

Bio for Jim Stromski, Candidate for General Chair of the Niagara LSC

Swimming Experience:

President, Liverpool Jets Swim Club (2008)

Treasurer, Liverpool Jets Swim Club (2008 – 2011)

Certified USA Swimming Official for 11 years, currently hold N3 Stroke and Turn, Starter, and Deck Referee certifications as well as N2 Chief Judge

NYS certified Scholastic Swimming Official for 8 years

Meet Referee for Niagara Classic, Niagara LSC SC Championship, Eastern Zone Age Group SC Championship

Officials Chair, Niagara LSC (May 2011 – August 2016)

At Large member of the Niagara Board of Directors (2011 – Present)

Education:

BS in Information Management & Technology, Syracuse University, 2005

Personal:

Married to the former Joy Kortvelesy for 30 years as of this May

Two children, Chris and Renee, who are both swimmers now

Systems Engineer with Cayuga Centers, Auburn, NY

Although I was never a competitive swimmer, I fell in love with the sport as my children grew up in it. Since becoming involved with USA Swimming, I have volunteered countless hours of my time in many different ways all with the end goal of providing the athlete with the best experience possible. During my 5 years as Niagara's Officials Chair, my objective was to elevate officiating in the LSC to better serve the athletes and coaches. Some of the accomplishments during my tenure were:

- Standardize and published the expectations of becoming certified as an Official and what was expected in order to recertify
- Fully implemented the use of the Officials Tracking System
- Established the first ever budget for Officials training
- Developed and implemented policies and procedures to provide training experiences for Niagara's Officials

If elected as General Chair, I would bring the guiding principles of officiating to the position: What is best for the athlete and what is fair? I would also bring a passion for the sport and utilize my organizational, leadership, and team building skills to enable the Board of Directors to better serve the athletes, coaches, and clubs of the Niagara LSC. I believe that the General Chair's role should be a remover of obstacles for other members of the Board. I believe that, with effort and creative thinking, we can provide the tools and opportunities needed to prepare our athletes to perform at the highest level they can. Thank you for your consideration.