



I have been away assisting the USA Swimming World Championship team for all of July, so our committee has not had a meeting. However, there has been a fair amount of OW swimming happening!

State Championships

This event was in conjunction with Wisconsin and the turn out was great! Every year there are more and more swimmers willing to give OW a try however we should be more cognizant of how large the waves of swimmers are getting in order to run safe races. When the dust settles a little I will be talking with Luke Towery at PX3 (race director) to discuss how many swimmers they feel they can safely accommodate, I think this should drive the time standards for the race.

The state meet was affected by weather, the 5k races were swum but the other races we cancelled due to storms.

Chicago Park District races

CPD got their races organized and sanctioned. Participation at the first race was very small but hopefully interest will grow as they continue to put these on. They have one more race on the calendar this year, Sunday, September 8, 2019 @ [Ohio St. Beach](#) - events 2K, 3K, 5K. More info can be found here, <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/cpd-open-water-series-swim-meet-ohio-st-beach>

UANA Open Water Junior Championships

FINA hosted an Open Water Junior Championships at the RecPlex the second week in August. Largely the participation was Team USA, athletes in the Open Water Select Camp, other federations in the Americas and a few local kids. Illinois had 2 athletes swim and Michael Lawrence was selected to be manager on the USA team. I am excited going forward to utilize his experience on our committee.

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