

South Zone Report to Board of Governors September 2026

Thanks to Gardens Synchro for hosting our 2026 South Zone Champs - Cheryl Dodge and her team always do an amazing job. Special thanks to the fabulous scorer Rebecca Phillips, our organized Officials Chair Darcee Redding, and our Tech Chair Amy Oliver who dealt with many, many pre-meet and during-meet technical issues. Of course thank you to all the judges/DTCs/STCs who put in so much time preparing for the meet and officiating all those events.

Congrats to the following award winners, presented at South Zone Champs in March:

Youth High Point Award - Blue Legend Artistic Swimming

Junior High Point Award - Pirouettes of Texas

Senior High Point Award - Miramar Mermaids

Overall High Point Award - Pirouettes of Texas

Coach of the Year - Darcee Redding (Florida Elite)

Contributor of the Year - Meredith Simpson (Unaffiliated, Virginia Association)

Athlete Spirit Award - Ariana Aponte (Florida Elite)

Outside our zone awards, Jeanette Chase was inducted into the Texas Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame on April 17. This is a tremendous honor for her, and this group includes inductees from ALL aquatic sports. Congratulations, Jeanette!

We also have two major promotions of judges in our zone to report. Ginny Whisenhunt is now a Level 4 judge, and Stephanie Fink is now a Level 3 judge. We look forward to seeing them officiate even more events in the seasons to come.

Thanks to the South Zone Board for all they do to make everything happen. Our team works together to make not just our zone meet, but everything in our zone, runs as smoothly as possible:

DEI Chair - Dana Bradley

Education Chair - Ginny Whisenhunt

Officials Chair - Darcee Redding

Tech Chair - Amy Oliver

Treasurer - Cheryl Cook

Athlete reps - Lily Schlemmer (Florida Elite Synchro Warriors), Mya Park (Pirouettes of Texas), Norah Droste (Austin Angelfish)

While I will never be able to fill the shoes of "South Zone Chair for Life" Carole Mitchell, I've enjoyed the chance to take on this role over the past year, with support from her as well as everybody in our zone. I'm looking forward to serving alongside our 2026-2027 zone board to best support all of our athletes this season:

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Treasurer - Crystal Motes

Athlete reps - Mya Park (Pirouettes of Texas), Norah Droste (Austin Angelfish), Kaitlyn Wolf
(Gardens Synchro)

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Anderson

South Zone Chair