

**Immediate Past President Sally Dillon's presentation to PNA's selected Coach of the Year, at a *Bernardo's All Stars* team open water swim at American Lake, Tacoma:**

I'm privileged to attend your event today and want to congratulate Coach Chad Hagedorn, who has been selected as the 2021 PNA Coach of the Year.

[*Bernardo's* assistant coach] Katy Smith will present Chad with the award!

Chad was nominated by team members Diana Hermanson and Katy. Additionally, other testimonials were submitted by Joanne Kirby, Casandra Batdorf, Patty Smith, Dave Condon, Kevin Kniery, and Judy Rose.

The PNA selection committee consisted of past Coach of the Year honorees and PNA board members.

With the pools closed or having limited access, open water swimming became the biggest draw and largest growing sport of 2020. I want to acknowledge the efforts Chad has made to encourage participation in USMS through the world of open water swimming. Considering the safety protocols to insure new and seasoned swimmers could participate – it had to be a ton of work!

Chad, your 8+ years coaching Masters in the Y system have been surpassed by the open water adventures that you've introduced so many to. PNA thanks you for all you've done to keep swimmers in the water and to grow our sport during this past 14 months.

Sally Dillon  
PNA Immediate Past President

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