

Nick Smagula

New Jersey



USA Swimming (National) Positions Held

- Athletes' Executive Committee (Sep 2012- Present)
- AEC Vice Chair of Recruitment and Leadership (Sep 2014- Present)
- National Board of Review (Sep 2014- Present)
- Special National Board of Review (Sept 2016- Present)
- Rules and Regulations Committee (Sep 2016- Present)
- Eastern Zone Athlete Rep. (Sep 2012-Sep 2014)
- Eastern Zone Board of Directors (Sep 2012-Sep 2014)
- Athlete Facilitator- USA Swimming Athlete Leadership Summit (May 2018)

LSC Positions Held

- NJ Swimming Sr. Athlete Rep. (Aug 2012-Aug 2013)
- NJ Swimming Jr. Athlete Rep. (Aug 2011- Aug 2012)
- NJ Swimming Board of Directors (Aug 2011- Aug 2013)
- Chair, NJ Swimming Athletes' Committee (Aug 2012- Aug 2013)
- NJ Swimming Board of Review (Aug 2011- Aug 2013)
- NJ Swimming Technical Planning Committee (Aug 2011- Aug 2013)
- NJ Swimming Open Water Committee (Aug 2011- Aug 2013)

Swimming Experience

- The George Washington University Men's Varsity Swim and Dive Team (Aug 2013- Mar 2016)
- Berkeley Aquatic Club (Sep 2005- Aug 2015)
- Pirate Swim Club (Sep 2002- Aug 2005)
- Morris Township Swim Team (June 2001- Aug 2008)

Volunteer, Professional, Educational Experience

- The George Washington University, Class of 2017, BA in International Affairs (Aug 2013- May 2017)
- IES Abroad, Buenos Aires, Argentina (June 2015- Aug 2015)
- Special Assistant, US Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary (Aug 2017- Present)
- Business Manager, US Department of State, Chief Technology Office (May 2017-Aug 2017)
- Legislative Affairs Intern, US Department of Defense (Aug 2016- May 2017)
- Tutor, GW Athletic Department (Oct 2016- May 2017)
- Aquatics Director, JCC Camp Deeny Riback (June 2016- Aug 2016)
- Red Cross Certified Lifeguard (April 2010- July 2017)
- Volunteer Coordinator, Trinity Church of Manhattan- Thanksgiving Dinner Event (Nov 1998- Present)

Personal Statement

My name is Nick Smagula and I am the current Athletes' Executive Committee (AEC) Vice Chair of Recruitment and Leadership. In this position, I have spent the last four years working to amplify athletes' voices on the national committee level. As a member of the AEC for the last six years, it has been very important to me that athletes play a central role in USA Swimming's decision-making process. I am proud to say that as athletes, we are influencing USA Swimming's governance now more than ever before. We have achieved so much to promote the athlete movement, but there is still a considerable amount of room to grow.

Originally from Randolph, NJ, I was a member of the Berkeley Aquatic Club, where I swam distance events. After high school, I went to The George Washington University, where I was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and led the Athletic Department in Community Service hours. I graduated in 2017 with a degree in International Affairs and began my career at the Department of Defense. Currently, I work for the Secretary of Defense, managing inquiries from Congress and corresponding with staffers across over 600 offices.

As a member of the new AEC, I will continue to work for all athletes. The work of the Athletes' Committee does not just take place during Convention, and athletes on all levels should be involved in and informed about what we do. I want to improve communication streams to ensure the athlete voice is always heard. USA Swimming's governance has been a part of my life for the past decade, and with your support, I look forward to enhancing leadership on all levels of our sport.