

At the PVS House of Delegates meeting on Wednesday May 24, 2006 we will elect members to both the PVS Board of Directors and the Board of Review. The persons elected will serve for the period September 1, 2006- August 31, 2008.

The slate proposed by the nominating committee for the positions to be elected this year is below. The current incumbents are starred (*) if they are eligible and wish to be nominated for a second term.

ⓄAdministrative Vice-Chairman (elect one)
Art Davis

ⓄAge Group Chairman (elect one)
Bill Marlin

ⓄOperations Vice-Chairman (elect one)
Ron Whalen

ⓄStrategic Planning Chairman (elect one)
William Stephens

ⓄBoard of Review (elect **four** from the names listed below)

Lionel Bejean

Kerry Ellett

*Tim Husson

Jack Neill

*Jeff Roddin

*Jim Thompson

All nominees were invited to submit a brief statement (150 words or less) introducing themselves to the House and stating why they wish to be elected. The statements received to date are shown below.

William M. Stephens (Nominee for Strategic Planning Chair)

I have been a swim parent since '91 and a PVS certified official since '95. I served on USA-S committees for five years (Local Fund Raising and Waterworks) and I have served on the PVS Board the past four years as VC for Administration. In this capacity, I have helped revive and renew the PVS processes of registration and administrative support. I join the other BoD members in being proud that PVS is a leader among LSCs in providing administrative support to our teams and membership.

I have made a strong commitment to swimming and PVS and I am excited about the position of Strategic Planning Chair. If elected, I look forward to helping PVS to plan for the future and to implement new programs and initiatives that will serve the ever changing needs of our membership.

Lionel Bejean (Nominee for Board of Review)

My name is Lionel Bejean, and I have two children, Alexandra and Andrew, who swim for RMSC in Rockville.

I first got involved with swimming in 2000 when our summer pool opened. In 2001, my oldest child, Dominique, started swimming for RMSC, with Andrew and Alexandra joining later. I have enjoyed working at virtually every meet my children have gone to since then, whether as a timer, starter, or stroke and turn judge.

I look forward to at least 10 more years of working at PVS swim meets. I also wanted to volunteer more of my time and help PVS grow over the next few years. Alex and Andrew work so hard at practice, the least I can do is to spend more time helping out.

Jack Neill (Nominee for Board of Review)

Jack Neill frequently serves as a deck official (N2: Referee; N3: Stroke & Turn) for PVS. He also officiates NCAA, VHSL, USMS, and summer league (PWSL) meets regularly. He holds a Masters Degree from Catholic University. He is employed by Fairfax County Public Schools as an Instructional Technology Specialist, where evaluates hardware and software, and trains staff in its use. In addition, he works with the Office of Staff Development to plan and implement teacher-training courses, and with the Office of Community Relations to develop and maintain FCPS websites.

Although Jack's two daughters are no longer PVS swimmers, through the years they have swum for Solotar, Potomac Marlins, Curl Burke and Occoquan swim clubs, as well as QDD swim team in Virginia Swimming. His older daughter currently swims for Catholic University, where she will be a team captain in 2006-07.

Like many officials, Jack fell in love with the sport of swimming when he saw the enjoyment and the significant benefits it afforded to his children. In these days of "showboating" and poor sportsmanship in many other sports, swimming maintains a civilized character, where athletes, coaches, and officials treat each other with respect and integrity. It has always been Jack's goal to sustain and support this spirit while on deck; he hopes to be able to do the same as a member of the PVS Board of Review.

Jeff Roddin (Nominee for Board of Review)

I am a long time member of USA-S and have competed in PVS meets since around 1990. I am also an active masters swimmer and am the Registrar for PV masters swimming. Furthermore I attend the USAS convention every year and am current with swimming rules and regulations both in and out of the pool. Because of my all around involvement ranging from athlete to administrator I feel I can make an objective ruling on any grievances that may arise. Even though I'm friends with Greg York, I hope you won't hold that against me :)