



# 2020 Nominees for Board Offices and Committee Chairs

(Positions listed in alphabetical order)

## ADMINISTRATIVE VICE-CHAIR



### **Jack Yetter (SCST)**

Jack has chaired the ISI Officials Committee for the past three years and has been a member of that group for six. He also has served on the ISI Rules and Regulations Committee and is fully versed in the ISI Rules and Regulations and Policy and Procedures Manuals. A nationally certified official, he has participated in the planning and execution of nearly 80 ISI championship meets, including seven as meet referee and eight as an administrative referee. Jack has been an attorney for 25 years, with a focus on corporate structure and risk management for the last 15. He has a strong background working with insurance and litigation risk, management structure and entity financial concerns, including both monetary and fiscal policies.

**In his words:** I have been a member of this LSC for 42 years as an athlete, coach, parent, and official. I have supported the membership in many ways in that time, and believe in the values that swimming, when at its best, promote in our members. I have served on three Boards in various positions including general counsel (which has an overlap to the Admin Vice Chair position in Illinois Swimming). One is swimming related; the others are not. I have been an at-large voting member of the House of Delegates for years and have worked well with the existing Board of Directors in my role as Officials Chair. I have also worked directly with the staff of ISI for the last 6 years.

## GENERAL CHAIR



### **Jeff Arce (CATS) - Incumbent**

Jeff currently serves as ISI's Interim General Chair. He has served on the Board for a total of six years as Age Group Chair, Administrative Vice Chair and in his current position. Jeff has been the Head Coach of CATS Aquatics since 2008; he served as the Head Age Group Coach from 2004-2008. He is a current member of the CATS Aquatics board. During his involvement with Illinois Swimming, Jeff has helped develop and implement many new camps and other athlete-focused programming.

**In his words:** As a coach/owner of CATS Aquatics, I bring both a coach's perspective and a small business perspective to the board structure. Illinois Swimming must continue to stay focused on sound budget-based programming. We have to use our resources in a thoughtful and meaningful manner to further our mission. I have really enjoyed the work we have done collectively on the Board. We have some momentum in developing more programming and continuing to work on planning for the next quad.

## LARGE CLUB COACH REPRESENTATIVE



### **Rob Emary (BSC) - Incumbent**

For the past year, Rob has served as the Coaches Representative (Large Club) for Illinois Swimming and on the Illinois Swimming Performance Task Force. Rob is in his ninth year as the Head Coach of the Barrington Swim Club. Prior to that, he was the Head Coach and Owner of Broward Aquatic in Florida. He served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Gold Coast LSC for two years and on the Technical Planning Committee for eight years.

***In his words:*** I believe I bring breadth of experience and a cooperative spirit. I have had some terrific experiences in and outside the US, in multiple LSCs. I really want to bring what I have learned over the past 30 years of coaching and help spur on new ideas and help other coaches move forward in their profession. I want to be able to present a voice for coaches at the Board level, not just my own opinion.

## SECRETARY



### **Janell Harper (WDST)**

Janell is an official who has been on the Board of the Woodstock Dolphins as President, Meet Director and Registration Director, a position she currently holds. She has worked with members of the team to ensure all requirements for its Level Two membership are up-to-date. Her professional background is in education. She has worked as a middle and high school teacher, and now works at McHenry Community College.

***In her words:*** I feel I would bring the perspective of a parent on a parent-led board to the ISI Board. I understand the demands of swimmers in and out of the pool. My work on our team's recertification has provided me with truly an in-depth look at USA Swimming and its expectations for its teams. I'm also extremely proficient at keeping records and communicating with various groups.



### **Jayne Spittler (SCT)**

Jayne has served Illinois Swimming/USA Swimming (as well as IHSA and NCAA) as an official for 25 years at the local, zone and national levels. She has been heavily involved with officials' registration, certification and clinic/on-deck training on the ISI Officials' Committee under multiple chairs. She has served on and chaired the ISI Nominating Committee and the Open Water and Online Training Task Forces. As chair of USA Swimming's Convention Education Committee, she has been an *ex officio* member of the Illinois Swimming Board for the past six years.

***In her words:*** In my professional career in the advertising world, I oversaw a global team of 60 researchers and managed a budget of \$60 million. This required good communication, organizational, project management and team-building skills with the necessary need for documentation and accountability. I created and managed our company's Intranet and organized and facilitated knowledge and best practice submission and sharing. I understand organizations, and the client service nature of a Board. I bring a parent and official perspective, the latter on both the local and national levels. As chair of the Convention Education Committee, I coordinated our work with volunteers and staff, keeping projects on task and using electronic and social media to function and communicate. I sometimes look at the world a bit differently than the normal person and ask usually good questions.

## SENIOR VICE-CHAIR



### **Todd Capen (ACAD) - Incumbent**

Todd Capen is the Head Coach of the Academy Bullets, where he has been on the staff since 2001. He has served Illinois Swimming in a number of roles in the past 20 years, currently serving as the Senior Vice Chair. He also served two terms as the Age Group Vice Chair. Todd currently is a member of USA Swimming's Senior Development Committee.

***In his words:*** As Senior Vice Chair, I have initiated a number of new programs and collaborative efforts among members of our LSC. I also have co-chaired the Performance Committee the past 16 months and been a part of the creation of the Illinois Swimming Hall of Fame, something a vast majority of our membership seems very excited about. I look forward to continuing to help give our members the best opportunities for success and fun in the sport of swimming.