

**Subject:** 2018 Annual Meeting theme – “Building Bridges to Our Future”

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Greetings Convention Delegates, Attendees, and those who are unable to attend,

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.

The complete pre-convention packet has been finalized, and is available on the [2018 Annual Meeting Page](#). Additionally, it is recommended that everyone read the Welcome Letter, Survival Guide, and review the House of Delegates meeting agenda.

**Important Announcements:**

- **National Office – CEO Report** - For background and context on initiatives that are underway, to understand how they relate to our 2019 strategy and budget, and how they connect with our long-term strategic plan, we ask that you read [this entire document](#) before arriving in Jacksonville.
- **2018 Elections: Electronic Voting** - The Elections Committee is excited to bring electronic voting to the HOD which will replace our current process of paper ballots. For step-by-step instructions, [please read the Guide to Electronic Voting](#).
  - 2018 Mock Election: [Check out the final results!](#)
- **Support the USMS Swimming Saves Lives Foundation** - Donations to USMS SSLF during the annual meeting will go to help more adults learn to swim and be safer around the water. [Show your support today!](#)

Thank you for all that you do for U.S. Masters Swimming and we are looking forward to seeing you in Jacksonville!

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