

Ellen Colket

I am an active member of Potomac Valley Swimming, serving as a Board member, Vice Chair of Finance and Treasurer, and a swim official in various capacities. My experience, organizational skills, ability to listen, support and work with others, and my dedication to improvement are attributes that uniquely contribute to furthering PVS' mission to grow and promote excellence for all.

Ever since I began competing at the age of 5, swimming has been an important part of my life. Most week/ends you can find me near or on a pool deck coaching, officiating and/or looking for opportunities to listen to, mentor and engage people of all ages. Serving as PVS' Vice Chair of Finance and Treasurer, I continually work with others to identify and make changes necessary for streamlined, efficient, and transparent budgeting, accounting, and P&L processes. Additionally, having been accountable for monitoring and managing our investments, I launched an investments committee including our athlete representative in order to provide a broader view and understanding by the organization of our investments' portfolio, basis and trends. My resume includes being a member of the Eastern Zone Task Force and USA Investment committee, a High School Swim coach, and a USA swim official for the last 17+ years supporting club and National meets, as well as other major events, including Special Olympics, National Veterans' Games, Masters, NCAA, and local summer meets.

My business background includes extensive knowledge and experience in Operations, Program Management, Contract, and People Development which has allowed me opportunities to lead and develop culturally diverse and global organizations. Throughout my career, I have been a key member of Executive Leadership teams, coaching and working with individuals and teams to assess and enhance their effectiveness as well as the safety, performance, success, and outlook for their organizations. A few accomplishments of which I am most proud include contributing to the contents of a white paper on High Performance Teams, authoring a multi-million dollar proposal for a major project in the West Nile off the coast of Egypt, and leading a team responsible for the manufacture and delivery of a life saving cell therapy drug to young children half way around the world. Each of these were made possible because of effective teamwork and communication which are fundamental to every successful organization.

I have been described as a person of my word, passionate about making a positive difference, and changing things for the better. I believe that providing opportunities for growth and development of our athletes, coaches, officials, and our PVS community is essential to enriching and serving our membership. I appreciate your consideration of my background, experience, dedication, and people skills.