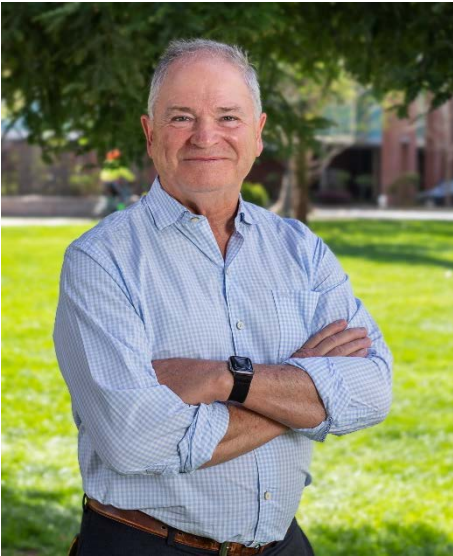


John King – Oceana Zone Candidate for At-Large Director



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 is running for reelection and is not required to provide a letter of nomination or letters of recommendation 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: X Yes ___ No

I am planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year: X Yes ___ No

I am planning to attend all HOD Meetings during my tenure in office: X Yes ___ No

I have attended 1 or more HOD Meeting in the past five years? X 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
2020 – Virtual Sept 25 - 27
2021 – Virtual Sept 24 – 26

Section Three: Questions

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

Since being elected to the Board of Directors as an At Large Director in 2020 I have very much enjoyed serving on the Board and giving back to the sport that has brought so much to my life. Being an active USMS swimmer since 1998 as a swimmer, official, and Board Member at the Club and LMSC level, I bring a broad perspective of insight and experience to this leadership position. Most recently serving as the

immediate past 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 past 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 continue to 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. **Communication** to our members and prospective members needs to be a continuing priority for our organization. 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. When I was 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 o
2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 – 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 and provided training to the Pacific LSC. 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 for the 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 very rewarding. It would be an honor to serve again as an At-Large Director on the USMS Board of Directors.