National Meet Officials Selection Process

OTS has been down for almost 2 years making it more difficult to select officials based on experience. This is not a cookbook equation. There are many variables that play into the decisions for each meet and each meet is different. It is great to set goals but don't forget to enjoy the ride in the process. The journey is the reward.

Who has input:
National Officials Committee, Chair  
Programs & Events, Chair  
Meet Referee  
NOC, Evaluation/Mentoring working group chair  
USAS Staff

Considerations:
Pool of applicants  
Needs/Level of meet (World Aquatics, Nat Team Selection, underwater video, 2 pools, place in Quad)  
Credentials Preferred: (Futures: N2; Jrs and above: N3)  
Experience of applicants  
National Evaluator List Needs  
Succession planning  
Zone/LSC representation  
Interview/Team player  
History of commitment (not withdrawing)

How is information obtained:
OTS  
Evaluations/Evaluators  
Previous interactions with applicant (see Interview above)

What can you do to increase your chances of being selected:
Have National Credentials  
Work your way up Sectional/Zones. Futures, Jrs, Pro, Nats  
Apply to more meets (the law of probability)  
Attend more meets (gain more experience and increases your exposure to decision makers)  
Network with other officials (if you had 2 equally educated applicants for a job, how do you decide who to select)  
Know that every meet is an interview for the next possible assignment. Guaranteed that a future MR is at every meet.  
Enjoy where you are at the moment (It shows)