

# 2025 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — Virtual

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Hawaii Masters Swimming Association	<b>Session #:</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Mark Noetzel	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Nadine Day
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Sandie Easton	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 11/12/2025 6pm HST

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the House of Delegates:

1. N/A

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## Motions Passed:

1. N/A

**Number of LMSC members present: 16**

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

1. Roll call of all USMS clubs in Hawaii
  - a. 12 teams in attendance: UC39, AMST, BLOC, HAQ, HIMA, ISCM, JAWS, KMSC, KONA, MMSC, PSC, UHM
  - b. LAMSC, MLSF, OCMT, SLHMS, and WST had no representatives attending
2. Featured Speaker Presentation-Susan Bartholomew Williams-First USA Triathlon Bronze Medalist from the Athens Olympics. Masters Swimmer, Masters Coach, Swim Lab, Trainer, previous Aerospace Engineer.
3. Secretary Report-Membership Report-Sandie Easton
  - a. Hawaii has been building momentum this year after approving updated bylaws during the August 2024 annual meeting.
  - b. Membership Update: We have 10 active clubs, and six workout groups competing under club HIMA. We have 656 current members registered in 2025, increase from 624 in 2024.
  - c. 665 members as of 11/11/25
  - d. Formed a regional club (HIMA) to assist swimmers attending Nationals and International events to help with communication and support.
4. Treasurer's Report/Sanction Report - by Dave Gibson
  - a. Created a new non-profit corporation in Hawaii - Hawaii Association USMS. Hawaii Association USMS is a subordinate corporation under the USMS 501(c)3 "parent". The Hawaii Association USMS also has received a tax exempt GET license.
  - b. HI LMSC has \$68,001 currently in the bank.
  - c. Updates by USMS on sanctioning
  - d. Competitions: Big Island 3 meets, Oahu 1 meet, Maui 0 meets. (There are many open water events across all islands that are run by other organizations and are open to any age group.)
5. 2025 Relay and LMSC Standards - led by Chuck Ponthier
  - a. There was no discussion about the LMSC Standards. LMSC standards are requirements that LMSC must follow according to USMS.

b. Key takeaways

- i. Well-run event with fun engagement
- ii. Trying to address flat membership, especially younger age brackets
- iii. Adult Learn to Swim “ALTS” possible community service-April has been designated Adult Learn to Swim Month. Nadine mentioned that Hawaii did have a previous Stated Resolution recognizing April as Adult Learn to Swim Month. USMS has a 30 day waiver that covers the liability of the swim lessons
- iv. Grown Up Swimming is a Adult Summer league program to have meets and a championship
- v. College Club Swimming is Club swimming separate from Varsity programs that colleges/univeristies have and they compete with each other, National Championships
- vi. Sanction example to share with Dave – ways to make meets more welcoming
- vii. Mark mentioned that Fitter Faster is coming to BI in April – in conjunction with ALTS month – will ask about masters sessions

6. Chair Report-Mark Noetzel

- a. Thanks to Chuck for trying to build events
- b. Thanks to Dave for all his efforts to stabilize LMSC financials
- c. Thanks to Sandie on communications and organizational tasks
- d. Thanks to Nadine for leadership and representing/guiding on so many levels
- e. 2 planned hybrid meets: Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 and April 2026(ABC meet), both at HPA
- f. Fitter and Faster Clinic at HPA, will try to get a Masters Clinic
- g. ASCA clinic and \$39/night staying at HPA campus.
- h. The LMSC continues to spread the word to coaches that we have financial support to help you host Masters meets.
- i. Local Swim meets require volunteers -- so if you are interested in swim meets, please talk with your coach and fellow swimmers to create the team of volunteers who will help make it all happen.
- j. We hosted a City and County Meeting in Honolulu to help with programs for Adult Swimming, with the possibility of having Masters clubs.

7. New Business

- a. Mark from MMSC – did not know about the UH meet until 10-days out, just hearing about BI meets
  - i. Nadine – working on web site and better communication,
  - ii. Mark – BI meets are only 2 days approved, no notification yet
  - iii. Could alerts be sent to all members? Nadine – also working on that
  - iv. Maui meet - Sakamoto pool timing system does not work, would need to use Maui timing system
    - 1. Kihei pool – AG/USAS side refusing to work with masters at all
    - 2. Lahaina not ready for meets yet
- b. Anne asked Mark to bring up funding for swimmers to go to competitions
  - i. Nadine – too constricting and not of enough benefit to entire membership (like a meet)
  - ii. Nadine also mention that HI LMSC can better utilize funds to send coaches to the USMS Coach Convention, coaches ha impact on many members. 2026 date not set, in the past it has been in October. Also the USMS Relay is every year. As Mark mention HPA is hosting an ASCA clinic.
- c. Melissa from JAWS – BI event encouraged other adults to swim by seeing parents swimming – positive feedback

8. Open Discussion by Members - None

9. Closing: Thank you from the Chair

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## Tasks for the Upcoming Year

Event Calendar

Quaterly Newsletter

Website

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm HST.

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