



Eastern Zone Swimming 2019 Fall Meeting Report – September 12, 2019

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The mission of the Eastern Zone is to develop a unified organization designed to work in cooperation with the LSCs to support and promote the Eastern Zone Swimming Membership.

EZ Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Nadine Johnson-Jesionek (EZ D&I Chair) will provide a more detailed update. The Eastern Zone D & I Committee members participated in a successful educational camp that encompassed a better understanding of the LSC board process. D&I will be moving forward planning to finalize the Athlete Experience Project and will continue collaborative efforts with the National Committee on upcoming topics. The committee continues to strive to create a more inclusive environment in the Zone, promoting diversity and exploring potential new population centers within the population to **BUILD THE BASE** of the Eastern Zone. Thank you to each of the EZ LSC D&I Committee Chairs for your participation.

EZ TASKFORCES

EZ Bylaws and Policy Manual: The EZ will establish a taskforce to review and update the EZ Bylaws and Policy Manual.

EZ Board of Review / ZSAP

LSCs are asked to review their respective 2019 EZ Board of Review / ZSAP pool appointees and forward updates as necessary to **Ward Foley** gefoley@yahoo.com, **Tristan Formon** tristan@berkeleyaquaticclub.com. In the event that the ZBOR legislation is passed at HOD, these names should only be forwarded to Tristan Formon. The appointees will serve as a pool of candidates for any potential ZSAPs. Thank you to Ward Foley for all of your time and efforts within the realm of the ZBOR.

2019 USA SWIMMING CZ EZ Workshop

USA Swimming will be hosting a combined CZ EZ SZ WZ Workshop in Chicago, IL May 1-3, 2020 (Friday evening thru Sunday noon). The weekend will include a keynote speaker on the first evening; other sessions include: General Chairs, Admin Vice-Chairs, LSC Executive Directors/Senior Office Staff, D&I Chairs, Safe Sport Chairs, Officials. In the past, the USA Swimming Staff and HQ have built the tracks and components for the workshops. We feel that as ZD Council and more broadly the LSCs, we would like to share our preferences as far as content / topics to be addressed. Requests for recommended content were communicated to GCs / to be discussed at the EZ General Chairs Meeting at USAS. The ZD Council will then collate these suggestions for a formal proposal for consideration by USA Swimming.



USA Swimming Zone Director Council

The ZD Council continues to meet via teleconference. Following the USAS Convention, the ZDC Co-Chairs will attend the USA Swimming BOD Meetings as the remaining four Zone Directors term off of the BOD as part of the new governance structure transition process. Approved minutes for the April and **draft** minutes for June conference calls are attached.

The ZD Council is excited to include the 4 zone athletes in the conference calls moving forward. The perspective that can be gained with athlete participation will be invaluable.

Bringing the four Zones and eight Zone Directors together has and should continue to serve as a tremendous opportunity for concept sharing, program development and increased opportunities for athlete and non-athlete members across the zones.

2020 EZ Championship Meets

2020 IM Extreme Games

January 24-26, 2020, University of Maryland, College Park, MD (hosted by Potomac Marlins)

2020 Speedo Sectionals Region 2 (South) - LC

2020 Speedo Sectionals Region 1 (North) - LC

March 26-29, 2020, Erie Community College, Buffalo, NY (hosted by Star Swimming)

2020 Speedo Sectionals Spring Short Course

March 26-29, 2020, Christiansburg, VA (hosted by Virginia Swimming)

2020 Short Course Age Group Championship

April 1-4, 2020, Webster, NY (hosted by Fairport Swimming & Webster Aquatic Club)

2020 Speedo Sectionals Long Course "Super Sectional"

May 28-31, 2020, Collegiate School Aquatic Center, Richmond, VA (hosted by Virginia Swimming)

2020 Zone Open Water Championship

June 27, 2018, Lake Quassapaug, Middlebury, CT (hosted by Shoreline Aquatic Club)

2020 Long Course Age Group Championship

August 5-8, 2020, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA (hosted by Virginia Swimming)

2020 Long Course Senior Zone Championship

August 6-9, 2020, Erie Community College, Buffalo, NY (hosted by Star Swimming)

On behalf of the EZ Member Clubs, Athletes and non-athlete members, we are appreciative of the efforts by the Meet Hosts and the officiating crews for their commitment to providing the most optimal competitive experience for the participating athletes and clubs.