

Volunteer of the Year Nominees

Larry Rice: All the work he has done in the Governance Committee all during COVID, working at finding people for the contract person to fulfil the Treasurer position, his years as Zone 1N Chair, and then being the designated representative for the Zone 1N Chair at BOD meetings, serving on various task forces and committees for the BOD, and all the work behind the scenes for Pacific Swimming across many, many years. He is always there to work on the tasks of the Pacific Board, and to provide the history and experience that helps guide us in our deliberations.

Dr. Lisa Blackwell: Provided not only consultations to our teams dealing with COVID exposure issues but also for her personal interactions with the Bay Area Health Officers in attempts to get our swimming pools open for our athletes. She also volunteered to serve on the National Aquatics Council which helped formulate and advocate for the USA Swimming response to COVID. She presented COVID info at several BOD meetings and I believe addressed the HOD once.

Mike Piccardo continued support in a multitude of areas including Official, Officials Clinic Instructor, Zone Board Chair and Treasurer, DEI Committee Member, new Investment Committee Chair. He is always available to support the LSC in a number of ways.

Don Heidary & Orinda Aquatics: this club was instrumental during COVID giving us access to Dr. Blackwell, providing pool space to many of the smaller clubs in the Oakland area that did not have access to water and supporting outreach teams such as Richmond Sailfish with grants and other support. Don's sense of community and continual support of club development has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the LSC and the swim community at large.