

## 2016 Executive Committee

### **Chris Guesdon**

#### [Chairman](#)

Chris Guesdon is the current Chair of the IMSHOF. He advises marathon swimmers and organisations on planning and logistics and actively participates in a hands-on capacity with major swims around the world and in Australia.

His passion is for the further development and recognition of marathon swimming on a global scale and particularly at the elite level.

Chris the mastermind behind the vision of the Olympic 10K Marathon Swim and its inclusion in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, 2012 London Olympics the 2016 Rio Olympics and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics has been involved in the sport as a swimmer, event organizer, administrator, technical official, escort, lobbyist, historian and documenter. He was a FINA Open Water Swimming Technical Committee member

In his home country of Australia, Chris was the manager of the Australian all conquering Open Water Swimming Team during the period 1991-1996, was the Secretary of Australian Open Water Swimming Committee 1988-2001, partly for which he received the Australian Sports Medal in 2000.

He was the founder of the Australian Long Distance Swimming Federation, which he lead from Tasmania in 1973, and a bureau member of the International Long Distance Swimming Federation, which existed between its founding in Paris in 1953 until 1974.

He was inducted into the IMSHOF in 2010 and awarded the ISHOF Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award which recognises contribution to the administration of open water swimming around the world.

### **Beth Yudovin**

#### [Treasurer](#)

A globally recognized IMSHOF lifetime member, fundraiser, donor, volunteer, event organizer and producer of the IMSHOF brand merchandize and apparel. Outgoing 2015 Chairperson and incoming 2016 treasurer in addition to leading the team for the 2016 Annual Awards event.

### **Ned Denison**

#### [Media Liaison Officer](#)

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Ireland's most prolific marathon swimmer with 29 epic marathon swims including the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming. Ned started and led the marathon craze in Cork Ireland in 2004 and now Cork boasts 126 marathon swimmers. His Cork Distance Week and is the most brutal training on offer for "non-professional" marathoners.

### **Dale Petranech**

#### [IMSHOF Historian and ISHOF Liaison Officer](#)

A globally recognized IMSHOF lifetime member, he was appointed as the IMSHOF Secretary in the 1980s. and his contribution to the IMSHOF are too numerous to mention, He was responsible as founding member of the FINA TOWSC for the establishment of the FINA Open Water Swimming Program. IN 2014 he was selected as an ISHOF HONOR CONTRIBUTOR.