

## Curtiss Kikuta – At Large Board Position

My journey with swimming began when my sons joined the neighborhood cabana swim team. As the boys began to win their races and one of the parents suggested we join the local swim team, thus began our new way of life. San Jose Aquatics was a great learning experience for me, watching my boys becoming part of a team and their interactions with the swimmers they competed with. Along the way, I learned to operate the Colorado Timing System from Larry Rice and served on the Board of Directors of San Jose Aquatics.

Things began to change around the year 2000. I was one of the founding members in the formation of Valley Splash, where I served on the parent board until a few years ago. My wife Karyn and I volunteered at Valley Christian High School for 14 years helping out with both swimming and water polo. And most recently, we have been volunteering with swim meets at Bellarmine College Prep where our son is an Assistant Coach.

In 2001, I was approached by a group of high school coaches from the Central Coast Section, (CCS) to help run their Championship meet using Hy Tek Meet Manager. Sixteen years later, I have worked my way up to running the computer for some of the top meets in Pacific Swimming. While working an Arena Pro Meet in Santa Clara about 4-5 years ago, Bill Rose, from Sierra Nevada Swimming, began to talk me into becoming an official. At that point in my life, my sons had aged out of Age Group swimming, though two of them remain as coaches, I felt that I did have the time to put in the proper effort to become an official. In addition to being an Admin Ref, I was the Scheduling Chair for Zone 1 South and have served on various committees within the Zone.