

Bill Marlin

Candidate for General Chair



Hi, my name is Bill Marlin. I am running for the position of PVS General Chair. Real quickly, here is a little on my back ground.

My coaching career started back in 1983 coaching summer leagues in the Harrisburg, PA area. During this time I was fortunate enough to work with future Olympian, Anita Nall. I started coaching in the DC area in 1991 for the Arlington Aquatic Club as their 8&U coach. My brother Barry and I started the Potomac Marlins Stroke Workshops the following year (1992) which then grew into our USA swim team, Potomac Marlins, in 1993. As the Marlins head coach, I have worked with athletes from entry level thru Olympic Trials athletes.

I have been a PVS Board Member for 15 years and have held the positions of Coaches Rep, Age Group Chair and currently, Senior Chair. As Age Group / Sr. Chair, I have run the Competition Committee meetings and developed the time standards for the PVS Championship meets. During this time, I feel I have learned enough to lead this organization in a positive direction and have had a positive influence on competitive swimming in PVS. I have also been actively involved in the Eastern Zone and now serve as a member of the USA Swimming Age Group Development Committee. Though I have not completed my minimum sessions yet, I have also gone thru the Stroke and Turn training to become certified as a PVS Official. I am currently certified as a summer league S & T.

Whether you know it or not, USA Swimming considers PVS one of the top run LSC's in the country. Even with that distinction, if elected, I would like to see PVS do a better job in the following three areas, Communication, Education and Celebration.

Communication – We need better communication between board members, between the board and its member coaches and between PVS and its 10,000+ members.

Education – All coaches and Officials need current, high level education for PVS to remain in the forefront of USA Swimming. PVS may also be able to better educate new members to PVS / USA Swimming.

Celebration – I would like to explore the option to host a PVS awards dinner to celebrate the accomplishments of our Athletes, Coaches, Officials and Volunteers at either the start or end of the Short Course Season.

Athlete Safety is, and will remain, a top priority.

I feel that my experience as a Swimmer (15 yrs), Coach, Meet Director, Club Owner, Official, and Board Member make me a strong candidate for the position of General Chair.

Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

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