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## Organization Updates

### Welcome New Board Members!

SNCA would like to formally welcome our two new board members, **Mindi Brenner** and **Kim Short**! We are pleased to have these two new faces as a part of our organization. SNCA knows they will be great new additions and they have already contributed some great ideas for the growth of SNCA and the accomplishment of our goals. Bios will follow in our upcoming newsletters so stay tuned to learn about our new members!

### New Mailing Address

SNCA has a new, permanent mailing address so please update your records!

All mail correspondence should now be sent to:

**P.O. Box 11301**  
**Reno, Nevada 89510**

Thank you!

## Legislative Session 2011

On February 7, 2011, Nevada will enter its 76<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. This Session is expected to be one of the most difficult in recent history, with proposed budget cuts, consolidations and remedies for Nevada's current economic state. Counties and cities may be strongly affected as the State attempts to find ways to keep services alive and create a balanced budget. It is more important than ever that organizations such as SNCA keep their voices and their values strong. It is going to become up to the community more and more to make things happen, like the reality of new and improved aquatic opportunities.

As we move through these 120 days of the Legislative Session, SNCA will make efforts to keep you informed of the progress of the Legislature and the progression of the issues that could affect you, SNCA and our common goals.

We encourage you check out the issues and find your Legislators at: [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us). Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the future!



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## Interview with a SNCA Board Member

### SNCA Treasurer Michele Casey

Michele Casey is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Nevadan, who grew up in the Reno area. She says her interaction with and love for water started at an early age and she has passed that on to her daughters as well. Casey's family has a boat that they take out regularly to surrounding lakes and knew it was important for her children to learn to swim. Her daughter then joined Reno Aquatic Club in November of 2008, only to see Moana pool close shortly thereafter. When Casey was young, she participated in a few Learn to Swim programs, but says she was still not an expert swimmer.



"I knew how not to drown, but I didn't know how to swim efficiently," says Casey. "I wanted my daughters to be better swimmers, so I started by getting my oldest daughter involved in the Reno Aquatic Club." A week after her daughter joined the club, Moana Pool closed. "I thought to myself, Moana Pool has been here forever, there's no way it's not going to reopen," said Casey about first hearing of Moana's closure.

Not wanting to see the area lose its aquatic facilities, Casey signed up for SNCA, something she says she did for her daughters. "I didn't, and don't, want to see the area without any pools," said Casey.

Casey currently travels with her oldest daughter to competitions and events because of the lack of local pools and swimming opportunities. Her youngest daughter has a disability, which Casey says has made it difficult for the family to find swimming and lesson facilities. "We've paid for expensive swimming coaches and lessons so that she could be safe in the water," said Casey. "I'd like to see a disability program created, something that is accessible."

Casey says her dream goal is to have an Olympic type facility that would bring people to the area from all over. She would like it to be an attraction for locals and a reason for people to come here. In the short term, Casey would like to facilitate existing and smaller aquatic opportunities with the help of local government and the community.

"Kids need to learn how to be in the water," says Casey, "Especially in an area like ours with easy access to lakes and rivers."

Casey has been the Treasurer for SNCA since its formation, saying she wanted to make sure SNCA's money was being invested in the right spots. She graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, with a degree in Spanish and Pre-med and a minor in Psychology. Casey decided to follow in footsteps of her father and pursue a career in the stock market. She began her career at Dain Bosworth in 1996 and joined Prudential securities in 1998. In May of 2010 she ended her career with Wells Fargo advisors and sought a new opportunity as a corporate retirement director for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. If you have any questions or would like to contact Michele, you can email her at: [michele.casey@sncaquatics.org](mailto:michele.casey@sncaquatics.org).