

U.S. Masters Swimming Recognition and Awards

Swimmer gives back—and gets recognized!

Members of U.S. Masters Swimming don't confine their participation to the pool. There are many volunteer opportunities for their talent, expertise, and generosity. USMS recognizes the commitment of those who give back with the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award, named to honor one of USMS's outstanding volunteers. The award recognizes those whose contributions stand out in service to local, regional, and national programs. Up to 15 people are selected each year and nominations come from Local Masters Swimming Committees, clubs, and individuals.

Jim Davidson has been a member of the Blue Wave Aquatic Club, formerly Federal Way Masters, since the time he became a USA Swimming official in 2005. He has regularly volunteered at meets for both groups. In addition to officiating, in 2013 he stepped up to take the position of Long Distance Coordinator for his Local Masters Swim Committee. The countless hours dedicated to successful open water swimming opportunities and officiating, on top of his service on the U.S. Masters Swimming Long Distance Committee, exhibits the qualities recognized in the 2017 Dorothy Donnelly Service Award.

About U.S. Masters Swimming

U.S. Masters Swimming, founded in 1970, is a membership-operated national governing body that promotes health, wellness, fitness, and competition for adults through swimming. It does so by partnering with more than 1,500 adult swim programs across the country; promoting information via the bimonthly member magazine, SWIMMER, monthly e-newsletters, STREAMLINES, and website, usms.org; and by sanctioning and promoting pool, open water, and virtual events and competitions. More than 60,000 adults are registered members of U.S. Masters Swimming.

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