

NOMINEE BIOS

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR

Lynne Shine (Incumbent)

What are my qualifications for the position: Administrative Vice Chair - AMS BOD - October 2012 to present; Secretary - AMS BOD - May 2011 to May 2013; Integrally involved in the drafting of the AMS Strategic Plan (Sept 2012). Education: JD (1986); BBA - Accounting (1983); USA Swimming Certified Official - 2004 to present; Attended USA Swimming National Officials' Workshop (2008). USA Swimming Certified Coach - 2004 to present;

What I bring to the position: The energy and commitment required to continue the revitalization and improvement of the LSC for the ultimate benefit of AMS swimmers, their families and clubs. A renewed sense of purpose to complete any outstanding elements of the Strategic Plan and a desire to see AMS achieve national recognition as a growing and innovative LSC. This would be achieved, in part, by completing the requirements for LEAP 2 and LEAP 3 status.

Why am I interested in the position: I have been deeply committed, since the creation of the AMS Strategic Plan, to see the goals and visions of that document come to fruition. Many of the tasks/projects of that Plan have been implemented - but some are still a "work in progress". I would like to continue as the AMS Administrative Vice Chair in order to complete the remaining items of that Plan; and collaborate with the other members of the Board as we plan for the next quadrennial.

TREASURER

Donna Beyerl (Incumbent)

What are my qualifications for the position: I am the current AMS Treasurer. I have an Accounting Degree and have worked as the controller of several companies over the past 30 years. I have restructured the chart of Accounts to provide a more detailed breakdown of the Income and Expenses, and at the same time maintaining accurately accruals as AMS is on an accrual based accounting system. I have worked hands on with the Permanent Office Position to insure accurate records. I have also worked to establish a working budget and have been instrumental in working to maintain the costs within the budgeted items.

What I bring to the position: I plan to continue to bring to the position the continuity between the budget and the costs while maintaining a fiduciary responsibility to AMS, its members and swimmers.

As a side note, I am passionate about AMS, its members and especially our swimmers and I wish to serve you as a Board member to effectively function for the success of AMS.

As an official, I have worked over 100 sessions in the past year and I feel a sense of accomplishment being a part of an outstanding organization that has the best interest of our youth.

Why am I interested in the position: As my past employment experience has shown, I have a strong organizational ability and having been a Board member in the past and currently, I have been able to take part in an exciting transition with regards to our current Board, the goal of establishing and maintaining our strategic plan and the goal of AMS to complete all levels of the LEAP requirements by USA Swimming.

SENIOR CHAIR

Matt Tucker

What are my qualifications for the position: SFAC Head Coach for 12 years; member of Coaches Committee and former member of Wet Tech; coached swimmers to multiple levels of AMS & USA Swimming meets.

What I bring to the position: Continued involvement of AMS athletes; work with all AMS committees to create the best opportunities possible for swimmers

Why am I interested in the position: Would like to see continued growth for Senior athlete opportunities and AMS representation across all USA meets.

TECHNICAL PLANNING CHAIR

Luke Modrak (Incumbent)

What are my qualifications for the position: wealth of experience with TeamUnify, Meet Manager, and Team Manager.

What I bring to the position: Continue to redevelop and redefine meet process within LSC; Continue to create better opportunities for AMS swimmers; Make efficient communication (with LSC, BOD, and all members) a top priority

Why am I interested in the position: As the current occupant of this position, I hope to continue the working I and the entire TPC have already started.

SAFETY COORDINATOR/SAFE SPORT CHAIR

Lisa Kocsis (Incumbent)

What are my qualifications for the position: Currently serve in both capacities. I have been a parent volunteer for USA, YMCA, Country Club and an international swim team over the past 12 years; have three swimmers at variety of levels; Husband is a club president -- so I see things from many perspectives.

What I bring to the position: Continued progress toward making AMS a safer place for our athletes.

Why am I interested in the position: Because swimming has been such a huge part of our family and the success of my children, I want to continue to give back by pushing for the things that I believe will help make our LSC better for all.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION CO-CHAIRS

Dana Holder (Incumbent)

I am a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a graduate of Taylor Allderdice High School in Pittsburgh, PA. Swimming was a sport I truly enjoyed. I became a lifeguard and immediately started encouraging parents to bring their children to the pool for free swim lessons. Swimming is more than just a sport - it is a survival skill.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (Marketing Major), Master's in Education (Elementary certification) and a Master's in Leadership and Supervision – Duquesne University. I will use my marketing and education background to develop and implement programs within our LSC to provide opportunities for children from diverse backgrounds.

I am an advocate for children and have a passion for helping the underprivileged. I am actively recruiting swimmers to participate in the numerous swimming programs offered in the Pittsburgh area. I am the former President of the Pittsburgh Stingrays Swim Team and currently served on the Executive Board of Jack & Jill of America. I also find time to balance her love for education and to increase the awareness of swimming as a competitive sport.

Hosea Holder (Incumbent)

I am the Head Coach of the Pittsburgh Stingrays, a competitive youth swimming team that provides instruction to swimmers in four age groups: 10 and under, 11-12 years, 13-14 years, and 15-18 years. I have been coaching for the last 49 years and I am one of the oldest African American coaches in the AMS. I have a passion for swimming and continually provide opportunities for children to participate in competitive swimming.

During my many years of coaching, I have coached for regional All-Stars, that during the 60s and 70s, competed in as far as Montreal, Quebec for nationally qualifying meets. I was honored at the Black Heritage Swim meet in 2011 and in 2012 received an award for Diversity Inclusion. The award acknowledged my contributions to the sport of swimming.

I will develop new programs to bring more diversity to our LSC

MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION COORDINATOR

Laura Hartman (Incumbent)

What are my qualifications for the position: As the AMS Permanent Office, I am responsible for processing registration and have done so for the past six year. Prior to my current role, I served as the registration chair for my home club for four years so I understand the registration process from both the club and LSC level.

What I bring to the position: Ten years of registration experience; working knowledge of both Team Manager and Team Unify.

Why am I interested in the position: I am the person responsible for processing all AMS registrations.

Georgiann Barry

What are my qualifications for the position: Briefly, years experience working as a secretary, receptionist, accounts payable and financial aid for Duquesne University, I know my way around a computer and can multi-task many projects.

What I bring to the position: The knowledge of AMS gained over the years - what clubs are all about from different angles - the ability to understand what coaches need.

Why am I interested in the position: I believe coaches need to take a more active roll in AMS.

OFFICIALS CHAIR

John Schaefer (Incumbent)

What are my qualifications for the position: I have been an AMS Official for well over 10 years. I am an N3-level Referee, Starter, CJ & Stroke & Turn. I am familiar with many of the USA Swimming individuals within the Officials organization.

What I bring to the position: I plan to continue the upgrading of our Officials group. I plan to hold workshops to enable better training of the individual officiating positions.

Why am I interested in the position: Officiating is a necessary task at our swim meets and I've witnessed many new officials struggling to operate effectively. We need to grow and mature the individuals who are willing to donate their time. I am also able to assist our more-experienced Officials in their quest for higher certifications and experience.

Bob Mermelstein

What are my qualifications for the position: I have been officiating for a number of years and was the Officials Chair from 2010 through most of 2013. I am certified as a Meet Referee, Deck Referee, Admin Referee, Starter, Chief Judge, Stroke & Turn and Admin Official and am nationally certified at the Deck Referee, Starter, Chief Judge and Stroke & Turn positions.

What I bring to the position: I bring strong technical skills to the position and am not afraid to request rules clarification at the national level. I bring calm and reason to the position of Officials Chair, as well. I would like to pull together a strong Officials Committee to review our approach to officiating and to develop a strong training regimen. When I was Officials Chair, the focus was on growing our numbers as we had lost a number of officials to retirement. We can now comfortably focus on developing our officials through training both in technical capabilities as well as practical applications of the rules.

Why am I interested in the position: While the position of Officials Chair can be thankless, I can honestly say that I enjoyed my tenure as Officials Chair and continuing my strong relationship with officials, coaches, swimmers and their families.