Breandan Gibbons

Minnesota



USA Swimming (National) Positions Held

- Athletes Committee (September 2016 Present)
- Age Group Development Committee (January 2017 Present)

LSC Positions Held

- MN Junior Athlete Representative (April 2016 April 2017)
- MN Senior Athlete Representative (April 2017 April 2018)
- MN LSC Board of Directors (April 2016 April 2018)

Swimming Experience

- Star Swim Team MN (March 2007 August 2018)
- Fordham University (August 2018 Present)

Volunteer, Professional, Educational Experience

- St. Paul Academy and Summit School Upper School Council (August 2014 May 2018)
- Highland Park Aquatic Center: Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, Water Aerobics Instructor (June 2015 August 2018)

Personal Statement

Swimming should be a sport everyone has the opportunity to try. However, decision making from a select few seeking to maximize profits from this sport creates a culture that is by in large exclusive to the most affluent. I see the benefit that swimming from my own growth and from teaching young kids how to swim and I hope to work to give that joy to all who want it. Working on the Age Group Development Committee to restrict the use of tech suits by 12 and under swimmers is just the start. Getting the AEC involved to create more opportunities to swim that are accessible to all, regardless of finances, is the next step. Additionally, I hope to use the AEC to help shift the focus for the youngest swimmers away from ruthless competition towards growth, development and fun. All of this comes from providing opportunities from the top down.

Submit resume/bio to Cathy Durance, <u>cdurance@usaswimming.org</u>, by August 25, 2018. Bios will not be accepted after that date but interested candidates who missed the deadline can run from the floor during the election.