

CANDIDATES FOR USMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Betsy Durrant
Candidate for President

"One major issue is USMS support of the LMSCs. The national organization can do more to identify what makes a successful LMSC and to make help available to those LMSCs who request it. While there are vast differences in geography and population within our LMSCs, I believe there are common characteristics of LMSCs with a lot of activities and involvement."



Jim Miller
Candidate for President

"As a corporate owner, I am familiar with the organization and the day-to-day operations of a professional corporation. I believe that USMS requires such a professional management background in its leadership to continue to successfully address the issue of growth with an expanding base of volunteer and paid positions."



Sandi Rousseau
Candidate for President

"I believe my style of "hands on" leadership fits well within this organization, and I believe that I can develop and lead a cohesive Executive Committee and Board of Directors. I am organized, efficient, detail oriented, tactful, and responsive."



Hugh Moore
Candidate for Vice President

"I feel that the major issues currently facing USMS are primarily related to our growth. These issues include managing our growth, managing our professional staff, continuing to improve communications, and providing programs for all members, including novice swimmers as well as elite athletes."



Scott Rabalais
Candidate for Vice President

"In my opinion, the greatest benefit a USMS member can experience is being a part of a viable local club, run by capable coaches and administrators, where swimmers function as a team and have the opportunity to achieve their personal goals. As coach of a very viable club for the past 17 years, I can share valuable insights on how this may be accomplished nationwide."



Doug Church
Candidate for Treasurer

"USMS is uniquely positioned to be the voice for all adult fitness swimmers and we need to find a way to give that voice full volume. This organization can be a "big tent" that will provide quality opportunities for the elite competitive swimmers, fitness swimmers, triathletes, water aerobics participants, open water swimmers, and so on."



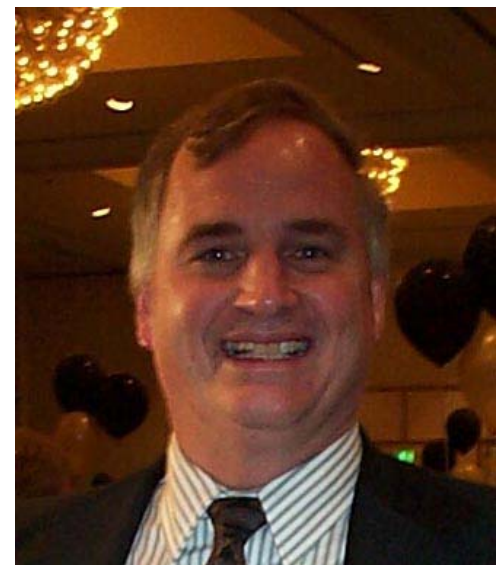
Joan Alexander
Candidate for Secretary

"Although we are growing at a steady rate, I feel the major issues facing USMS in the next four years are retention of the current membership, and the need to help small clubs and LMSCs grow. This entails finding pools and pool-time for them and I think this can be done through a community education program."



Sally Dillon
Candidate for Secretary

"As a volunteer based group, we need to be mindful of member concerns when we expand programs and/or bring on salaried positions. Communication is extremely important and the Executive Committee must be open to constructive criticism and interested member's suggestions."



Skip Thompson
Candidate for Secretary

"The most significant issue to assure the future success of USMS (or and even the LMSC) will be the development of programs for the large part of our membership which does not participate in competition. As an organization, we have a commitment to provide programs in fitness for these members."