aquapalooza VI SCM Meet at Lehman College in the Bronx, NY on May 2, 2026
  - SCYM Last Chance Meet (SCY) at the Somerset Hills YMCA in Basking Ridge, NJ on May 16-17, 2026
  - 2026 New England LMSC SCY Championships at Harvard University in Boston on March 14-22, 2026
- The top ten files for the short course yards season were submitted to the USMS National Office on June 11, 2026. The results of the (recognized) Sussex County Y Adult Mini Meet were excluded since no Meet Observers report was submitted.
- Ed demonstrated the new web presentation of the NJ (pool) records developed by NJ masters swimmer Paulius Mikalainis
  - **MSA to approve the new web presentation for NJ LMSC Records for SCY/SCM/LCM pool events (Ed moved, Chris seconded)**

### G. Webmaster (C. McGiffin, E. Tsuzuki)

- No report outside of regular content maintenance.
- **Ed offered to clean-up/remove the archives on the [njmasters.org](http://njmasters.org) website**

### H. Open Water (M. Howard)

- No report

### I. Coaches Chair (A. Laurita/M. Bull)

- Sent out coaches' survey and compiled the responses
  - Responses linked [here](#)
  - When asked how we can support you, "General knowledge sharing" and "Offering USMS coaching certifications" were the most prominent responses
  - Other prominent responses included: "Team buildings and gatherings," "Recognition," and "Offering opportunities for you to run clinics for NJLMSC swimmers"
- Created coaches Discord-10 coaches have joined so far
  - Next steps: we would like to make the Discord a little more active. Looking for feedback about the best way to engage

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- We were looking to get a Level 2 and Level 3 coaches certification and ALTS course held at JAC in the fall, but USMS reported that they are pausing in person training and certifications for the next several months
  - The Masters Board stated that they will provide updates after the summer board meeting in July, so we plan to check back then and see when we may be able to host the coaches and ALTS certifications
  - An alternative could be offering an opportunity for a coaches to run a clinic during the slot where we would have had the course
    - **Megan will look into planning a next LMSC clinic/social**

### J. Fitness (L. Brown-Kuhn)

- **Delaware River Virtual Swim** (1/15/26 - 6/15/26)
  - The celebration will be held on June 21 with a free workout at New Providence Community Pool followed by a breakfast at the adjacent Jaycees Park. Jane and I have worked to reduce the cost of breakfast.
- **Future Virtual Swims** – proposal for discussion - TBD - via email
  - **September 2026** – After some discussion, we aligned on holding a Manhattan Island virtual swim (28.5 miles)
    - **Linda to coordinate planning and communications needed for a September 2026 Manhattan Island virtual swim**
  - **January 2027** -- A LONG swim on some waterway (s) and participants swim what they will and the total rises as the group swims. So no relays but the group working together on a goal.
    - After some discussion, we decided to give it more time and thought in email before we meet next.
- Last Chance 5K
  - Date: Sep. 12, 2026 at the Orange Ave 50-meter pool in Cranford, NJ.

### K. Officials (M. Vellucci)

- As of 5/28/26 there are :
  - 606 stroke and turn officials
  - 350 starters
  - 185 referees
  - 18 administrative officials

### L. Event Coordinator (J. Ikeda)

- No report

## IV. Old Business

### A. LMSC Coach and ALTS Certification weekend

- Host facility: JAC
- Budget: \$525.00
  - Total classroom use hours = ~15hrs x \$25 = \$375
  - Total pool lanes and use hours = 3 lanes x 2hrs (\$25/hr) = \$150
- Volunteers: TBD
- Update: With Bill Brenner's departure, USMS certification class scheduling is suspended
- **Chris will reach out about ALTS. There was mention that it may still be possible.**

### B. 40YR Award ideas for the nine (9) 2025 milestone achievers [Board]

- Ideas floated (35YR Parka is ~\$85):
  - Full zip fleece? [Product examples/prices](#)
  - Complimentary USMS Membership (2 years/\$150)

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- **Consensus is to offer 40YR award achievers the choice of the fleece OR the 2 years of USMS membership.**
  - **Chris can reach out to the 40YR achievers and coordinate award choices**
- C. 2026 Awards Banquet @ BRCC on Oct. 4th
- Jane confirmed reservation with deposit
  - Chris confirmed that Arland Macasieb is available on 10/4 to be the guest speaker
  - 2025 Award achievers [list](#)

### VI. NewBusiness

- A. 2026 USMS Annual Meeting, Sep. 18-19 (Virtual)
- Delegates
    - i. Chris is attending as Chair of Records & Tabulation Committee
    - ii. Jerry can attend
    - iii. Hetal can attend
- B. 2026 [National Coaches Clinic](#) + [Volunteer Relay](#) + [Golden Goggles](#) (\$175/ticket)
- Sept. 25-27, 2026 in Denver
  - Relay Theme is "Event Development"
  - Interested Coaches
    - i. Mike Gemelli is interested
    - ii. Megan Bull is interested
  - Interested NJ LMSC Volunteers
    - i. Chris is planning to go to Relay
    - ii. Jane Ikeda

### VII. Next LMSC Meeting

- A. Date ~ Sunday, September 13 or 20, 2026?
- B. Time ~ 3:00pm
- C. Place ~ Virtual

### VIII. Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm