David has competed in athletics for many years at club, centre, national and international level, so understands the needs and demands of athletes, parents, coaches and administrators at all levels across all athletic disciplines. David joined the Board as an elected delegate in 2016 and became Chairman of the Board in 2017.

David has been involved with two athletics clubs in Auckland, firstly with North Harbour Bays Athletics Inc., and most recently with Race Walking Auckland Inc. David has held a variety of roles, including Selector and Club Captain. He has also been on the Executive for Race Walking New Zealand, holding various roles and duties, including. David was also the Team Manager of the New Zealand team at the inaugural Oceania Race Walking Challenge in Hobart in 2011.

In terms of Athletics New Zealand Qualifications, David has a Level One Coaches Certificate and Technical Officials Level 'A' in Walks, Throws, Track, Jumps and Out of Stadia. David puts these qualifications to use with coaching athletes in race walking and with officiating at ANZ and RWNZ National Championships, Auckland Centre Track and Field, Cross Country, Road and Relay championships, as well as turning up every Saturday to officiate at AAI Track & Field meetings during the summer season, and Cross Country and Road meetings during the winter season.