

David Morrill - Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director



The Election Committee has deemed that David Morrill is a member in good standing of USMS. The candidate has indicated he is planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year and, if elected, is planning to attend all HOD Meetings during his tenure in office.

The candidate was nominated by *Britta O'Leary* and received letters of recommendation from *Rob Copeland* and *Jim Miller* in accordance with our Election Operating Guidelines.

The candidate provided the following responses on the Candidate Questionnaire/Consent-to-Run Form:

Section Two: Candidate Qualifications

I am a member in good standing of USMS in this election year: Yes No

I am planning to attend the HOD Meeting for this election year: Yes No

I am planning to attend all HOD Meetings during my tenure in office: Yes No

I have attended 2 or more HOD Meeting in the past five years? Yes No

Please list the USMS National HOD Meetings you have attended, including the dates of attendance:

2017 – Dallas, Texas (representing Georgia LMSC)

2016 – Atlanta, Georgia (representing Georgia LMSC)

2015- Kansas City (representing Georgia LMSC)

2014 – Jacksonville, Florida (representing Georgia LMSC)

2006 – Dearborn, Michigan (International guest)

1998 – Cincinnati, Ohio (International guest)

Section Three: Questions

Why are you interested in this position and why do you believe you would be a good candidate?

My goals are to:

(1.) Pro-actively continue my volunteering efforts for Masters.

(2.) With my 35+ years of swimming and organizing experience I know that I can be an asset to further promote state and national Masters swimming with insight, ideas and actions.

What do you consider to be the major issues facing USMS now and in the future? As a person holding an elected position within USMS, how would you address these issues?

My main observation is that LMSC's need to better identify and integrate with the National BOD directives and programs.

I would like to be directly involved with LMSC Development; I feel this Committee is a fountain of ideas and future innovations –as well as renovations- it's a real "Think Tank" Committee, thus if elected, I would request to actively participate to the utmost of my ability and experience.

Simplified approach, other than swimmers, what is it that makes one LMSC more successful than another...? Coaches and volunteers, and developing synergy with them, something USMS is already working on and I want to be part of it.

I would like to contribute with additional USMS growth by tapping into the vast number of swimmers working out who are not registered. Let's identify how to reach them.

I'll do my part to help identify weaknesses and help close the gaps in order to better align regional with national policies.

Please list USMS committees on which you have served. Include the dates you were on the committees and the names of the committee chairs under whom you served:

Task Force: 2018 UANA Masters Pan American Championships. 2015, Sandi Rousseau Chair
Diversity Task Force since 2016, Sarah Welch Chair.

(UANA Masters Technical Committee, 2009 – 2015, Mel Goldstein Chair.)

Please list any other experience that relates to your qualifications for the position.

Emulated USMS by founding and developing regional, national and international guidelines for Masters Championships in Latin America. Organized and directed 30+ national championships.

Organized and directed 8 international Masters Championships.

Operated family businesses in Venezuela and Mexico and presently own a small manufacturing company (Vz) and a Pre-School (USA).

Please list any other information you would like included.

As a volunteer:

Member of the BOD of the Venezuelan-American Friendship Association "AVAA" for 24 years.

Founder in 1987 of Masters swimming in Venezuela, "La Triple Corona de Natación Master Amistad".

Founder of the Latin American & Caribbean Masters Championships in 1991 which culminated in 2005 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. "LatyCar"

Member of the ISHOF Selection Committee.

Active nationally and regionally with the Boy Scouts of Venezuela for over 7 yrs.

Active assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 8 Boy Scouts of America (in Vz) for over 5 yrs.

Coordinated, assisted and published the Spanish translation (by Federico Diaz Legorburu) of Baden-Powell: Two Lives of a Hero authored by William Hillcourt (a combined effort by author "Green Bar Bill", AVAA and Scouts de Venezuela).

Presently active in Georgia LMSC.

Please write a short summary statement that will be posted on the display board with your photograph at the HOD Meeting

I want to contribute to USMS's efforts to keep growing and offering its' premier swimming programs to adults. My background in national and international swimming, organization and entrepreneurship have prepared me well to add value at the highest level to the USMS Board of Directors.

Britta O'Leary

To: USMS Election Committee
Via Email

April 26, 2018

Nomination for At-Large Director – Dixie Zone, USMS

To the USMS Election Committee,

As chair of the Georgia LMSC, I nominate our officer David E. Morrill for USMS At-Large Director for Dixie Zone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. O'Leary", with a long, sweeping underline.

Britta O'Leary
Chair, Georgia LMSC

April 25, 2018

Rob Copeland

TO: USMS Elections Committee and USMS House of Delegates

Re: Letter of Recommendation David Morrill

It is my pleasure to recommend David Morrill as a candidate for the office of at-large director from the Dixie Zone.

I've had the opportunity to observe and work with David for more than a decade, first through his founding and leadership of LatyCar and most recently through his volunteerism within the Georgia LMSC.

As the founder and leader of LatyCar, David made a significant impact on Masters Swimming in the America's. David built relationships with aquatic leaders in North, Central and South America. And he continues to be an influential voice of Masters Swimming in the America's, as a member of the UANA Masters Committee between 2009 and 2015 as the Athletes Representative.

Within the Georgia LMSC David has been a passionate advocate of Masters Swimming and is currently serving as our LMSC Safety Chair.

David will bring his experience and passion to the U.S. Masters Swimming board of directors. I wholeheartedly support his nomination to serve as the at-large director from the Dixie Zone.

Sincerely,

Robert Copeland

Rob Copeland
USMS Member from the Georgia LMSC
USMS Past President

PS. The USMS Election Committee has my permission to reproduce and distribute this letter.

Letter of Reference: David E. Morrill

Position: At Large BOD Member from Dixie Zone

I am delighted to have the opportunity to present to you a Letter for Reference for David Morrill who is seeking the position of At Large Delegate from the Dixie Zone to the USMS Board of Directors.

David has unique qualifications which fits him well to step up to the Board level. As his resume displays he has vast international experience within the UANA family of nations. He successfully founded an organization that brought together the South American Latin and Caribbean for 14 years under the competitive organization known as LatyCar before UANA developed its Masters component. Within that framework he organized/oversaw multiple international championships for LatyCar.

Four years prior to that (1987) he founded Masters Swimming in Venezuela. During all this time he was attentive to the development of USMS and emulated many of our programs in his international and Venezuela ventures.

His international family business ventures kept him in touch with USMS and now that he is residing in Georgia he has become active within that LMSC. His leadership and dedication have now shown within USMS, as they did abroad. His convention experience of 6 USAS Conventions including the last 4 speaks to his experience within our governance system. He has served on innovative USMS Task Forces to include the Diversity Task Force since 2016 as well as the Task Force that worked toward a successful bid for USMS hosting the UANA Masters Pan American Championship in Orlando summer 2018. He has been the athlete representative to the UANA Masters Technical Committee from 2009 to 2015.

So, to summarize we are lucky to have David's candidacy to consider for the position as the Dixie Zone At Large Delegate to the Board of Directors. His candidacy brings to us a remarkable skill set that is proven and includes:

- Founding a national Masters organization outside the US using USMS as his model
- Creating an international organization that lasted for 14 years until UANA met the needs of Masters
- Organizing and directing > 30 national championships in Latin America
- Organizing and directing 8 international Masters Championships under LatyCar
- Representing USMS on the UANA Masters Technical Committee for 6 years
- Active contributor in his LMSC + participating actively in the LMSC Leadership Summit
- Currently serving on a USMS Task Force, representing our Hispanic membership
- Actively using his multilingual skills to develop UANA Masters correspondence/entry forms for Masters

David Morrill is a remarkable candidate for you to consider. He will bring to the USMS Board of Directors a perspective that has never been represented. I would encourage you to support his candidacy.

Best regards,



Jim Miller, MD FAAFP/Sports Medicine
Past President USMS
Current Member of UANA Masters Technical Committee
National Team Physician USA Swimming
FINA Sports Medicine Committee Member