

To: The Election Committee and to the USMS House of Delegates

Re: Nomination Statement for VP of Community Service Candidate Jody Smith

Date: June 11, 2011

I would like to nominate Jody Smith for the position of USMS Vice President of Community Service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nadine KM Day', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nadine KM Day

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I am proud and honored to recommend Jody Smith for the position of United States Masters Swimming Vice President of Community Services.

I have known Jody for over seven years, first working with her when she was the Aquatics Director at Stanford University's Avery Aquatic Center, then with her on the Championship Committee and later as she has served on the Board of the Pacific Masters LMSC.

What I like about Jody is her ability to cut to the heart of the matter and to blow away the fluff and stick to the subject at hand. And she does this in a professional manner. She focuses on the subject matter and she understands that any disagreements are related to the issue and not the individuals supporting their point of view.

Jody is very enthusiastic in what she does. When she has been given a job on the LMSC, she finds out what needs to be done, organizes material and then gets back to committee in a timely manner, something I highly value in a volunteer.

When she was the facility manager at Stanford, she and her team worked tirelessly so that the athletes would have the best experience possible. The facilities were always in great shape during the 17 days of the World Championships. I also saw her give that same level of commitment when USA Swimming had their summer championships at Stanford.

Jody is a world-class backstroker, she was an Olympic Trials competitor and she currently holds two backstroke world records. Last year she became the head coach of Mountain View Masters. She works with competition swimmers, triathletes and non-competitive swimmers. I have noticed that through her hard work the *Mountain View Masters Swim and Social Club* has increased its membership over 15% on a year to year basis.

I believe that with Jody's background she will be able work with the Fitness Education Committee, the Sport Medicine Committee and the Coaches Committee to promote Masters Swimming. Most recently, she was on the organizing committee of the very successful Pacific Masters Excel Weekend that brought together over 80 coaches and swimmers for education and networking.

Given Jody's broad experience, the high regard she is held within the LMSC and the contributions she has made, it gives me great satisfaction to recommend Jody Smith as the Vice President of Community Services.

-michael

Michael W. Moore, chairman
Pacific Masters Swimming

I am proud to have this letter published for all to read.



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to strongly endorse Jody Smith for the position of USMS Vice President of Community Services. Jody has a lifetime of swimming experiences to bring to this position beginning with age group swimming through the highest possible level of NCAA competition culminating with a Division I National team title and All American recognition. In addition to being an accomplished and heralded swimmer at the youth, collegiate and masters levels, Jody has been involved with the "dry" side of swimming for many years now. While working for Stanford University she was facility director and/or meet director for a variety of aquatic competitions ranging from USA Swimming Nationals and Grand Prix events to USA Diving Nationals, USA Synchronized Swimming Nationals as well as NCAA Water Polo and Synchronized Swimming Nationals. Outside of our aquatic world she has also played major roles in directing NCAA basketball tournaments as well as a variety of NCAA Division I varsity sports' game day operations. Running all of these various championships means Jody is highly experienced and capable of managing a variety of activities with broad disciplines that all have a common theme – much like the position of VP of Community Services.

Most recently with USMS, Jody served as the Championship Committee liaison to Mesa for 2011 Spring Nationals. This position is critical to the success of our National Championships so the meet liaison is typically somebody who has previously been a USMS National Championship meet host or at least has been an assistant meet liaison. Jody had been neither but I felt comfortable appointing her to this position because of her extensive championship background. Not only did Jody excel in her role at the meet, several individuals went out of their way to tell me what a stellar job she did. I heard from key "behind the scenes" meet operations personnel that Jody did a fantastic job to keep everything running smoothly at the meet plus all of her background work leading up to the meet contributed to making everybody's jobs that much easier. This is a perfect example of how Jody's previous experiences assisted her in performing above expectations in a new role - which is exactly how I would expect Jody to perform if she should become the next USMS Vice President of Community Services.

Jeff Roddin
USMS Championship Committee Chair

This letter of reference may appear wherever you see fit.