

**CENTRAL ZONE NON-COACH DIRECTOR CANDIDATE  
BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

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I am honored to place my name in nomination for the Central Zone Non-Coach Director position.

I currently hold the position of Immediate Past General Chair for Illinois Swimming after the privilege of serving as General Chair for the previous four (4) years. Prior to that office, I served as Administrative Vice-Chair for two (2) years, Program Operations Vice-Chair for two (2) years, and was a member of the LSC Officials Committee for three (3) years.

During my service as General Chair, Illinois Swimming achieved Leap 3 recognition, conducted BOD leadership and strategic planning sessions, empowered committee participation, implemented performance initiatives, and prepared quad business plans with annual balanced budgets. I also served as Chair of the Central Zone Communication Task Force and was a member of USA Swimming's Disaster Grant Relief Panel.

I have been a USA Swimming official since 2000, currently certified at the N3 level. I have officiated at numerous national level meets including National and Junior National Championships and Pro Series events, as well as Zone, Sectional and State level championship meets. I also officiate NCAA dual, invitational and conference meets.

I am retired after a successful 25+ year career in senior management positions in healthcare and the medical device industry for corporations and entrepreneurial start-ups.

I swam through high school and two of my children were competitive club and high school swimmers, one going on to swim in college. That athlete is now coaching.

My goals for this Zone Director position are as follows:

1. To continue the great work both Amy Hoppenrath and John Bradley have initiated for the Central Zone;
2. To help shape the role and contributions of the Zone Director position as a member of the new Zone Directors Council as a result of USA Swimming's ongoing organizational transition;
3. To encourage study and evaluation of the long term role and purpose of Zones in USA Swimming's new organization structure;
4. To further advance communication, collaboration and representation of LSC leadership with USA Swimming.

I appreciate your support.