

I nominate Michael W Moore of Pacific Masters for the office of the President of US Masters Swimming.

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To the USMS Election Committee:

This is Letter of Reference for Michael Moore to be placed on the slate for the position of president of USMS at the 2011 Annual Meeting of United States Masters Swimming.

To the delegates and other voting members at the 2011 USMS convention, Michael is now and has for the past 20 years, been an activist in Masters swimming matters in multiple ways, both locally and nationally. To cite some of his endeavors, he has been the chairman of the Pacific LMSC for the past 8 years, has been on the championship committee for the past 15 years, has been on the governance committee since it originated in 2009, has been on a clubs and chapters task force since it was originated in early 2010, USMS Board of Directors (2005-2010) has been a certified meet official since 1991, was the chairman of the organizing committee of the XI FINA World Masters Championships at Stanford in 2006, has arranged for or conducted numerous clinics for swimmers and/or officials, open water seminars; nutritional speakers, etc. throughout the Pacific LMSC and to top it off, he is a regular participant at meets in his geographic area and USMS national championship meets.

Michael is a good listener, an intelligent thinker and has years of experience of dealing with complex and sometimes sticky issues in the USMS family. As any activist in USMS affairs knows, decisions sometimes don't suit everyone, and Michael has taken his lumps on occasions in the past. However he always offers his thoughts in a measured but thorough way when conversation or a debate about an issue is taking place. His broad knowledge of Masters swimming, from governance matters to 'hanging in there' as a participant in a long race, are essential to leading USMS toward providing additional value to its members in the coming years.

I encourage all delegates to give serious and thoughtful consideration to Michael's candidacy for president of USMS.

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