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## Greetings from the Chair // Angela Monty

Hip, Hip, Hooray registration mentors! We have made it through 2022 fall-2023 winter short-course season. It is time to prepare for spring and long-course swimming. I am sending a big “thank you” to all registrars that stayed the course and are continuing to assist members in navigating SWIMS 3.0 and the online member registration experience. LSC registrars have been vital in providing support and building the foundation for our members to keep our sport strong.

The Registration/Membership National Committee members are working with USA Swimming staff to continue fostering the growth in communication and providing important informational opportunities through biweekly emails and monthly digital meetings. We welcome your questions, suggestions, feedback and wish list items as we continue planning and shaping the SWIMS 3.0 and online member registration process for the 2024 registration year.

Like the sport of swimming, greatness is not built in a day but instead through a strong foundation of planning, goal setting, communication and hard work. We look forward to seeing many of you at the USA Swimming Workshop.

All the Best,  
Angela

### **Help and Support Are Available**

Each Zone has a USA Swimming Registration Chair who can assist in the training of and dissemination of information to the LSC Registration / Membership Chairs. It is important to know who your Zone Chair is as they will help guide, support and share information with you.

### **2022-23 USA Swimming Zone Registration Chairs**

Eastern: Mary Turner (VA), myturner525@gmail.com

Central: Erin Schwab (OH), office@swimohio.com

Southern: Vanessa Brewer (FL), vanessa.brewer@floridaswimming.org

Western: Laurie Benton (PC), laurie@pacswim.org

A complete list of LSC Registration Chairs can be found [here](#). Updates to this page can be sent to [estimson@usaswimming.org](mailto:estimson@usaswimming.org). A USA Swimming staff resource list can be found [here](#).

Most USA Swimming committee meetings are open to the public to attend. If you are interested in attending a specific committee meeting, visit USA Swimming's Events [page](#).

## Digital Updates, Forms and Membership

**APT:** Many issues accessing APT or updating member records with new expiration dates are resolved. If you continue to experience issues, please submit a [support ticket](#).

**Reporting in SWIMS:** We are in the process of consolidating some of the reports and identifying what information is included in each report. This will help eliminate any confusion in identifying which report you need and what information is populated. If there are enhancements to SWIMS that you think would benefit members, please send to [Angela Monty](#).

**Disability Waiver:** There are instances where a coach member may not be able to fulfil the CPR and/or In-water Safety Training requirements due to a recent injury, accident or physical disability. If this is the case,

the coach member, with the help of the LSC registrar, must complete the [Disability Waiver](#), and the coach member is responsible for submitting the required documents. The LSC registrar will update the member's record. Please note, a USA Swimming non-athlete coach member in good standing and a lifeguard must be always present while the coach in question is on deck.

**Foreign Forms:** Access to the foreign forms that may need to be submitted to Headquarters can be found in TEAMS along with other pertinent information. For a quick reference, you can keep the following links on-hand:

- [Foreign Invitation to Athletes and Teams](#)
- [Foreign Notification of USA Swimming Membership](#)
- [Release USA Swimming Member to Join Foreign Federation](#)
- [Foreign Travel Permit](#)

#### **Upgrading Seasonal Membership**

- A member can only upgrade from Seasonal to Premium prior to the expiration date of their Seasonal Membership.
- Step-by-step instructions can be found [here](#).
- USA Swimming will not refund any Seasonal Membership payments after the Seasonal expiration date.
- Once a Seasonal membership expires, full payment for a Premium Membership is required. The member will need to use the club specific OMR link to register (Upgrade will not be available.)

#### **Refund Policy**

- USA Swimming will refund membership fees using [these guidelines](#).



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