

Leo Lin - Candidate for Vice Chair -Program Operation (aka dry side)

I started in swimming watching my kids swim like many officials. I worked as a starter in the recreational league that my boys swam for a number of years. When they went to year round swimming, I became a full time spectator. It was one fateful evening during the 14 & JO in December in the old Pacifica pool, I was sitting down on the pool deck on the turn side and calling out the stroke violations of swimmers in the water. This was during the finals. The official on deck turned around and look at me and said you seem to know the stroke violations why don't you become an official. That official who called me out was Kent Yoshiwara, and the rest is history. I became an official, served as a Meet Director for my club for 4+ years, officiating at the same time. I was appointed Zone 2 Officials chair in 2010 after Kent Yoshiwara, really following his footsteps.

I was an at-large member of the BOD in 2010 and began getting more involved with swimming. I served 2 terms as an at-large member during which time I was a member of the Audit Committee, and Chair of the Governance Committee. I witnessed the transition of Pacific Swimming from a volunteer run organization to a more business structured organization with permanent staff. I was elected Vice Chair Program Operation (dry side) in 2013.

I seek your vote to allow me to continue and complete many projects that we have undertaken and will be launching in the transition from a volunteer run organization to having a permanent office with an Office Manager. I would like to champion the development of streamlined business practices; looking at new ways to develop income for Pacific Swimming instead of simply raising membership dues. Finding new ways to bring assistance to swimmers both in terms of opportunities and financial assistance to those who are in need.