

## Administrative Vice Chair

**Name: Carol Cracchiolo**

Experience:

- Current Admin Vice Chair
- Member of the governance committee
- Secretary of PAC Committee
- President of California Officials Swim/dive Association (COSDA), USA Swim Official, San Gabriel Volleyball Official

Accomplishments as current Administrative Vice Chair:

- Led the submission for SCS LEAP 2 evaluation, including the development of the SCS LEAP Strategies and working with other Board members, completing the LEAP 2 evaluation forms that were accepted by USA Swim. Due to these efforts, SCS received another two years of accreditation.
- Since the office of the Vice Chair is no longer responsible for sanctioning swim events, my responsibility was to manage the education of Meet Marshals, making sure volunteers were certified before stepping on deck for swim meets.
- As a member of the governance committee, I contributed information to improve SCS by laws and job descriptions.
- One of my main concerns was to develop and improve our Outreach program without the assistance of USA Swim.
- I am a nationally certified swim meet official and have been to the national convention for USA Swimming.
- I have been the secretary for the Pacific Committee for a couple of years.

If elected, my goals are to:

- Continue to develop our Outreach program.
- Develop a database for our trained LSC meet marshals.
- Continue to develop training for LSC meet marshals.
- Continue to work with smaller clubs to help expand their programs from the novice to the elite.
- Continue to serve the governance committee.

## Finance Vice Chair

**Name: Karen Mayfield Shipherd**

Experience:

- Current Finance Vice Chair (elected 2021-2023)
- BA, Economics, Harvard University
- MBA, Finance, UCLA

Additional experience/Accomplishments

- 20 years, Merrill Lynch, Director Western Region Municipal Finance
- 20 years, Rolling Hills Country Day School, Executive Director

## Officials Co-Chair

**Name: Leanne Colvin**

Experience:

- Current Officials Co-Chair
- 2019-2021: One of three co-chairs appointed to the SCS Officials Committee
- 2021-2023: One of two co-chairs of the SCS Officials Committee elected by the HOD
- 2022-23 I serve as an At Large Delegate to the HOD

Accomplishments:

- I have been an official for 20+ years and have worked on every committee within the LSC.
- I have attended three USA Swimming Conventions and the USA Swimming New Meet Ref Clinic.
- For the past four years, I have attended all National Officials Committee Meetings (even when on vacation).
- I have made it a point to work cooperatively with coaches, parents, and officials throughout the LSC, as well as other LSC's, to promote the sport of swimming.
- During my tenure as a co-chair of the Officials Committee, I have worked to create an Officials Disciplinary Policy, an Officials Fitness for Duty Policy, and an Officials Thunder and Lightning Policy.
- I assisted in updating the Official Reimbursement Policy and the Officials Certification Criteria. I was one of three hosts of the online SCS Officials Clinic.
- My co-chair and I worked with coaches and SCS Leadership to create a "Return to Swimming" meet staffing criteria during Covid, which allowed competition to continue throughout the pandemic.
- I am now assisting the SCS representatives to the USA Swimming National Officials Criteria Committee in writing national certification criteria to be used by all USA Swimming LSCs in certifying their officials.
- I am currently working with my co-chair and current committee members to create an online training clinic for officials in 2023-24. I co-chair two meetings a month of the officials committee and have made myself available seven days a week to assist officials, coaches, and parents with questions and concerns about officiating, even when on vacation.

## Officials Co-Chair

**Name: Omar de Armas**

Experience:

- SCS Officials Committee Co-chair 2021-present (elected)
- SCS Officials Committee Co-chair 2019-2021 (appointed)
- Coastal Committee BOD Officials for 8 years

Accomplishments:

- Official in SCS since 1989 (34 years)
- National certification as N3 Referee, Admin Referee, Starter, Stroke and Turn
- Strong ties to Masters Swimming and high School Swimming. Served as Meet Referee for 2 Masters National Championships and will serve as Meet Referee Masters Nationals in 2024 in Mission Viejo.
- I served as the Chair of the SCS Board of Review for 6 years.
- I served on the National Board of Review
- Served on the SCS Officials Committee for over 10 years.
- Helped author original SCS Officials Certification Criteria. Revised twice since original.
- Authored SCS Officials Disciplinary Procedure.
- Worked with committee to create SCS Travel Reimbursement Policy.
- Work with SCS teams to plan, organize, and run successful swim meets.

## **DDEI Co-Chair**

**Name: Kristeen Gracia**

Experience:

- Orange Committee DEI Chair 2019-2020
- SCS DEI Chair 2021-2023

Additional experience/Accomplishments

- City of Mission Viejo DEI Task Force
- USAS Western Zone DEI Committee
- 2021 National Diversity Select Camp
- Staff on 2018 SCS DEI Camp
- Co-Head Coach on 2019 SCS DEI Camp
- Staff on 2021 SCS DEI Virtual Camp
- Led 2022 SCS DDEI Camp
- Initiated recognitions and spotlights of heritage months through social media led by athlete reps and committee chairs.
- Collaborated with USA Swimming DEI staff, Diversity in Aquatics, and TYR for an inspiring and educational community engagement that hosted 80+ athletes and families from eight teams across SCS at the TYR Pro Series in May 2023.
- Seat on Western Zone DEI Committee 2021-present

## DDEI Co-Chair

**Name: Virgil Chancey**

Experience:

- 2023 SCS DEI Committee, Disability Coordinator & Eastern Geo DEI & Disability Chair
- 2022 SCS DEI Committee, Disability Coordinator & Eastern Geo DEI & Disability Chair
- 2021 SCS DEI Committee, Disability Coordinator & Eastern Geo DEI Chair
- 2018-2020 SCS DEI Committee & Eastern Geo DEI Chair

Additional experience/Accomplishments

- Have been part of planning and conducting ALL of SCS DEI Camps.
- Also, I have been part of the Western Zone DEI Committee for over 14 years, along with being on each Western Zones DEI Camp planning committee.

## Age Group Vice Chairman

**Name: Chris Barber**

Experience:

SCS Age Group Vice Chair 2021-2023

Desert Committee Age Group Chair 2010-2019

Additional experience/accomplishments:

My record from the last two years shows that I have gotten things done. I have a team of extraordinary people who work to develop ideas and solutions that advance age group swimming in SCS. We have:

- Created the concept of the Elite Meet and worked to find a host and format that would allow this meet to grow
- Created a system to give teams choices and rotation to balance meets with 3 sites.
- Transitioned from R/B/W time standards to the National Motivational Time Standards
- Revitalized the SCS Festival All-Star Meet by making it two days and placing it in Las Vegas, NV
- Selected coaches for the Festival Meet representing all 6 Geo Committees
- Created, Developed, and ran Age Group Coaches Clinic-free to SCS Coaches and accessible to all Festival Coaches
- Updated Meet Fee Structures that had not been addressed in almost a decade
- Selected SCS All-Star Teams for the Pac Coast Meet, the Festival Meet, and the Age Group Western Zone Meet with the challenges created by SWIMS 3.0
- Pulled SCS out of the Age Group Western Zone Meet to focus on the Elite Meet
- Worked with two host teams that had to withdraw from hosting Age Group Championship Meets at the last moment and successfully allocated teams to two sites instead of three
- Initiated the first post-Championship Meet meetings for Admin, Meet Referees, and hosts to review positives and negatives from the meet
- Supported Host teams by paying \$1,500 towards SCS awards costs
- Eliminated the swimmer check-in for Age Group Champ Meets in favor of Coaches' Check-in
- Moved the distance race top heat back to finals to highlight these athletes
- Moved prelim heats in Age Group Champ meets back to slowest to fastest
- Worked with the Senior Committee and Planning Committee to develop an Age Group Calendar for each of the last two years
- Led the Age Group Committee Meetings and agenda, trying to present the positives and negatives of each proposal
- Leading by having ideas and potential agenda items I believe in and then trying to convince coaches, officials, and BoD Members to agree
- Expanding and inviting any interested stakeholders to attend Age Group Committee Meetings
- Working to build consensus among members
- Attempting to post reports to the BoD and all of SCS through the website to create transparency

# Safe Sport

**Name: Lauren Skinner**

Experience:

- Metro Committee Secretary/Treasurer- 2020 to present
- Metro Committee Vice Chair- 2022 to present
- SCS Safe Sport Committee at large member- 2021 to present

Additional experience/accomplishments:

- Represent SCS as the Safe Sport delegate for the 2023 Coaches Conference in Denver
- Attended as SCS nominee for Women Coaches in Governance