

Connecticut Swimming 2021 House of Delegates  
**Slate of Candidates and Biographies**  
*To be presented to the June 15, 2021, House of Delegates*

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for your consideration and election. It has been the goal of the Nominating Committee to involve the greatest number of participants within our LSC. **Candidates nominated from the floor must have given their consent in advance (in writing) to the person nominating them or be present (in-person or virtually) at the House of Delegates meeting in order to accept the nomination.** Thank you to each who has expressed a willingness to serve and for your participation in this important process.

Nominating Committee: David Heller, UN; Ellen Johnston, WRAT; Peter Michalik, GRYM, Athlete; Kaeley Steinnagel, LEHY.

Age Group Committee Chair:	Dave Modzelewski, CDOG
Finance Vice-Chair:	Joan Lynch, GYWD
Membership/Registration Co-Coordinators:	Davide Mendonça and Kathleen Mendonça, UN
Officials Committee Chair:	Dave Pite, UN
Operational Risk Coordinator:	Brandon Foster, SYS/BULL David Haverly, MJCC Jeremy Virgil, WYW/ARAC
Program Operations Vice-Chair:	Yolanda Jahan, GRYM
Safe Sport Coordinator:	Greg Pinchbeck, WYW
Technical Planning Committee Chair:	Jason Paige, RYWC
Treasurer:	Sue Lecza, SYS

**Biographies in alphabetical order:**

Brandon Foster, SYS/BULL, Operational Risk Coordinator Nominee

Video biography: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/4cDh3NQc5vuufiDaA>

David Haverly, MJCC, Operational Risk Coordinator Nominee

David Haverly has held several positions in the health and safety field. Currently he is an Area Health and Safety Manager for Jacobs Engineering covering the northeast United States. He is responsible for ensuring the safety of all project staff through hazards assessment, mitigation and safety training. David is also responsible for conducting incident investigations and identifying corrective actions to prevent reoccurrence. Over the last year, he has consulted on and implemented COVID safety and response plans to protect workers.

David was drawn to the Operations Risk Coordinator because it would allow him to incorporate his current work experience to help ensure the safest atmosphere for all members of Connecticut Swimming and their families.

David has 3 young daughters that swim for the Mandel JCC Sharks. Over their 6 seasons with the Sharks, David has enjoyed being an active part of the Sharks community and volunteer for team events, swim meets taking an active role in hosted meets. His wife, MaryKate Haverly, is the lead developmental coach for the MJCC Sharks. David grew up in New York and was a member of the Mount Kisco Marlins swim team and continued as a collegiate swimmer at Emory University.

Yolanda Jahan, GRYM, Program Operations Vice-Chair Nominee

Yolanda has volunteered at swim meets and beyond for over 20 years. Her two children swam for Greenwich Marlins and Greenwich Dolphins and swam in college. Though her children have come and gone from swim meets, Yolanda remains actively involved in volunteering for Connecticut Swimming (CSI).

She volunteered at concession stands, progressing to meet marshal, timer, meet manager and meet director. Her volunteering extended to Zone travel as a parent chaperone, medical advisor, and team parent/ manager at Eastern Zone Age Group Championships, Y Nationals and Sectionals. She is a CSI Deck Referee and AO. Yolanda is twice a recipient of the annual volunteer award at Greenwich YMCA.

During the pandemic, Yolanda was on the frontline caring for COVID infected patients, volunteered as a vaccinator for the Town of Greenwich and developed COVID Infection Prevention Guidelines for conducting swim meets safely at the Greenwich YMCA. She ran, and officiated at, swim meets during the pandemic.

Yolanda works as a critical care nurse at Greenwich Hospital. Her work experience ranges from home care, long term care and rehabilitation, to acute and critical care in the hospital setting. Positions held include staff RN, Infectious Disease nurse, charge RN, nurse manager and supervisor.

#### Joan Lynch, GYWD, Finance Vice-Chair Nominee

Joan Lynch was a Certified Public Accountant with professional work experience at Arthur Andersen, PepsiCo and Pepsi Bottling Group. She is currently the Assistant Treasurer for the Town of Greenwich, and has also worked as Director of Development at Whitby School in Greenwich. Related volunteer experience includes:

- Secretary of Connecticut Swimming Board of Directors (2016-2020).
- Served on the Greenwich YWCA Board of Directors for 10 years, including the positions of Treasurer and Vice-Chair of Development.
- Past PTA President and Treasurer for Parkway School PTA
- Past PTA President and Treasurer for Whitby School PTA
- Past Treasurer for Greenwich PTA Council
- Past Treasurer for Eastern Middle School PTA
- Treasurer of Fairfield County Swim League (2017-current)
- CT Swimming Zone Team Coordinator/Manager (2013-2016)
- 2021 winner of the Greenwich PTA Council Essence Award for Excellence in Volunteerism.

Joan's love for swimming started on the Hauppauge Sea Eagles on Long Island, NY in the 1970s and 1980s, and she was inducted into the Hauppauge High School Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012. Along with her two children Ryan (Tufts University) and Meghan (Stanford University), she is dedicated to supporting and spreading the positive impact of the sport.

#### Dave Modzelewski, CDOG, Age Group Committee Chair Nominee

Coaching in CT 2011-Present (10 years)  
CT Zone Team Coach 2013-2020 (7 years)  
Board of Directors – Junior Coach Representative (2016)  
Board of Directors – Senior Coach Representative (2017-2018)  
Board of Directors – Age Group Committee Chair (2019-Current)

#### Jason Paige, RYWC, Technical Planning Committee Chair Nominee

Jason has been coaching in CT for over 20 years. He has worked with age group and senior level swimmers at the state, regional, national and international levels. He has attended multiple USAS conventions and is knowledgeable of the behind the scenes operations of USA and CT Swimming. Recently Jason served CT Swimming as the Senior Committee Chair from 2016-2021, and has also filled other positions on the CT Board of Directors over the last two decades.

#### Greg Pinchbeck, WYW, Safe Sport Coordinator Nominee

Greg has served as the Connecticut Swimming Inc. (CSI) Safe Sport Coordinator since May 2019 where he has been responsible for interfacing with the Eastern Zone and USA Swimming Center for Safe Sport groups, launching the

Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) and working with teams on issues and to become Safe Sport Recognized Programs. Additionally, Greg is on the CSI Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work group and is leading the effort with USA Swimming to propose a new, revised CSI logo design.

Greg is a member of the Riverbrook Regional YMCA (Wilton) Board, Vice Chair of their Executive Committee and also a member of the Wilton Wahoo Parent Committee where he is the Safe Sport Coordinator, WYW is a Safe Sport Recognized Program. In 2019 Greg was 'Volunteer of the Year' for the Wilton Y and in 2020 he won a volunteer award for his work with the Wahoos. Greg is a registered USA Swimming and USMS athlete primarily competing in open water events. A long time ago Greg was the co-Captain of the Gettysburg College Men's Team and in 2019 co-led an effort to create the Michael K. Rawleigh Endowed Fund for Mens and Womens Swimming at Gettysburg to honor his college coach. His wife is a swimming official and child is a member of the WYW.

Greg is the Global Head of Enterprise Resiliency for Dell Technologies where he is responsible for business and technology uptime and crisis management for technology, natural and man-made events globally.

#### Dave Pite, UN/SOCO

Dave Pite has been involved in Connecticut swimming since he was a young boy back when it was called AAU swimming, first training at the old Yale Swim Club. As first a swimmer, then a coach, parent volunteer and official, he has always strived to do his best to excel and be a leader and good teammate. He was fortunate to swim on outstanding teams and train under legendary coaches at both Amity High School and Tufts University and was captain of each team. It is his love for the sport of swimming and the outstanding coaches and individuals involved in it that has driven him to become the dedicated and accomplished official he is today. Dave has been a fixture on our swimming decks as an official for the past 16 years. Since 2006 he has also proudly represented Connecticut swimming as an official at Zone, Super Sectional and National level meets and achieved N3 credentials as a deck referee and stroke and turn official, and his N3 initial certification as Chief Judge. For the past 8 years He has been either the meet referee or lead referee or lead CJ at virtually every Senior Championship Meet and has also performed lead officiating roles in most Age Group Championship Meets as well as been the Meet Referee at all SOCO hosted Regional Championship Meets. For the past 12 years he has officiated more USA Swim meets and sessions than any other official in the state in addition to numerous college meets and observing at CIAC Championship meets and has mentored and trained hundreds of other officials. As a Meet Referee his priority is always what is best for our LSC and what's safest and fairest for the athletes. For the past 9 years Dave has also served on the CSI Officials Committee and he has been Chair for the past 2 years. Dave's focus on the committee and as Chair has always been on trying to make officiating at meets more enjoyable for all involved, Officials, Coaches and swimmers, as well as on the retention of officials and trying to make the certification and advancement process less onerous, although same has proven to be quite difficult during the pandemic. He is also an instructor at all levels of training and officiating disciplines and spearheads the popular Officials visitation program for CSI.

When not on the pool deck Dave is a well-respected Trial Lawyer and accomplished Civil Litigator and the proud father of 25 year old triplets, 2 of whom are very successful former CSI athletes and NCAA Swimmers.

#### Jeremy Virgil, WYW/ARAC, Operational Risk Coordinator Nominee

Jeremy Virgil has been a member of Connecticut swimming as an athlete, parent, volunteer and official for approximately 29 years. Jeremy works as a trial lawyer, specializing in plaintiff's personal injury, malpractice and workers' compensation claims. Jeremy has coached masters at Wilton, Westport and Orange. His children swim for ARAC where he and his wife volunteer and consult on issues, including meets and COVID.

Jeremy swam for HMST, OMNI, WYW, Hamden High, Pittsburgh, Marist and Connecticut Masters. Jeremy is 4 x MAAC conference team champion, finalist and academic all-conference; ECAC finalist; CT Senior champion; 7 x individual FINA world masters top 10, 5 x relay FINA world masters top 10, 15 x individual USMS #1; 5 x relay USMS #1; 58 x USMS top 10 swims; Swim Across the Sound men's record holder; and was robbed of the Manhattan Island Marathon swim record by a lightning storm less than ten minutes before the finish.

Jeremy also volunteers as a baseball coach and the Executive VP/Counsel for Orange Little League / Amity Softball from 2017 through the present where he has a multitude of duties, including compliance, complaints, coach/player/parent discipline, chartering, tournament play, COVID and EEE for a league of approximately 500

child participants. In this position he has received multiple grants to start a Challenger baseball league, renovate a softball field for ADA compliant access and usage, and for equipment and registration fees for disadvantaged families. Jeremy was also the recipient of two USOC grants to found a fencing team and founded the Pittsburgh water polo intramural team.