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MASTERS SWIMMING

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## FROM THE CHAIR ...

### Hello Masters Swimmers!

Summer is flying by, and soon fall will be here. I hope most of you have found water to swim in, even if it's just a local lake. Fall will bring its own challenges, and with everyone still looking for pool space, we may all still be scrambling for water. Just know you are not alone in your quest.

USMS has not given any guidance yet as to how we can sanction and hold meets safely. Until they do, we cannot hold them. There may be more guidance given at the USMS Annual Convention, which will be held the end of September. Once we are given guidance, we will let our members know how competition will work.

Speaking of the USMS Convention, it will be held virtually this year. That also means committee meetings will be available to listen to for anyone.

Instructions for the various technology signups are given in this newsletter. This is your opportunity to see/hear how things work at USMS.

We will be holding the Wisconsin Masters Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 10, beginning at 9:00 am, at a location to be determined. Please consider attending the meeting, once a new location is confirmed. We will be voting on changes to the By-Laws, voting for Officers, and approving the budget.

If you have any topics you would like covered, please contact me at [WChair@usms.org](mailto:WChair@usms.org). We will be posting all the information on the website, at [wisconsinmastersswimming.com](http://wisconsinmastersswimming.com).

**Mary Schneider**  
Wisconsin Chair



## Wisconsin Masters Swimming Facebook Group

The new Wisconsin Masters Swimming page is live with 161 members and counting. We are seeing people join from across the state, sharing news about pool and open water swims in their area. You do not need to be a USMS member to join, just interested in adult swimming.

Join today and invite your swimming friends!

Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/154332632463104/>



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The USMS Annual Convention will be held virtually this year. Although Wisconsin Masters has already selected its voting delegates, all USMS members are able to listen in on the committee meetings. Many of them will be held in the evening, so be sure that you select the correct time zone for the meeting time. You may find it interesting to hear what's behind the scenes to make USMS work. If you would like to listen to any of the sessions, there are a few steps you need to take.

First, sign up for **Sched** by using this link, <https://2020usmsannualmeeting.sched.com/signup>. After that, to sign up for the sessions you would like, use this link, <https://2020usmsannualmeeting.sched.com/login>. I recommend bookmarking this link. Committee meetings are shown in the green boxes with times listed if you hover over the box.

Next, sign up for a Zoom account if you do not have one. You can go here for free signup, <https://www.zoom.us/signup>, navigate to the upper right button named **Sign Up, It's Free**. Prior to any meetings, you may want to review the instructions for using Zoom. The ZOOM guide from USMS is located on the [USMS website](#).

To view the entire convention schedule, go to <https://www.usms.org/volunteer-central/annual-meeting/2020-annual-meeting/schedule>. This is where updates occur. There's a button linking to all meeting minutes, which are posted in the evening after the meeting.

If you are not able to view any of the sessions, those of us who are delegates will still post an update after the convention giving a summary of decisions made, and information presented in the committees we attended.

If you have questions, please contact me at [WChair@usms.org](mailto:WChair@usms.org).

**Mary Schneider**

## Annual Meeting

### Wisconsin Masters Swim Committee

The Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Masters Swim Committee (WMSC) will be held on Saturday, October 10, from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. It was to be held at the Aurora Medical Center in Summit, WI, but we have been notified that all meetings at the hospital have been cancelled. We are investigating an alternative location, and will announce it as soon as we have something in place.

Elections of Officers will take place at the meeting. If you are interested in serving Wisconsin Masters Swimming as either an Officer or Committee Chair, please email Mary Schneider at [WChair@usms.org](mailto:WChair@usms.org).

If you would like to make any changes to the By-Laws, they must be in writing, and presented to the Executive Committee at least 60 days in advance of the annual meeting.

The meeting agenda will be:

- Roll Call
- Announcements from the Chair
- Reading, correction, and adoption of minutes
- Review Officers' written reports
- Review Committee Chairs' written reports
- Review of tabled motions
- Elections
- New motions
- Summary of actions taken at this annual meeting
- Feedback and questions
- Adjournment

The slate of Officers standing for election is as follows:

- Chair – Mary Schneider
- Vice Chair – Jeanne Seidler
- Treasurer – Mike Murray
- Secretary – Jen May

Committee Chairs will be appointed at the Annual Meeting. Committee Chairs are specified in the By-Laws,

<https://www.clubassistant.com/c/4DE7542/file/Documents/WMSCAdmAndByLaws20180803.pdf>.

# Open Water Swimming

Mary Jo Driscoll, Chair

## It's not too late to enter these Virtual Events!

Cancelled, delayed, deferred, postponed – we've all seen these words too many times over the past few months. With events cancelled you may be looking for another way to get motivated and to get your competitive juices flowing. There are several virtual events for swimmers taking place over the summer. Here are a few that may be of interest (note – these are the events that I am aware of – if you know of others please share them in our new [Facebook group!](#))

### USMS E-Postal Events

USMS is still holding their annual 5K/10K e-postal event. This event has been extended through September 30th. This does require access to a long course pool which may be hard to find this summer - but if you can - go for it! Here is a link to more information: [USMS Summer E-Postal](#). These events are sanctioned by USMS and covered by USMS insurance.

### The Great Big Virtual Swim

This event is brought to you by the Big Swell Swim Folks. Devils Lake race was cancelled, and Madison is postponed until August – and even then - who knows - so here is an alternative. The Great Big Virtual Swim....26.2 miles (46,112 yards) of swimming in 6 weeks. Each entry will raise money for Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. Register online and track your yardage. Individual and team registrations are available. Finisher medal, t-shirts and weekly prizes. This event is not sanctioned by US Masters Swimming (USMS). Click here for more information : [Great Big Virtual Swim](#)

### Race Across Wisconsin

This is another virtual event has you take a “virtual tour around Wisconsin” Swim bike run canoe – whatever – and accumulate miles over the summer. There are three events with varying distances to complete as well as the “Cheesehead Challenge” which is all three events combined. Registrants receive t-shirts and finishers earn a medal. Supports the Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin. This event is not sanctioned by US Masters Swimming (USMS). Click the link for more information and registration: [Race Across Wisconsin](#)

