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Current Position: Executive Director of the American Swimming Coaches Association

John Leonard has directed ASCA since January of 1985. Coupled with his 41 years of coaching, he has become one of the best-known names in the world of swimming.

John began his coaching career in Syracuse NY, where he developed numerous national qualifiers, national Finalists and a 1976 Olympian. In 1978, he moved to Lake Forest Swim Club and Lake Forest College in Illinois, where he again developed a nationally powerful club team and USA National Team members. John is still an active coach with his SwimFast Team in Broward County, FL.

John was a founder of the World Swimming Coaches Association in 1988, and still serves on the Board of that Organization and is serving his second term as its Executive Director. He serves on multiple committees for USA Swimming, including the Olympic International Operations and International Relations Committees, and was a member of the FINA International Coaches Commission. He was named one of the 25 Most Influential People in Aquatics, by Aquatics International magazine.

An accomplished writer and editor, Leonard has authored over 1000 articles on the sport of swimming, written four books on swimming, and edited four others, in addition to making clinic presentation in 38 countries around the world.