

## John King – Oceana Zone Candidate for At-Large Director



The Election Committee has deemed that John King is a member in good standing of U.S. Masters Swimming. The candidate has indicated he is planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year and, if elected, is planning to attend all HOD Meetings during his tenure in office.

The candidate was nominated and recommended by *Phyllis Quinn* and received a letter of recommendation from *Nancy Ridout* in accordance with the USMS Election Operating Guidelines.

The candidate provided the following responses on the Candidate Questionnaire/Consent-to-Run Form:

### Section Two: Candidate Qualifications

- I am a member in good standing of USMS in this election year:*       Yes  No
- I am planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year:*       Yes  No
- I am planning to attend all HOD Meetings during my tenure in office:*       Yes  No
- I have attended 1 or more HOD Meeting in the past five years?*       Yes  No

***Please list the USMS National HOD Meetings you have attended, including the dates of attendance:***

- 2011 – Jacksonville, September 14-17
- 2012 – Greensboro, September 12-16
- 2013 – Anaheim, September 11-13
- 2014 – Jacksonville, September 17-21
- 2015 – Kansas City, September 30 – October 4
- 2016 – Atlanta, September 21-25
- 2017 – Dallas, September 13-17
- 2018 – Jacksonville, September 26-30
- 2019 – St. Louis, September 11-15

### Section Three: Questions

***Why are you interested in this position and why do you believe you would be a good candidate?***

Being an active USMS swimmer since 1998 as a swimmer, official, and Board Member at the Club and LMSC level, I would bring a broad perspective of insight and experience to this leadership position. Most

recently serving as Chairman of Pacific Masters allowed me to focus on the needs and best interests of the entire LMSC from both the member and organization perspective.

My experience serving on the board of the Walnut Creek Masters, including several years as Chairman, provided a good transition to board positions on Pacific Masters Swimming, most recently as Chairman of the nearly 12,000 committee members.

***What do you consider to be the major issues facing USMS now and in the future? As a person holding an elected position within USMS, how would you address these issues?***

I see **membership growth** as a key initiative for us in the coming years, with a focus on capturing and retaining members at a younger age. Our efforts in reaching out to college club swimmers provides a needed bridge, this bridge needs to continue as a priority for us. Additionally, our efforts for a unified fee needs to continue in its development as it provides a vehicle for the marketing and outreach of our programs.

**Communication** to our members and prospective members needs to be a continuing priority for our organization. We have had a positive focus on our web and on-line presence development and this effort needs to continue and change as needed to reach out to our younger demographic while still maintaining an ease of use to keep our older demographic electronically engaged.

Development and support of our **clubs and coaches** is a key element of our future success. They are the heart of our members interaction with USMS. As chair of Pacific Masters, I worked with our LMSC Vice President of Clubs and Coaches through an outreach effort to all clubs and coaches to support and respond to their needs.

***Please list USMS committees on which you have served. Include the dates you were on the committees and the names of the committee chairs under whom you served:***

Officials Committee;

- 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 – Ed Saltzman, Chair
- 2019, 2020 – Teri White, Chair

Rules Committee;

- 2014, 2015 – Kathy Casey, Chair

Legislation Committee;

- 2020 Richard Garza, Chair

***Please list any other experience that relates to your qualifications for the position.***

As meet referee for several Pacific LMSC Championship meets I have forged alliances with the USA Pacific LSC to provide officials to masters meets in exchange for our participation in officiating Pacific LSC meets. This relationship continues today.

Serving as Chairman of Pacific Masters Swimming (LMSC) from 2016 to 2019 I had the privilege to lead the Board of Directors through their new organization structure providing several unique areas of responsibility in line with our business needs.

At the club level, I have served as President of the Board of Directors of the Walnut Creek Masters and presently continue to serve as a board member for the club.

***Please list any other information you would like included.***

Dorothy Donnelly Service Award recipient 2011.

Pacific Masters (LMSC) Distinguished Service Award 2011

Pacific Masters (LMSC) Nancy Ridout Distinguished Service Award 2019

***Please write a short summary statement that will be posted on the display board with your photograph at the HOD Meeting***

As a long-time member of USMS I share the passion you have for swimming and love of our sport. I believe in giving back to the sport that has been so good to me, my involvement has grown over the years as an official, meet director, and board member at the club and LMSC level. Helping to develop the alliance between our local USA LSC and our LMSC to share in needed officials at our meets has been rewarding. It would be an honor to serve as an At-Large Director on the USMS Board of Directors.



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From: Phyllis Quinn, Chairperson, Pacific Masters Swimming

May 22, 2020

Subject Line: Nomination and Recommendation for Oceana Zone At-Large Director

To: The Elections Committee

I would like to nominate and endorse John King for the position of At-Large Director, Oceana Zone. John is a current USMS member and has attended the USMS annual meeting for several years. He will be one of the delegates for Pacific Masters at the 2020 USMS convention.

I have known John for several years. John has served as Pacific Masters President/Chair for the past four years. He is also very involved as an official for many of the pool events within Pacific Masters. On the National level, he currently serves on the USMS Legislation committee.

John has become my mentor as I take over as Chair for Pacific Masters. I know John to be thoughtful and very level headed when dealing with difficult issues. He listens and then provides a articulate solution that takes into account the many opinions that he hears. I believe his experience and personally will be an access to the USMS Board of Directors.

Closing,

Phyllis Quinn, Chair Pacific Masters Swimming

Current member of USMS

Resides in the USMS Oceana Zone

To: The USMS Elections Committee: Chair, Erin Sullivan

From: Nancy Ridout, Past-President US Masters Swimming, member Pacific LMSC

Date: May 26, 2020

Letter of Endorsement for John King, candidate for At-Large Director from the Oceana Zone

First, I am honored to have been asked to endorse John King for the At-Large Director candidate from the Oceana Zone. I have worked with and beside John for many years and am well aware of his value to the Masters swimming community.

John has vision. He is able to foresee and plan for what will be needed to attain success in our endeavors to expand and enrich our programs. He has the experience of administrating a large LMSC during which time its membership grew and programs flourished; he supervised all aspects of running a successful program for its diverse membership.

John is a certified official and is very active in the Officials community, refereeing both Masters and USA Swimming events and NCAA meets. He created a partnership with the Pacific LSC to share officiating resources for both Masters and Pacific USA meets that remains strong and productive.

John is an active member of his club and has served as president and a member of the board for many years.

John is a people person. He is a good communicator and people like to work with him. He has a good sense of what roles others can contribute to the whole and doesn't hesitate to let them know they're needed. He runs a prosperous business, managed a thriving LMSC, helped guide one of our most successful clubs, Walnut Creek Masters, and gives back by volunteering as an official which fulfills an incredible need for the swimming community. He is so valuable to Pacific Masters that his LMSC nominated him for the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award which he received in 2011.

USMS could not choose a better At-Large Director than John King. Our Board of Directors will be enriched by his addition and participation.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ridout

Member Pacific Masters Swimming, Past-president U.S. Masters Swimming