**Proposal for Hall of Fame**

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The following is a proposal to establish a Virginia Swimming Hall of Fame. The proposal was developed by a Hall of Fame Committee consisting of Bill Beecher, Bob Herlinger, Karen Keenan, Ken Romney, Brieanna Romney, and David Schreck. Mary Turner is a non-voting committee member and Bill Geiszler is the committee coordinator.

1. **Vision**

A Virginia Swimming (VS) Hall of Fame should be established to recognize outstanding achievements by VS athletes and coaches, and outstanding contributions to VS by officials and administrators. The Hall of Fame should be initially located on the VS website.

1. **Qualifications for Nomination**
2. **Athlete**
3. was a registered athlete in Virginia Swimming
4. achieved one or more of the following:
	* US Olympic team member
	* US National team member at World Champs
	* World record holder
	* US record holder
	* Paralympic Games medalist or team member
	* National Age Group record holder (11 and Over age groups)
5. **Coach**
	* 1. coached swimming for 20 or more years and
		2. coached in Virginia Swimming for 10 or more years and
		3. coached Virginia swimmers who were on the US National team and
		4. coached at least two Top 16 swimmers and/or Virginia recorder holders
6. **Official**
7. served as a Virginia Swimming official for 15 or more years and
8. had significant positive impact on officiating in Virginia Swimming
9. **Administrator**
10. was a non-athlete member of Virginia Swimming for 10 or more years and
11. made significant positive contributions to the operations of Virginia Swimming
12. **Selection Process**
13. **Selection Committee**

The Hall of Fame Selection Committee will receive and review nominations of potential inductees and select nominees for induction into the Hall of Fame. Selection Committee members will be appointed to 2-year terms staggered to avoid more than 60% turnover of members in a single year. The Selection Committee should consist of at least 1 athlete, at least 2 coaches, and at least 2 officials or administrators. A Selection Committee member can serve no more than two consecutive terms. Members of the Selection Committee will elect a Chairperson for the Committee.

1. **Nominations**

Each year the Selection Committee will establish a deadline for receiving nominations for inductees and notify clubs and coaches of the nomination deadline. Nominations for the Hall of Fame should be made by two (2) current members of Virginia Swimming and include a description of the nominee’s outstanding achievements and/or contributions. Qualified deceased candidates are eligible for nomination.

1. **Selection for Induction**

The Selection Committee will convene after the nominating deadline to review the nominees and vote whether or not to induct each nominated candidate. A nominee must receive a minimum of 70% favorable votes of the Selection Committee for induction into the Hall of Fame. The Selection Committee will make an annual report to the VS Board of Directors which includes the names of nominees, if any, selected for induction. New inductees will be honored at a Virginia Swimming event deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee.