

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Carolyn "Sandi" Blumit, Sr. Vice President, Risk Management Services, Inc.

Sandi grew up in Chelmsford, MA. She earned her B.A. Degree from Boston College and began her career in insurance in 1969. She has been with Risk Management Services, Inc. since 1989.

One of her primary responsibilities is the day to day servicing of USA Swimming and its members, and the marketing and placement of insurance for Swimming. Additionally, she is instrumental in the management of Swimming's captive insurance company, United States Sports Insurance Company. Sandi has been married to Al Blumit for 39 years. They have two "children" cats, Sissy and Smokey.

Gail Dummer, Chair, USA Swimming Disability Swimming Committee

Gail is the chair of the USA Swimming Disability Swimming Committee. She also serves as the Disability Swimming Chair for the Central Zone and Michigan Swimming. Gail has contributed leadership to several USA-S and Michigan Swimming Committees, including a term as General Chairman of Michigan Swimming. She produced or assisted with most of the educational materials that are posted in the disability swimming section of the USA Swimming web site (<http://www.usaswimming.org/disability>).

Gail was an assistant USA coach for swimmers who competed at the 1994 and 1998 World Paralympic Swimming Championships. She was meet director for five USA Disability/ Paralympic Swimming Championships and USA Paralympic Trials. She also conducted a series of training camps at the US Olympic Training Center for swimmers with a disability.

Gail was an assistant USA coach for swimmers who competed at the 2007 Special Olympics World Games in Shanghai China and served as Michigan coach at the 2006 Special Olympics National Games. She has provided leadership to several coach education programs, and coached hundreds of swimmers who competed at the Special Olympics Michigan Summer Games.

Gail is also actively involved with the Dwarf Athletic Association of America and is professor emeritus in the Department of Kinesiology at MSU.

Connie Harvey, Manager, Aquatics Programs, American Red Cross

Connie Harvey is the manager of Aquatics Programs for the American Red Cross Preparedness and Health and Safety Department. Connie is responsible for development of aquatics programs and train-the-trainer courses for the ARC. She was instrumental in the development of Safety Training for Swim Coaches. Her recent projects included CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Healthcare Providers, Swimming and Water Safety, Home Pool Essentials Maintenance and Safety (developed collaboratively with the National Swimming Pool Foundation) and the Wilderness and Remote First Aid programs. She is currently responsible for the development of the 2011 revisions to the Red Cross Lifeguarding program.

Connie represents the ARC on USA Swimming's Safety Education Committee. She is a member of the Drowning Prevention Commission of the International Life Saving Federation. In February 2010 she was named as one of the Power 25 in aquatics by *Aquatics International* magazine.

Steven Munatones, Author, Open Water Race Director

Steven Munatones has been involved with USA Swimming as an athlete, coach and committee member since he was on the first USA Swimming-funded open water national team at the 1982 World Long Distance Swimming Championships. He has written a text book on open water swimming, is a member of the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Championships and created several websites devoted to open water swimming including www.openwatersource.com and www.dailynewsofopenwaterswimming.com. He has written several cover stories and hundreds of articles for Swimming World Magazine, USMS Swimmer Magazine and Competitor Magazine. He has created several resources for the sport including Openwaterpedia, Open Water Almanac, Open Water Wednesday and World Swimming Majors as well as the Half Century Club and Women in the Water.

He has compiled over 700 world records in the sport and hosts the Global Open Water Swimming Conference, the Open Water Swimming Safety Conference and the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame awards ceremonies. He was the technical delegate for the Special Olympics World Summer Games and has been the race director for the Waikiki Roughwater Swim, Pan Pacific Swimming Championships 10K, USA Swimming National Open Water Swimming Championships and several other local competitions. He continues to write, promote and coach the sport from Huntington Beach, California.