

Jim Montrella has served on the Mission Viejo Nadadore Foundation Board of Directors since 2011. He would like to continue during this transition time as he feels he can assist in the renovation of our facility and the future development of our program. He feels that his business knowledge coupled with his coaching experience can be of benefit for our present operations and the long term planning and development of our programs.

Jim's involvement with the Nadadores spans several decades. His wife Bev coached with the Nadadores during the late 1970's and again from 1998-2005. Both of his daughters swam as age groupers and his wife has been a member of our Masters Team for the past 10 years. After his retirement from the USC Swimming Program he worked as Coach/Director of our 11-12 and 13-14 Age Groups.

Jim Montrella is a retired swimming coach with over 50 years in the profession. He has coached and supervised all levels of swimming from learn to swim lessons through NCAA Division 1 athletes. He was an Assistant Coach for the 1976 US Women's Olympic Team, was selected as American Swim Coach Association Coach of the year twice and has placed 7 athletes on US Olympic Teams. During his coaching career he had numerous athletes obtain National Top Five Times (now Top 10), establish National Age Group Records and National Senior Records and 6 World Records. He has been inducted into both the American Swimming Coaches Hall of Fame and The Ohio State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

He has been heavily involved with USA swimming having served on the Olympic/International Operations Committee, the USA Swimming Rules committee and was director/Head Coach of numerous USA Swimming Camps at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Jim was employed by USA Swimming as a Master Coach Consultant traveling to various clubs throughout the country to work with coaches and advising them on their By-Laws, Club organization and coaching skills.

Jim has owned two businesses: Modern Swimming Concepts where he designed, manufactured and distributed hand paddles and Competitive Aquatic Supply which wholesaled and retailed aquatic supplies for swimming, diving, water polo and synchro.