

Robert Menck III

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Bob became a USA Swimming Official when his children were young and involved in competitive swimming. His children eventually pursued other interests, but Bob was hooked. He worked his way through the levels to Meet Referee and mentored many others. He became active with USA Swimming LSC: New England Swimming (NES) when he was asked to be on the Officials Committee, then to be the Chair of that committee. It was during this time that he met Lisa, another committee member. They became the best of friends. Bob also was appointed to the NES Board of Directors and served as the Chair of the Technical Committee. Most recently, Bob was the NES Board Vice Chair of Program Operations.

Bob was extremely active on the USA Swimming national level, working national meets all over the country in many different positions. He served as the Eastern Zone Official's Chair, and had been given the honor to serve at USA Swimming's Olympic Trials in 2021. This had been a dream of his.

Bob served in many capacities for YMCA Swimming at the national, regional and local levels. He officiated High School swimming across a 4 state area, served as an NCAA official for Men's and Women's Division 1 NCAA Championships, many conference championships and served as Meet Referee for America East and the Ivy League. Bob coached diving at the HS and College levels and was well respected for his skill as a diving judge and for mentoring other officials in the subtleties of judging diving. Bob was well loved at all levels of swim officiating for his knowledge and skill as an official and a mentor, his sense of humor, and his hijinks and pranks. He was affectionately known as "King Bob" after his love of the Minions was discovered.

Bob also was an extensively active birder and displayed an amazing knowledge, as he was able to identify any bird by sight or song. He participated in E-Bird and achieved the distinction of identifying 100 birds in each of the lower 48 states.

A fund is established with New England swimming to provide scholarships to high school seniors.

