Guide to Electronic Voting

Election Runner

At the conclusion of "Meet the Candidates" during HOD #3, all voters will receive an email on behalf of the USMS Elections Committee, letting them know the election is now LIVE and will contain a unique link to their ballot. This link is specific to each delegate and is required in order to cast a vote.

The email will also contain a unique Voter ID and Key. *This information will only be needed in the event a delegate is unable to access the "Click Here to Vote" button, which an Elections Committee or National Office member can assist with.*

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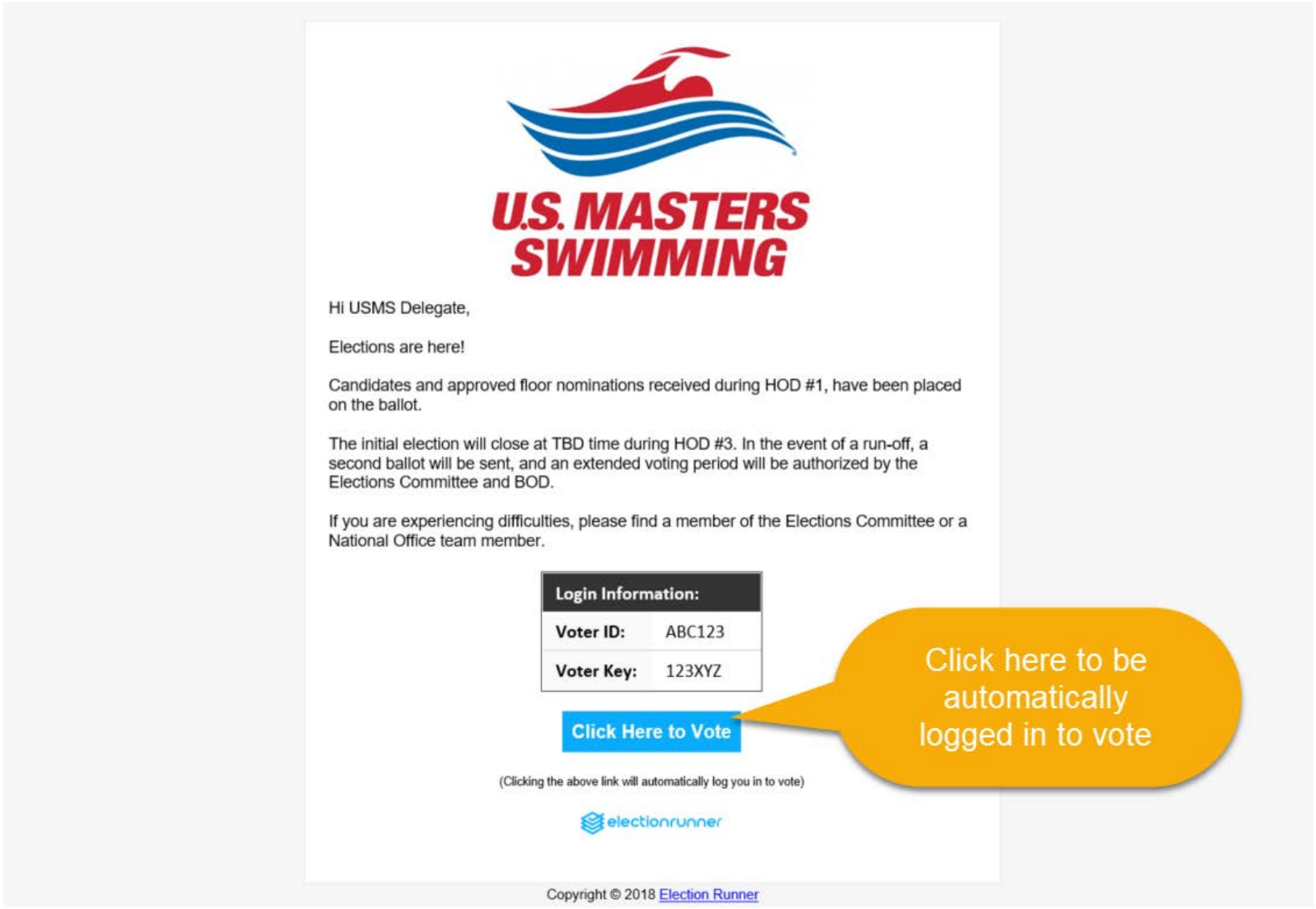
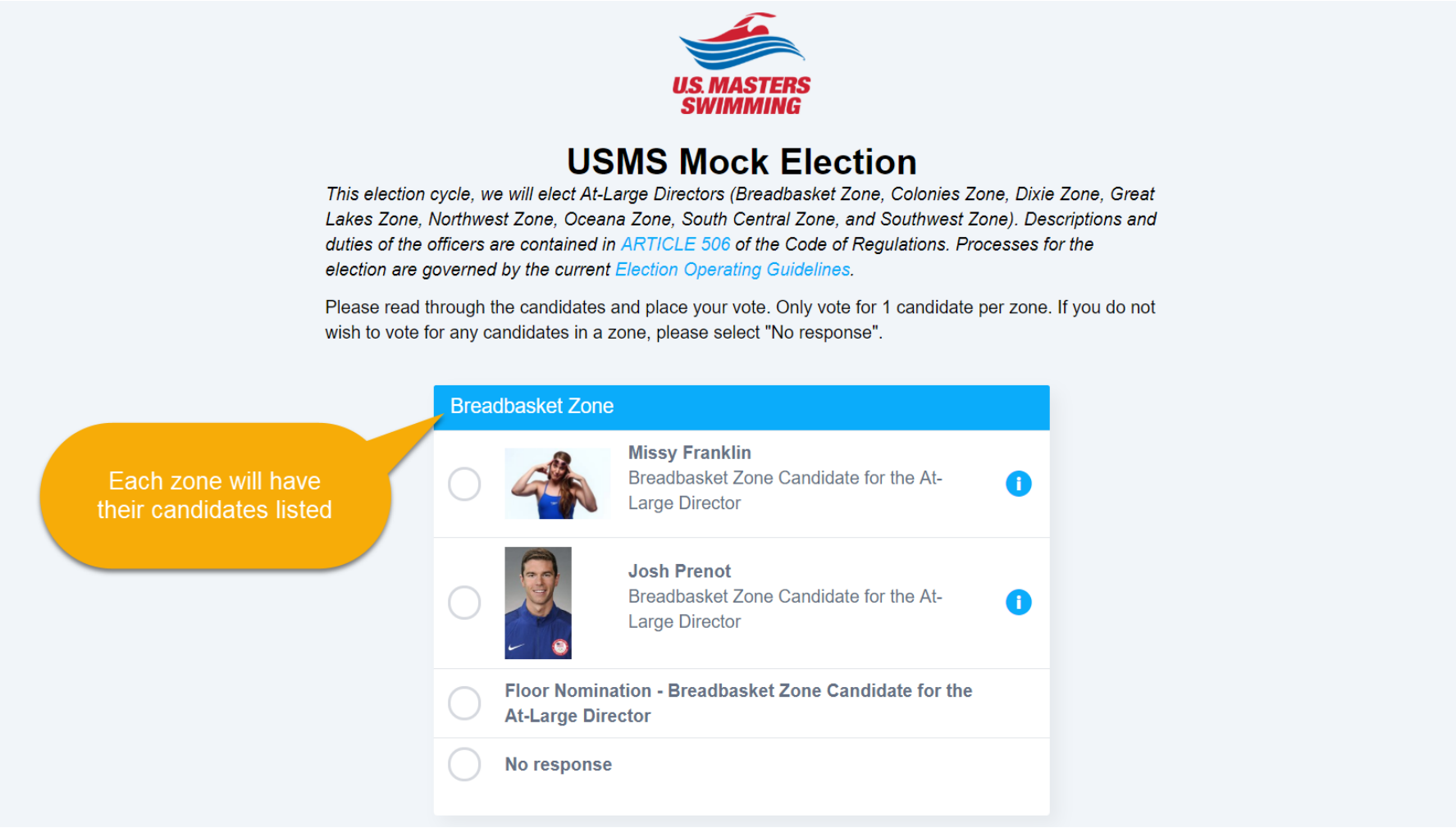
Electronic Voting Tutorial

Election email you will receive:



Once you have successfully logged in to the election, the ballot will appear:

You will only be able to vote for 1 candidate per zone. If you do not wish to vote for a candidate in a zone, please select “No response”.



Dixie Zone

Ryan Lochte
Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director

Elizabeth Beisel
Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director

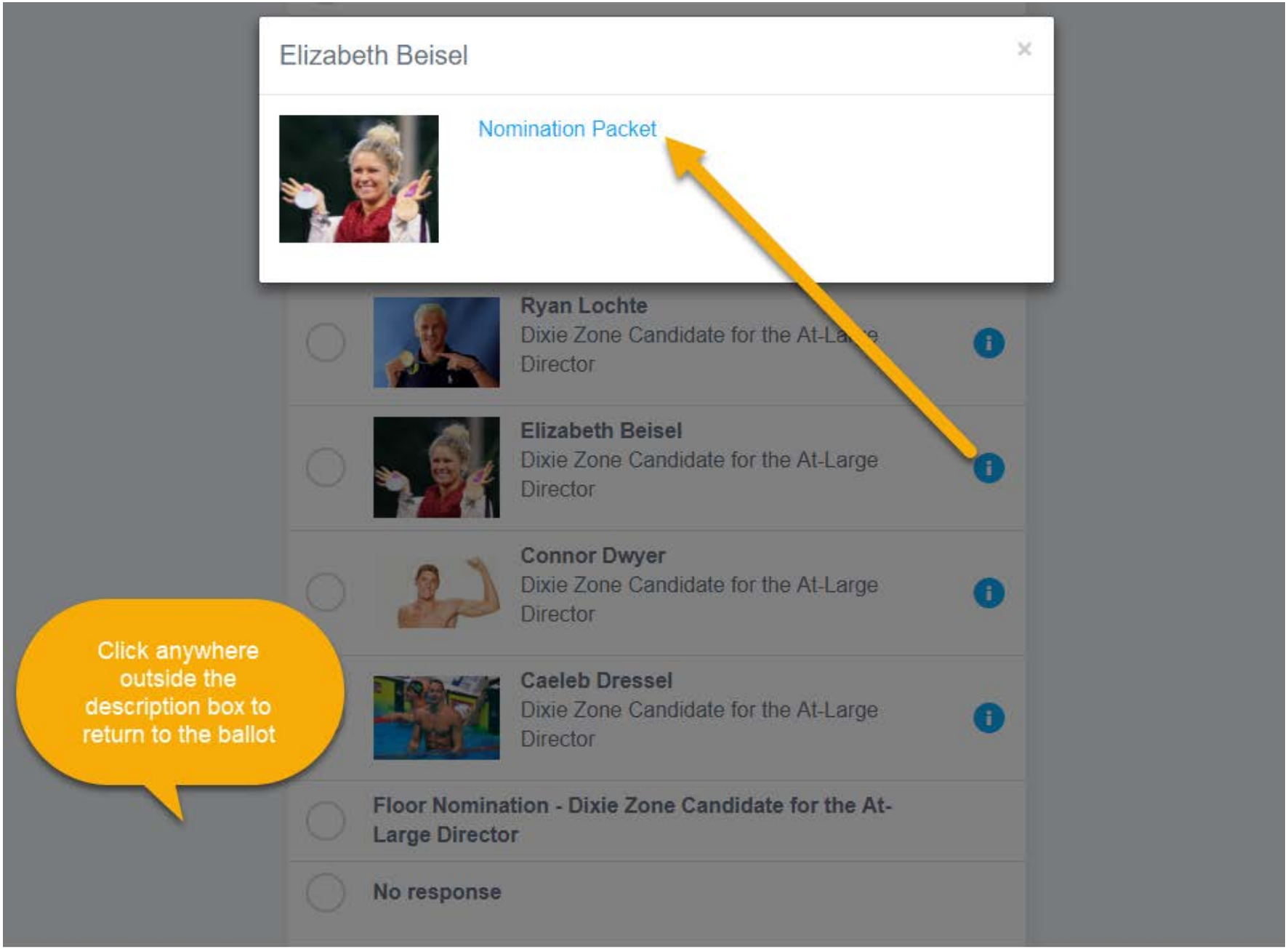
Connor Dwyer
Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director

Caeleb Dressel
Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director

Floor Nomination - Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director

No response

Click here to see the link to a candidate's nomination packet


Elizabeth Beisel
Nomination Packet
Ryan Lochte
Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
Elizabeth Beisel
Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
Connor Dwyer
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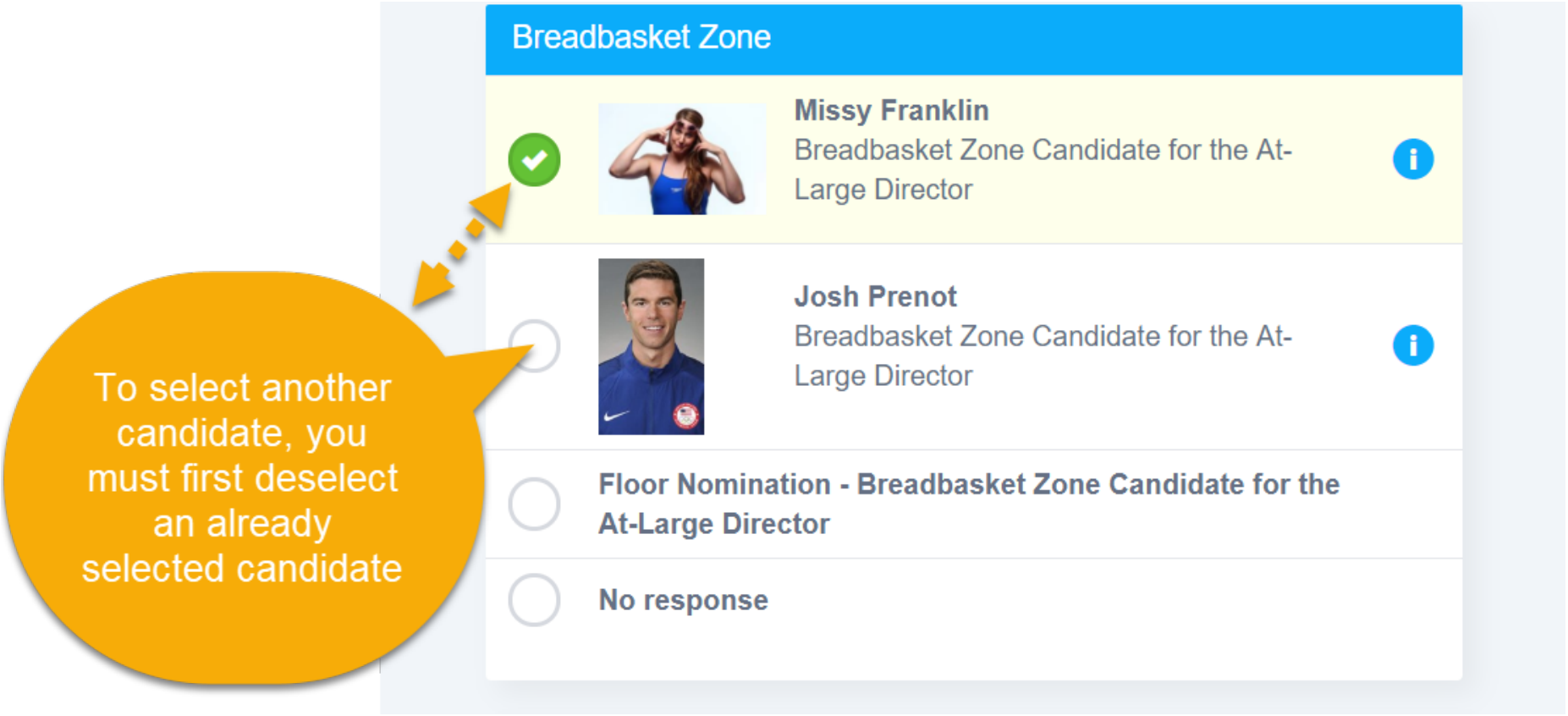
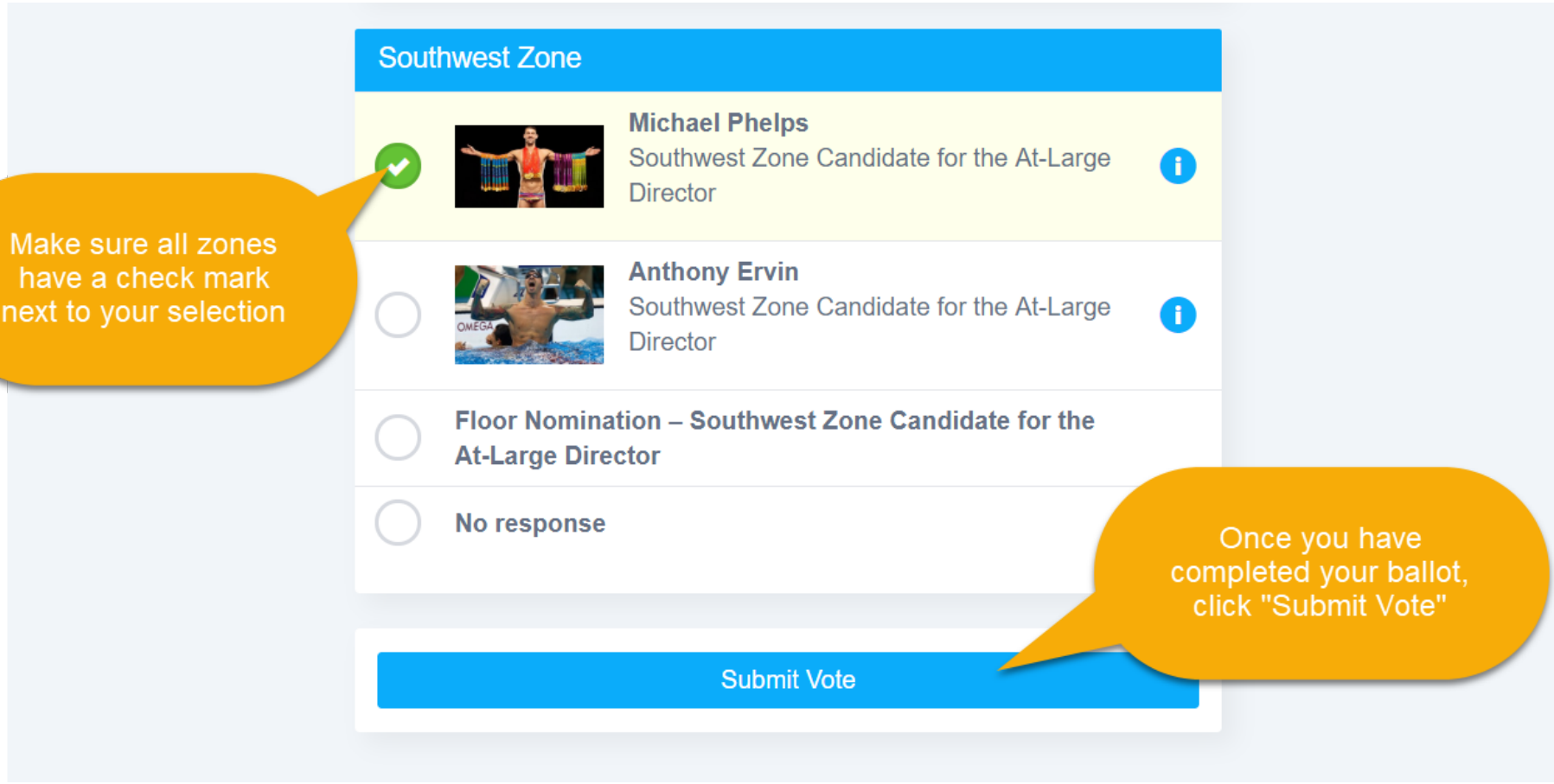
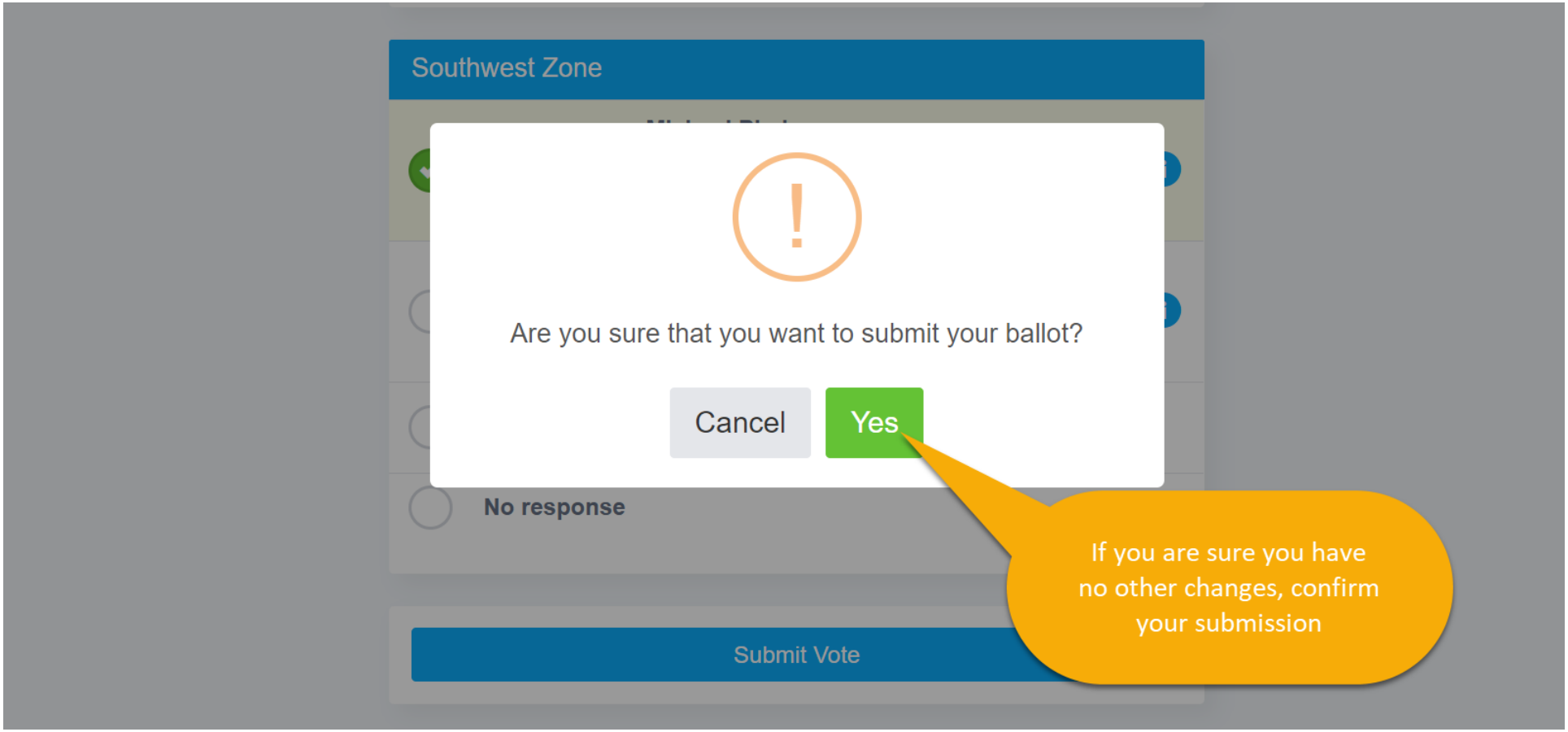
Caeleb Dressel
Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
Floor Nomination - Dixie Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
No response
Click anywhere outside the description box to return to the ballot


Breadbasket Zone
Missy Franklin
Breadbasket Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
Josh Prenot
Breadbasket Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
Floor Nomination - Breadbasket Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
No response
To select another candidate, you must first deselect an already selected candidate


Southwest Zone
Michael Phelps
Southwest Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
Anthony Ervin
Southwest Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
Floor Nomination – Southwest Zone Candidate for the At-Large Director
No response
Submit Vote
Make sure all zones have a check mark next to your selection
Once you have completed your ballot, click "Submit Vote"



Confirmation that your vote has been successfully submitted:

U.S. MASTERS SWIMMING
USMS Mock Election 2018
Success! Thank you for voting in this election!
Download Receipt
If you would like, you may download the receipt to your vote.

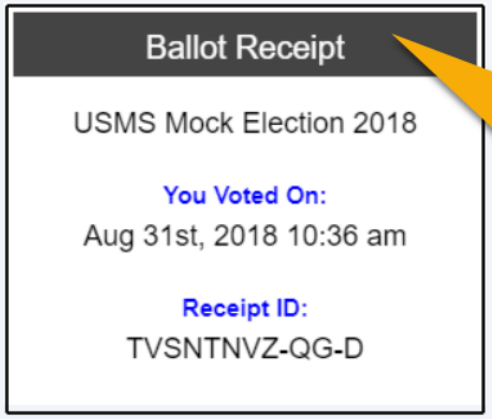
USMS Mock Election 2018

This election cycle, we will elect At-Large Directors (Breadbasket Zone, Colonies Zone, Dixie Zone, Great Lakes Zone, Northwest Zone, Oceana Zone, South Central Zone, and Southwest Zone). Descriptions and duties of the officers are contained in ARTICLE 506 of the Code of Regulations. Processes for the election are governed by the current Election Operating Guidelines.

Please read through the candidates and place your vote. Only vote for 1 candidate per zone. If you do not wish to vote for any candidates in a zone, please select "No response".

Download your ballot receipt:

(Right-click and select Save Image As)



Right click your receipt to save it as an image for your records

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Why are we transitioning from paper ballots to electronic voting?

A. The Elections Committee received feedback requesting this change over the last several years. Much time is spent between successive roll calls, distributing ballots, counting and run-off voting. Reasons for not implementing it have largely been addressed. The Elections Committee has explored the possibilities and tested the software program. It is time to modernize our voting system.

Q. How did we choose our vendor, Election Runner?

A. In 2017, prior to convention, Susan Ehringer, from the Elections Committee, sampled vendors such as Opa, Election Buddy, Election Runner and Survey Monkey. The Elections Committee preferred either Election Buddy or Election Runner but decided to choose the same vendor used in the election of the College Club Swimming Advisory Board this year due to the familiarity to the National Office team, who would be assisting us in importing voters, educating delegates, etc.

Q. I get a lot of spam so what will this invitation look like?

A. The invitation will read, “USMS Elections Committee” has invited you to vote in the election of, “insert the name of the election.” For example, if the election is set to open at 3:45 EDT, then an email will be received by each invited guest at that time that will include the invitation link, voting timeline, and your login credentials.

Q. Can I use an app?

A. Yes, the downloadable app, Election Runner, is available for Android and iOS devices. You will be prompted to search for your organization name, USMS Elections Committee, to locate the election.

Q: How do we know that people aren't voting twice?

A. Each delegate is provided with a unique link, specific to them based on their email address, that is required in order to cast a vote. If you attempt to vote again using another device, you will receive a message that you have already voted.

Q. What if I don't have a device?

A. The Election Committee will provide additional computers inside the HOD room, that will allow a delegate to login to their email to view the ballot.

Q. What if I can't use my email other than on a work computer?

A. We will be using the email address in your USMS member record. If you need to update your email address this will need to be done in advance of the Annual Meeting. Please contact USMS Volunteer services to update your email address as soon as possible. It is very important that you be able to access the provided email while at convention.

Q: Why did we decide to go from not publishing results to publishing results?

A. The electronic vendors unanimously promoted publishing all results in order to have transparency. The results will be displayed in percentages and tallies. The vendors which specifically offer electronic voting for non-profit associations such as the chosen vendor, have designed modules that not only publish results, but also offer other tools such as fraud analysis which tally how many votes are used on one computer.

Q: What if there is an internet connectivity problem?

A. The Elections Committee doesn't anticipate this being a problem; however, printed ballots will be brought to the election. The printed ballots will be used by all or none because of the issue of privacy.

Q: How long will the vote be open?

A. There will be a designated open and close time communicated to the HOD, which will be established by the Elections Committee and Board of Directors. Reminder emails will be sent to those who have not completed their ballot, nearing the closing of the election. The Elections Committee will be assisting anyone experiencing difficulties completing their ballot. In the event of a runoff, we will again follow the same procedure.

Q: I don't want anyone to know how I voted, so will they?

A. The Elections Committee will know if you voted but not HOW you voted. In addition, the ballot will allow for you to not vote for a particular office by selecting, "No response." That enables the system to know that you completed your ballot.

Q: What happens in the event of a runoff?

A. A runoff will be handled in the same manner as the first ballot.

Still have questions? Contact Elections Committee Chair, Erin Sullivan, or USMS Volunteer Services prior to the Annual Meeting.