



**MASTERS CHAIR CANDIDATES:** All registered athletes vote for one of the candidates or write-in your choice. There are two people who are running for Masters Chair, Nancy Weiman and Heidi Lurenz. All registered masters' athletes vote for the Masters Chair.

### **Nancy Hunt Weiman Candidate for Masters Artistic Swimming Chair**

Hi! I am Nancy Hunt Weiman, a candidate for Masters Artistic Swimming Chair. A little about my background. I started what was then called synchronized swimming at age 9 in Minnesota. I competed in Minnesota, regional and national championships through my junior year in college. At that point, I wanted to become a better synchronized swimmer, so I moved to San Francisco to swim with Marion Kane on the San Francisco Merionettes. During those four years, I swam in junior and senior national championships as well as international meets ending up in finals in team, duet, and solo. When I married and moved to Washington DC, I wanted to continue my swimming, but not as an amateur. There was a small gathering in the region and a few of us discussed a masters division. I then wrote rules with the help of others, and we started having masters' championships. After a few years, masters were added to the national body for synchronized swimming. Now, almost 50 years later, masters sport exists both nationally and internationally. I have been to almost all of the national masters' championships, and also almost all of the world masters' championships. Unfortunately, I will miss this year's championship due to a medical issue. But I will be there in spirit and watching the live feed. I currently swim with Redwood Empire Synchro based in the San Francisco Bay area, but originally started and was swimmer/coach of the DC Synchromasters who have been active in masters artistic swimming since masters began. My desire for master's is that it be SPORT FOR LIFE. I truly appreciate what the sport can do as I am almost 75. I have 3 replaced joints and know that age changes the way the body works, but it is still important to move and to enjoy the sport. So, my desire as Chair of the Masters committee is to:

- Increase the visibility of Masters both to our current competitors and also to potential new swimmers.
- Increase the visibility to potential sponsors as we can be a force that is different than that of our elite and age group swimmers, and masters artistic swimming is marketable.
- Make sure that the rules for the sport understand the process of aging and how that affects our abilities. I want to enhance the understanding that we have skills whether we are young, have physical issues or are new to the sport.
- I am concerned with the potential rules changes and will monitor what is happening internationally and will advocate making the sport –SPORT FOR LIFE however I can.
- I would like to understand what the needs and desires are of all our swimmers so that the program of masters will be the best it can be for all. I would be pleased to be the committee chair and able to work with the committee a



### **Heidi Lurenz Candidate for Masters Artistic Swimming Chair:**

My artistic swimming experience would make me an excellent chair for the Master's Committee. I have been swimming master's for over 30 years and have been active on the Master's Committee for the past 5-6 years. I am a World Aquatics judge and recently judged the World Aquatic Championship in Japan. I am assistant coach with the age group team Menomonee Falls Dolphinettes. In my professional life I am a physical therapist working full time doing half clinical treatment and half administration, leading a team of 30 professionals. With my experience and judging background, I would be able to lead the master's committee in decisions that affect the wide variety of skill abilities, ages and interests that masters artistic swimming encompasses.

**ATHLETE REP:** to be voted on only by registered masters members. Vote for two people.

**Updated 10.19.23 – there are now THREE candidates.**

### **Chrissy Stabile**

I began participating in masters synchronized swimming in 1997. But it wasn't until 2001 that I swam in my first masters' competition. I swam with six masters' teams (Michigan Synchro Masters; Tucson Synchro; Pacific Waves; Cygnets of San Antonio, DC Synchro Masters, and Aquarelles Synchro Club). Having participated in the sport solely as an adult and with a wide variety of teams, I believe I can represent the adult athletes' perspective. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Renee Basso Lynch**

I am relatively new to Masters. I swam as a child for 8 years for Richmond Dolpholinas. "Retiring" to pursue a career in Dance. I developed dance education programs, taught all types of dances, choreographed, directed, and performed in volunteer productions of 300 cast members. I was invited 6 years ago to join the DC Synchromasters and competed in my first Nationals Competition. I've been training, learning new techniques ever since. I was an Assistant Coach for an Age group team realizing coaching/teaching was my passion. I have the pleasure of swimming with women who have 50 years of experience along with ones who have 2-3 years' experience. We work together as a team to highlight each other's strengths and minimize weaknesses, always encouraging one another to stretch past our limits. I truly believe that Synchro is a sport that can continue throughout a swimmer's life providing comradery, support, and encouragement. Synchro is for Life! With that philosophy as a basis one of my strengths is troubleshooting, breaking down challenges to make them a reality. I want to hear the stories from other teams, their challenges, their successes, their strategies and share them with other teams so they can build up their teams. I want to know why "when swimmers are of a certain age" they invest their time, energy, and resources to compete on National and International levels. I believe that the master's program has an untapped wealth of knowledge, ideas, and experiences throughout its membership. I want to give a voice to those who feel they aren't being heard. I don't pretend to have all the answers, but I do have ideas and I'm



willing to listen for input from all. With such a diverse pool of experiences, we have an opportunity to not only enrich others but also encourage others to dive right in.

**Holly Seguine:**

I would like to be an Athlete Representative because I love Artistic Swimming and I believe I understand the needs of masters swimmers. Last year, I worked with several other masters to provide feedback on the Stay and Play model and hotel options provided. Hopefully, our efforts will improve the benefits we receive from booking services in the future. As a swimmer and former judge, I have seen many changes to this sport over the years. I participated in my first masters Nationals in 1986 and have done many national and international competitions since. I swam for more than 30 years with the AquaSprites in Des Plaines, IL. When my husband and I were looking for retirement destinations, I had a long list of requirements that included a nearby Artistic Swimming team. We were lucky to find a great community near Knoxville and I can swim with the East Tennessee Dolphins. Now that I'm retired, I have the time to devote to furthering and bettering the sport for all of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Holly Seguine

**EAST ZONE:** to be voted on only by registered athletes from the EAST ZONE; There are no candidates at this time, please feel free to write in your choice.

**NORTH ZONE REP;** to be voted on only by registered athletes from the North Zone.

**Linda Gillian**

My name is Linda Gilliam. I am a member of the Kansas City Sea Sprites. I have been affiliated with this club since I swam as a child. I became an assistant coach and judge while my daughter swam and continued helping the club after she went off to college. My granddaughters even swam for awhile. I took over the team as head coach when my coach Marilyn Deister passed away. When COVID hit we lost our pool time and then transitioned from an age group club to a master's only club. We are slowly increasing our numbers. Last year we had only 3 swimmers. This year we have six. I would be happy to help out on this committee. I know this sport and have served on other committees in the past.

**SOUTH ZONE:** to be voted on only by the registered athletes in their own Zone.

**Joanne Wright**

My name is Joanne Wright. I have been involved with Artistic Swimming as an athlete in a competitive, collegiate, and masters capacity on and off for the past 40+ years. I also coached our collegiate team for two years, and am presently pursuing my judging credentials. I want to be on the committee to represent the athletes and to give back to our sport. Artistic swimming



has given me so much over the years and I would like to try to give a little bit back to the sport I love. I also think that with all the changes occurring in the sport right now, it is important to have Masters athletes well represented. I think I would make a good fit for the committee. I have experience as a manager in the business world, albeit a while ago, but more importantly I am a well spoken, people person who can generally see and understand both/all sides in any issue. I would do my very best to represent the wants and desires of masters athletes to USAAS. Please consider me as the representative for the south zone in the upcoming election. Thanks very much for your consideration.

**WEST ZONE REP;** to be voted on only by the registered athletes in the west zone.

**Lorri Geiger**

I am a synchro swimmer through and through. Swam all my young life until I got married. I returned to synchro Masters in 2016. My passion and dedication to master's is unwavering. My commitment and heart are with making sure Masters are represented and receives the care and attention we deserve. I would love to represent the West Zone.