

Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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Welcome

If there are any members of your area's leadership who are not currently receiving the Area Memo, please send their names and email address to jabel@somd.org.

Shout out a volunteer

This memo's shout outs go to...

Cyndi Driedbond- Head Coach, Individual Skills Soccer:

Coach Cyndi already does an amazing job during the season. This not only includes soccer, but she is also our Head Coach for Cheer and will be our Head Individual Skills Coach for Basketball. However, Cyndi goes way above and beyond typical coaching duties. She has planned a holiday get together for her soccer skills athletes so they can celebrate a great soccer season and see each other in the off-season! Coach Cyndi also joined one of her cheer athletes to help serve the Baltimore community during Thanksgiving.

Please use the link below to submit your shout outs!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LV88QG9>

(NEW) Welcome New Board Members & Officers

The SOMD Board of Directors met on December 9, 2022 for their final meeting of the year. Included in the agenda was the election of new board members, the election of officers for 2023, second term elections, and a 1-year term extensions for Board Members because of the impact of COVID-19.

Welcome to new board members (starting 1/1/2023)...

- Paula Burr
- Senator Mary Beth Carozza
- Chief Melissa Hyatt
- Bryan Mulford

Congratulations to our 2023 officers:

- Chair: Bob Marino
- Vice Chair: Dave Sweiderk
- Secretary: Celia Van Lenten
- At-Large: Jen Herwig
- At-Large: Natasha Moulton-Levy
- At-Large: Will Kelly

Congratulations to board members elected to a 2nd term:

- Dave Sweiderk
- Senator Doug Peters

Thank you to board members agreeing and being elected to a 1-year term extension:

- Jen Herwig
- Natasha Moulton-Levy
- Chief John Nesky

Thank you to board members completing their 2nd term of service:

- Mack McGee

Thank you to the Board of Directors for their continued leadership of and commitment to our organization.

(NEW) Staff Holiday Leave

As we come up on Winter Holidays, SOMD Staff members may be taking some additional time off! If you need to contact a staff member, please use the chart below to see if that individual is available. For the most part, just contact Jeff, who will be available throughout.

Staff Member	Leave Begins	Returns to HQ	Notes
Jeff Abel	<i>No leave scheduled</i>		<i>Will be available on 12/23, 12/26, 12/30, 1/2</i>
Melissa Anger	12/19	1/3	
Abi Bauman	12/19	1/3	
Lily Bean	12/22	1/3	
Steve Bennett	12/16	1/4	
Allie Boyd	<i>No leave scheduled</i>		
Sam Boyd	12/19	1/3	
Zach Cintron	12/22	1/3	
Mike Czarnowsky	12/16	1/4	
Mackenzie Irvin	12/23	1/3	
Ryan Kelchner	12/22	1/3	
Melissa Kelly	12/21	1/3	
Elizabeth Kramer	<i>No leave scheduled</i>		
Megan Larson	12/22	12/27	
Lindsey Marintel	12/19	1/3	
Kyler Mellott	<i>No leave scheduled</i>		
Mike Myers	<i>No leave scheduled</i>		
Dottie Rush	12/19	1/3	
Jason Schriml	12/21	1/3	
Kayla Shields	12/19	1/3	

	Person on leave this day (i.e., not available)
	Person working on this date (i.e., available)
	SOMD HQ offices closed on this date (i.e., not available)

Staff Member	12	13	14	15	16		19	20	21	22	23		26	27	28	29	30		2
Jeff Abel	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green
Melissa Anger	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Abi Bauman	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Lily Bean	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Steve Bennett	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Allie Boyd	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Gray
Sam Boyd	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Zach Cintron	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Mike Czarnowsky	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Mackenzie Irvin	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Ryan Kelchner	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red		Green	Green	Green	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Melissa Kelly	Red	Green	Red	Red	Red		Red	Green	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Elizabeth Kramer	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Gray
Megan Larson	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Red	Gray		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Gray
Lindsey Marinzal	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Kyler Mellott	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Gray
Mike Myers	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Green	Green	Green	Green	Gray		Gray
Dottie Rush	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Jason Schriml	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Green	Green	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray
Kayla Shields	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Red	Red	Red	Red	Gray		Gray

(NEW) Welcome to Our New Sports Director: Elizabeth Kramer

We are VERY pleased to welcome Elizabeth Kramer to Special Olympics Maryland as our new Sports Director. Elizabeth joins us following earning her BS in Sport Management from Towson University and is excited to work with our athletes and put her sports knowledge to work. Elizabeth began her SOMD journey on November 30 and jumped right in with the State Bowling Championship. In addition to bowling, she oversees alpine skiing, swimming, kayaking, and cycling and is the liaison for the locally popular sports of figure skating, speed skating, sailing and volleyball. Be sure to introduce yourself to Elizabeth at an upcoming training or event.

(NEW) Finance Corner

2023 BUDGETS – On Friday the Board of Directors approved the 2023 Area Budgets. I have loaded them into the accounting software. When open your Dashboard, enter 1/1/2023 as the date and you will see the Annual budget in the first column on the second report.

END OF YEAR – This is a reminder to continue to reach out to any vendors that have supplied the program with In Kind contributions during the calendar year. This is very important. In kind is used for organizational match for our grants and is reported in the annual audit.

Any Invoices that you may have for 2022 need to be entered into the accounting system just as soon as possible so that they are recorded for the end of the fiscal year.

If you have any questions about this update, please reach out to Joanne.

(NEW) Towson Unified Intramurals Review

Last Wednesday, was the last night of Towson Unified Intramurals! Both soccer and flag football were engaging, competitive, and fun for SOMD Athletes, our new participants from the Hussman Center, and Towson University Students. These opportunities were made possible by Towson Campus Recreation Staff Members- Julie Johnson, Jake Novick, and their student staff of officials and intramural supervisors. Our spring semester will kick off with Unified Basketball on February 15! Be on the look out for registration coming separately!

Did you know... Unified Intramurals provides a great model to increase local play opportunities. Even if you don't have a college/university partner in your area; consider using the Unified Intramural model to engage more athletes and Unified Teammates closer to home! Contact Jeff (jabel@somd.org) on how to make that happen!



Reminder: AmazonSmile

As we approach Cyber Monday and the holiday shopping season, it's a good time to remind you and your programs that AmazonSmile is a great way to support Special Olympics Maryland! When you designate Special Olympics Maryland as your AmazonSmile charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to Special Olympics Maryland with no additional cost to you!

A reminder for Area Leaders: Because of how AmazonSmile sends and reports on donations through AmazonSmile, we cannot allocate specific donations/individuals to local programs through AmazonSmile, but remind your families that funds through AmazonSmile support state-wide competition for our athletes!

(UPDATED) Pre-Season and Pre-Competition Webinars

The dates and time for Pre-Season webinars have been set for the upcoming seasons. Please share this info with your coaches and sports volunteers.

Pre-Season Coaches Webinars

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Alpine	Wed, Nov 30	Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEDme1liaeg
Snowshoeing	Wed, Nov 16	Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhOK0vbwKxE
Basketball	Tue, Dec 6	Recording: www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZSK6DkTYQI

Pre-Competition Coaches Webinars

Sport	Date/Time	Registration / Recording Link
Alpine	TBD	
Snowshoeing	Thu, Feb 23 6:30-7:30pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMoceupjIiGdLh-WXsRFkRGpN6EH-sd37I
Basketball	Wed, Mar 15 6:00-7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdeCurT0uGt3BEiBXVP8qGTmqr--X8usF

Sports Department Contacts – Assigned Sports

Your Area Director and Area Leadership should always be your first point of contact. However, should you have questions regarding a specific sport, coach education, or competition, please work with the corresponding Sport Director.

• **Melissa Anger, Senior Sports Director**

- manger@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x122

Basketball Soccer
Cheerleading Softball
Flag Football Tennis

*Locally Popular Sports: Volleyball,
Cross Country Skiing*

• **Ryan Kelchner, Sports Director**

- rkelchner@somd.org, 410-242-1515 x171

Athletics Golf
Bocce Powerlifting
Distance Running Snowshoeing

*Locally Popular Sports: Dance,
Equestrian Sports, Floor Hockey*

• **Elizabeth Kramer, Sports Director**

- ekramer@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x127

Alpine Skiing Kayaking
Bowling (10 pin) Swimming
Cycling

*Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating,
Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating,
Duckpin Bowling*

If you have questions regarding multi-sport events, or USA/World Games, please contact:

• **Steve Bennett, Senior Director, Competitions**

- sbennett@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x102

Summer Games Fall Sports Festival USA Games
Winter Games World Games

If you have questions regarding High School Unified Sports (IUS) training and competition, please contact:

- **Zach Cintron, Senior Director, High School Unified Sports**
 - zcintron@somd.org, 410.242.1515 x161
 - IUS Athletics (T&F) IUS Outdoor Bocce IUS Tennis
 - IUS Indoor Bocce IUS Strength & Conditioning

Overall Sports Leadership (any sports/competition questions that aren't related to a specific sport)

- **Mike Czarnowsky, Vice President, Sports**
 - mczarnowsky@somd.org, 410.241.6280

Questions?

If You Have Any Questions on Any Other Non-Sports-Related Issues, please contact a member of the Local Programs Team

- **Jeff Abel, Vice President. Local Program Development**
 - jabel@somd.org, 410-242-1515 ex. 121
 - Any general question, COVID Protocol
- **Melissa Kelly, Senior Director, Unified Champion schools**
 - mkelly@somd.org, 410-979-5839
 - Unified Champion Schools, Youth Leadership, and School Engagement
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- **Mackenzie Irvin, Senior Director, Inclusive Health & Fitness**
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 - Young Athletes Program, Elementary School programming
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- **Abi Bauman, Young Athletes Program Coordinator**
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 - Community Young Athletes Programs
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 - Volunteer Recruitment, Retention, Training
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 - Baltimore County and City

- **Allie Boyd, City Schools Coordinator**
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 - Baltimore City Schools APE Sports Program

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- **Lily Bean, Region Director- West**
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