

**SPMA Coaches Chair Report May 2008**  
**Ahelee Sue Osborn, Nova Masters**

**Congratulations to SPMA Coach of the Year,  
Vanessa Mesia of the Los Angeles Meridian Club!**

**ASCA Convention** – American Swim Coaches Association  
September 3-7, 2008 in Las Vegas  
Riviera Hotel  
Contact Ahelee if you need a room mate to share expenses.

There is Grant availability to help coaches attend ASCA  
Funds go unused, so please apply!  
USMS Grant: \$150. toward the registration fee  
Application due to Mel Goldsmith at IndyFit by May 15

<http://www.usms.org/coach/ascagrants.pdf>

The SPMA offers \$50. reimbursement to their coaches after completing ASCA education:

<http://www.spma.net/coaching.php>

**SPMA Coaches Meeting & Reception** at LC Regionals Saturday evening, August 2  
Location TBA but on CAL Lutheran campus  
Invited guest to address the coaches:  
Mo Chambers – or other ideas? Vanessa - SPMA coach of the year?

**NEWSLETTER –**

**Request Ahelee Sue Osborn and email address to be noted below the list of SPMA officers**

**Coaches column – due May 10<sup>th</sup> to Julie – OK?**

To announce coaches meeting at LC Regionals  
Allen H. to approve copy

**2008 LC National Championships** in Gresham, OR. Space still available in host hotel – Holiday inn

**Representation of SPMA Teams at World's and Nationals**

20 SPMA Teams competed at The USMS Short Course Nationals in Austin last week.

Largest appear to be Las Vegas and LAPS!

I will work on ideas to build more SPMA camaraderie in the future national meets.

Discussion on ways to improve service for swimmers by Team USA Coaches at The World Championships was had at the Nationals. There is interest in providing more of a team coordinator rather than actual coaches. USMS wanted daily reports from Perth and didn't receive any news updates.

**UPCOMING!**

**5 Long Course meets to come this summer in the SPMA:**

Santa Clarita May 18, Mission Viejo June 1, Las Vegas June 14, Santa Barbara July 12, and LC Regionals in Thousand Oaks August 1-3.

**USMS Postal Championships:**

5 and 10 Km Postal National Championships - May 15 to September 15, 2008