

JOSEPH (JOE) BEGLEY – NOMINEE FOR POSITION OF QMA PRESIDENT

Joe Begley has been a member of QMA and has competed in masters athletics for 20 years. During this time, he has been a regular competitor at Saturday morning meets at QE2, and less regularly at Gold Coast meets of a Sunday morning.

As well as competing at the Queensland state championships each year, Joe has represented Queensland at numerous AMA national championships, and also Australia at world masters athletics titles, both outdoor and indoor.

Joe has been a member of the QMA management committee for the last two years. In June this year he was elected secretary of Oceania Masters Athletics at OMA's annual general meeting in Suva, Fiji.

Next month he will be the Oceania regional representative for the World Masters Athletics Council meeting being held in Gothenburg, Sweden, as part of the 2024 WMA Championships.

Away from the track, Joe retired in 2023 following a 52-year working career, including as a journalist and press secretary and in the second half of his career as a public servant with the Queensland Government.

In standing for QMA president, Joe says his involvement with masters athletics over the last two decades has given him the knowledge, experience and perspective to take on the position. His focus will be to build a stronger, better and more united QMA, one that is more member-focused generally, and when it comes to competition meets, more athlete, official and volunteer-oriented.