



**U.S. MASTERS  
SWIMMING**

Dear USMS Delegate,

Thank you for agreeing to attend the 2018 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the United States Aquatic Sports convention, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Whether you will be at the convention representing your LMSC, as an automatic delegate or an at-large delegate, your willingness to serve and the input you will offer are much appreciated.

Before arrival, it is recommended that everyone read the Survival Guide, which will provide you with an overview of what to expect, in addition to the sections of the pre-convention packet, which are both available on the [2018 USMS Annual Meeting page](#). Important information includes the schedule and meeting rooms, national committee reports and meeting agendas, proposed amendments, as well as other important documents and announcements.

- **2018 Elections: Important update on Electronic Voting**

The Elections Committee is excited to bring electronic voting to the HOD which will replace our current process of paper ballots. Not only will we receive election results much faster, we will also save time on distributing and counting ballots.

For a preview of the 2018 election ballot and step-by-step instructions, [please read the Guide to Electronic Voting](#).

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting is "**Building Bridges to Our Future**". We are asking each of us as the leaders of U.S. Masters Swimming to consider and embrace what we need to accomplish to grow and thrive in service to our mission. Changing for the future can be challenging – but it can also be exciting and energizing. We look forward to working with you to optimize USMS's present and plan for its future when we gather in Jacksonville.

Again, thanks for agreeing to be a delegate, and we look forward to seeing you in Jacksonville!

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