

# West Zone Report to Board of Governors September 2024

The West Zone has once again excelled in all areas of USA Artistic Swimming.

We are so proud of all of our athletes' accomplishments at every level from club to national, and especially proud of our West Zone athletes (and all the others!) who represented the U.S. on the podium at the 2024 Olympic Games. We also congratulate WZ athletes and clubs representing us at international competitions such as the 2024 PanAm Aquatics Age Group Artistic Swimming Championships, the 2024 PanAm Aquatics Masters Championships, the 2024 World Aquatics Artistic Swimming Junior Championships, and the 2024 World Championships of Artistic Swimming for Athletes with Disabilities.

In 2024 the West Zone was proud to be the host zone of the 2024 Junior Olympic Championship.

Many thanks to the Arizona Artistic Swimming Association for once again hosting an amazing West Zone Championships, which in 2024 was combined with Collegiate Western Regionals. We are very proud to note that we received excellent marks in the SafeSport Audit that was conducted during the meet!

#### **2024 Dawn and Ross Bean Team High-Point Award:**

Senior Championship, Santa Clara Artistic Swimming

Junior Championship, Walnut Creek Aquanauts

Youth Championship: Santa Clara Artistic Swimming

#### **2024 Individual West Zone Awards:**

Athlete of the Year, Elle Santana

Coach of the Year, Anna Yesipova

Contributor of the Year (awarded posthumously), Sue Ahlf.

#### **West Zone Board of Directors post 2024 Convention**

Zone Chair – Patricia Jones

Technical Chair – Kristen Smidstra

Officials Chair – Shannon Korpela

Education Chair – Leslie Perez Palma

DEI Chair – Tina Boales

Treasurer – Marian Clancy

Secretary – Lynn Daue

#### **West Zone Athlete Representatives**

Senior Reps – Marlo Goldhoff, Eloise Krigbaum and Jennifer Ryu

Junior Reps – Mari Flores, Sophie Schroeder and Amy Wang

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Jones

West Zone Chair