My name is Christopher Arena, and I have been a Metro swimmer for my entire career.  Starting at the age of 7 with the Lindenhurst Swim Club, I moved to the Long Island Aquatic Club as a 9-year-old.  It was there I was exposed to the full range of competitive experiences Metro has to offer. From Silver Championships to JO’s, Zones, Senior Mets, the U.S. Open, and more, I had many exciting and rewarding experiences as a Metro swimmer.  From LIAC and Metro, and after receiving Metro Swimming’s Joe Stetz Memorial Scholarship, I went on to Johns Hopkins University, graduating in 2021 with degrees in applied mathematics and economics. Now I am wrapping up my master's degree in financial econometrics also at Johns Hopkins, where I chose to compete with a fifth year of athletic eligibility.  
  
While studying for my master’s degree, I have published articles in the Wall Street Journal and Water Economics and Policy criticizing Baltimore’s municipal water utility and offering alternative solutions for the city to manage and financially support its water and wastewater infrastructure. In August I will start a full-time position in investment banking and private equity.  
  
In 2020 during the thick of the Covid pandemic and while training at home with LIAC, I decided that I wanted to get more involved with Metro swimming and applied for a position on the finance committee. It was an especially difficult time for Metro, and I wanted to give some of my time and effort towards helping the Metro community in a capacity I felt that I was appropriately suited for given my background.  
  
Since then, I have gained valuable experience and have had the chance to learn how Metro's system operates. As my competitive swim career is winding down, and now that the finance chair seat has opened up, I see filling this position as a great opportunity to help give back to the Metro swimming community that has meant so much to me for so long.