

David Benjamin – Candidate for General Chair

All of the best things in my life have come from swimming. Thirty years ago Coach Kerry O'Brien of the Walnut Creek Masters got me into Masters Swimming and got me healthy. Although I never moved out of the slow lane as a swimmer, I met my wife, Marcia, who's a really good Masters swimmer and coach, and we became the proud parents of Miriam, a former Pacific swimmer who is now a Division III swimmer completing her junior year in college.

From about 1992 to 1995, I was the open water chair of Pacific Masters Swimming and a member of the board, and during that time I was also an open water race director.

In Pacific Swimming, I've been the chair of Zone 2 since 2013, and the vice-chair for two years before that. As Zone chair, I've been a member of the Governance Committee for the past four years, and chair of that committee for the past two. I served two terms on the Pacific Board of Review. I've been a Pacific official for over 10 years.

Professionally, I was a municipal attorney from 1977 to 2005. Since 2005, I have been an administrative law judge with the State of California.

I don't underestimate the many challenges of serving as general chair, and I am very familiar with the high standards set by those who served before. It would be my privilege to try to carry on their work.