U.S. Masters Swimming Recognition and Awards Swimmer gives back—and gets recognized!

Members of U.S. Masters Swimming don't confine their participation to the pool. There are many volunteer opportunities for their talent, expertise, and generosity. USMS recognizes the commitment of those who give back with the Dorothy Donnelly Service Award, named to honor one of USMS's outstanding volunteers. The award recognizes those whose contributions stand out in service to local, regional, and national programs. Up to 15 people are selected each year and nominations come from Local Masters Swimming Committees, clubs, and individuals.

Steve Weatherman has been a long-standing coach for Raleigh Area Masters Swim Team. Through his work and his position on the team's board of directors, he helped expand the number of swim workouts and retain professional coaches for the swimmers, resulting in the team becoming the largest workout group in North Carolina. He now serves as the board's Chairman.

Steve's service extends to the national swimming community, too, as having served as meet co-director for the USMS 2016 Spring National Championship and the Competition Director of the USA Masters Games this summer. Through his knowledge and expertise, he becomes the first North Carolina coach selected to the staff at the USMS High Performance Camp.

Because of his extensive service to Masters Swimming and his local swim community, Steve has been honored with the 2016 Dorothy Donnelly Service Award.

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About U.S. Masters Swimming

U.S. Masters Swimming, founded in 1970, is a membership-operated national governing body that promotes health, wellness, fitness, and competition for adults through swimming. It does so by partnering with more than 1,500 adult swim programs across the country; promoting information via the bimonthly member magazine, <u>SWIMMER</u>, monthly e-newsletters, <u>STREAMLINES</u>, and website, <u>usms.org</u>; and by sanctioning and promoting pool, open water, and virtual events and competitions. More than 60,000 adults are registered members of U.S. Masters Swimming.

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