

Erik Collins

Nominee for Vice Chair of the Senior Division

Erik graduated college in 1991 with a degree in English, and rather than put that degree to good work making all sorts of money, he went straight to the pool where he'd been swimming since the 3rd grade, and started on another practical (and just as profitable) career- coaching swimming.

He's been coaching ever since, and loved every minute of it. After leaving Long Island NY in 1999 (where he had an athlete win Junior Nationals), he's had stops along the way at Tualatin Hills in Oregon where he worked for Coach Bergen; at Auburn University under Dave Marsh; in Maryland where he worked for RMSC, and ran his own club for three years back in the mid 2000's before heading out to Minnesota for four years. All spectacular experiences, and all hard to leave with the friends we make along the way.

Now back in the Potomac Valley LSC for a second stint and working for SNOW since 2014, Erik is running the new Loudoun County facility at Dulles South for SNOW, been named to the USA Swimming EZ Select Camp Coaching Staff in 2018 (Assistant Coach), and is currently serving a 2 year term on the PVS Board of Directors in an At Large capacity. Erik is the club representative to the Competition Committee for SNOW, and is excited to be running for Senior Chairperson in the upcoming PVS election. "I've enjoyed being the SNOW rep to Competition Committee since 2014; I think I can bring a different perspective to the Senior Chairperson position, some new ideas and maybe a different take on issues that have been problematic for the LSC for some time."

Erik lives in Alexandria with his wife, Sara. He is amazed that as he continues to coach swimming, Sara continues to be married to him.