



David Diehl – Colonies Candidate At-Large

The Election Committee has deemed that David Diehl is a member in good standing of USMS. The candidate has indicated he is planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year and is planning to attend all HOD Meetings during his tenure in office.

The candidate was nominated by Jeff Roddin and received letters of recommendation from Jeff Roddin and Kathy Casey. These letters follow the questionnaire.

The candidate provided the following responses on the Candidate Questionnaire/Consent-To-Run Form:

Please list the USMS National HOD Meetings you have attended, including the dates of attendance:

Attended almost every Convention (29) since 1985 (except 2001 & 2005, 9/11 & eye surgery respectively)

III. Section Three: Questions

Why are you interested in this position and why do you believe you would be a good candidate?

I have almost 40 years of experience with USMS including the first 15 in an LMSC leadership role.

What do you consider to be the major issues facing USMS now and in the future? As a person holding an elected position within USMS, how would you address these issues?

Continued growth of USMS as well as more effective succession management. Work to have the LMSC volunteer base more actively involved and engaged in working toward the strategic planning goals of USMS.

Please list USMS committees on which you have served. Include the dates you were on the committees and the names of the committee chairs under whom you served:

Officials Committee – Hugh Moore Mike Tingley (approx. 15 years and chair for five years);
Rules Committee – June Krauser, Leo Letendre, Kathy Casey (approx. 18 years);
Sports Medicine Committee – Jane Moore (a few years);
Marketing Committee - (one year).

Please list any other experience that relates to your qualifications for the position.

Vice President for Programs, four years; At-Large BOD from Colonies Zone, one year. As VP served on the Governance Committee as well as the Volunteer Roles Task Force and sat on a National Board of Review case.

Please list any other information you would like included.

Chair of Potomac Valley LMSC for six years, helped write the PV/LMSC By-Laws in 1980. Also served as Chair of the PVLMSC Officials & Top Ten Committees.

Please write a short summary statement that will be posted on the display board with your photograph at the HOD Meeting

Active in USMS for almost 40 years and served in a number of capacities at the national level including the Rules Committee and Officials Committee (Chair for five years). Served as VP for Programs for four years and as an At-Large BOD member for one year. Served as Chair of Potomac Valley LMSC for six years and was on the team that

wrote the By-Laws for PV/LMSC. In previous careers was the Chief of Computer Security and Oversight at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Executive Director of the M Club Foundation (non-profit 501c3 corporation in the Athletics Department at the University of Maryland.) I was also a USA-S N3 certified official and have officiated and coached swimming at many levels for over 25 years.

May 28, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to nominate Dave Diehl for the Colonies Zone At-Large Board of Directors position.

I have known Dave since I was in high school. Dave was also the key individual who got me started as a volunteer with USMS by encouraging me to run for the Potomac Valley LMSC Secretary position nearly 20 years ago and then encouraged me to attend my first USAS convention in 1997. Dave has a lifetime of swimming experience across many levels (USMS, high school, NCAA, YMCA, USA Swimming, summer league and Senior Olympics to name a few). In addition to being a lifetime swimmer himself, Dave has been involved with the “dry” side of swimming for over 30 years. Outside of our aquatic world Dave has nearly 35 years of technical experience in the Information Technology field and he was the Executive Director of the M Club Foundation at the University of Maryland for over ten years, which means Dave would bring much more to this position than just USMS experience. For these reasons I am happy to nominate Dave Diehl for an At-Large position on the USMS Board of Directors from the Colonies Zone.

Jeff Roddin
Potomac Valley Registrar

This letter of reference may appear wherever you see fit.

I recommend David Diehl for the office of Colonies Zone At Large Director.

Dave has devoted many years of service to USMS. He has served on a number of USMS Committees, including Officials and Rules. Dave has earned and maintained officials' certification through USA Swimming and has officiated at many, many USMS meets on all levels and continues that service to USMS as well as other swimming organizations. Therefore, he understands the needs of USMS members from his extensive service on the pool deck.

Dave has a sense of fairness, a sense of humor, a wealth of USMS knowledge, and creative ideas. I have seen him use those skills not only on the Rules and Officials Committees but also as a USMS committee chair and on USMS appeals panels. He remains calm and rational in the face of controversy.

Dave has worked hard on behalf of USMS for many years, upholding the rules of USMS, listening to members' concerns, and working on the national level to improve USMS services to its members. He is ready to continue his leadership on USMS board of Directors through the office of Colonies Zone At Large Director.

Kathy Casey

USMS has my permission to publish this letter with candidate information. KJC