



# U.S. MASTERS SWIMMING

## Position Description

<b>Position title</b>	Member of FINA Masters Technical Committee	
<b>Start date / End date or Term length</b>	No term limit	Nominated by USMS President, with the approval of the HOD (at least that's the way it has been done in the past), submitted to USAS for approval (any NGB may nominate a representative to the FINA Masters Committee), and if approved forwarded to FINA for consideration by the FINA Bureau. This position is not one that is guaranteed or secure.
<b>Estimated hours/days required per month</b>	Approximately 2-4 hours per month, though subcommittee work can add to that. One trip per year to the host city of the upcoming FINA World Masters Championships 1) to evaluate the facilities (4-5 days including travel) and 2) to be present at the Championships during the competition (7-14 days depending upon one's assignment(s)).	
<b>Reports to</b>	USMS President	
<b>Direct Reports</b>		
<b>Role overview and purpose, and how it relates to the organization's mission</b>		
FINA is the governing body of aquatics worldwide. The purpose is to be a voice for Masters athletes (there are few on the committee) and provide expertise in governing the FINA World Masters Championships and contribute to the growth and management of the Masters program worldwide.		
<b>Key responsibilities</b>		
The responsibilities on the FINA Representative include active participation in meetings, contributing expertise in one of the five aquatic disciplines, sharing Masters concerns and issues, knowledge of FINA rules, recognizing opportunities for Masters internationally, and connecting with Masters from other countries to further communication and understanding.		

<b>Key deliverables</b>
<b>Recommended skills, experience and attributes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be very knowledgeable at all levels of USMS</li> <li>• Have a high level of management expertise in one or more of the 5 aquatic disciplines</li> <li>• Have a good understanding how FINA is organized and operates</li> <li>• Good Communicator</li> <li>• Past participation in international meets, specifically FINA World Masters Championships</li> <li>• Enjoy meeting and working with others from different backgrounds</li> <li>• Ability to communicate in languages other than English helpful, though meetings are conducted in English</li> </ul>
<b>Recommended training</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running swim meets, open water events, officiating, thorough knowledge of swimming rules and those of other disciplines of which you might have expertise, participation in FINA World Masters Championships, and contributing to committee work.</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits for the volunteer</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is an honor to bring the resources of USMS to the Masters Committee and share the experience of the international Masters community with USMS.</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits to USMS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a presence internationally, stay informed of current plans, contribute to FINA's understanding of Masters issues, bring forward USMS concerns and resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Other requirements of the role</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comfortable with travel and flexible calendar to accommodate FINA schedule</li> </ul>