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To: [2021 Annual Meeting Delegates as of 8/23/21](#)
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Greetings Delegate,

We hope you had a chance to virtually attend a committee meeting in late July or August, which were opportunities for those who were interested to watch committees in action. The schedule of remaining committee meetings can be found on the [Committee Meetings schedule](#) and delegates or other interested members are invited to attend.

Important Annual Meeting Announcements:

- **Floor Nominations**
Per the approved [2021 Elections Procedures for a Virtual USMS Annual Meeting](#), Floor Nominations will open at 11:59pm EDT on Friday, Sept 3, 2021, and will close at 11:59pm EDT on Sunday, Sept 5, 2021. All completed packets must be submitted to the [Elections Chair](#) no later than 2:00pm EDT on Monday, Sept 6, 2021. All new packets will be posted on the U.S. Masters website on Tuesday, Sept 7, 2021.
- **Annual Meeting Overview and Zoom Training**
 - It's recommended that everyone read the [Zoom Survival Guide for the Annual Meeting](#), which will provide you with an overview of what to expect, in addition to the sections of the pre-annual meeting packet, which are available on the [2021 USMS Annual Meeting page](#).
 - **New Delegate Orientation** - All first timers to the annual meeting are invited to a New Delegate orientation on Tuesday, August 31, from 8pm-8:30pm EDT. This is your chance to meet some of our experienced delegates and staff members and ask any questions you might have in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Invite links will be sent directly to new delegates on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.
 - **Virtual Annual Meeting Orientation** – the [Delegate orientation and USMS Townhall](#) on Tuesday, August 31, from 8:30pm-9:30pm EDT will be a webinar to learn more about how the annual meeting will run and to gain experience and training on Zoom.
- **Legislative Committees Proposed Amendments**
 - **Share on Community** - The most important element in making our legislative process effective is delegates being thoroughly prepared. We encourage you to [share your opinion on Community](#) if you feel the arguments in favor or against proposals aren't adequately described in the proposed amendments packets.
 - **Set up notification** - There are two options for notifications on community posts, email digests and notifications. Email digests compile all posts on a given day for a forum and send an email either the following morning or on a weekly basis, based on your preference, with recent posts. Digests are valuable to stay updated without receiving an email every time a post is made. Instant notifications are another option and can be delivered through email and/or a live alert within My USMS. Community settings can be accessed on the [My USMS home page](#). Click Community Settings and then email digests and/or notifications. This [video tutorial](#) will walk you through the process of setting up your community settings and email notifications.
 - **Open Forums** - The Long Distance (Sept. 7), Rules (Sept. 9) and Legislation (Sept. 14) Committees will be hosting open forums to review all proposed amendments, which can be found on the [2021 Annual Meeting page](#). These forums will be a time for all delegates to bring up questions about the proposals and the committee's recommendations prior to the open forums and HOD sessions.

Meetings of the House of Delegates will take place Sept. 24-26. [The complete schedule of meetings](#) and sessions of the [House of Delegates agendas](#) can be found on the annual meeting page.

Thank you for all that you do for U.S. Masters Swimming, and we are looking forward to virtually seeing you soon!

Please let me know if you have any questions,
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