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The USA Swimming Athletes' Executive Committee (AEC) is pleased to announce that it is undergoing a restructuring, which will go into effect at the 2018 United States Aquatic Sports (USAS) Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. Through the restructure, the AEC aims to ensure that all athlete members of USA Swimming are nationally represented, to ensure the athlete voice is strong at all levels of swimming governance. The restructured AEC will consist of the following members:

- 10 At-Large members elected by the Athletes' Committee
- 1 Athlete member of the USA Swimming Board of Directors
- 1 USOC Athlete Representative
- 1 National Team Athletes' Committee Chair

The revised AEC structure presents several advantages to the current structure. The restructured AEC will elect its own officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Leadership Chair, Programming and Events Chair) from among its members elected by the Athletes' Committee. A newly established Leadership Committee, which will include the 4 Zone Athlete Representatives, and a newly established Programming and Events Committee. 5 At-Large Members of the AEC will be elected each year. In 2018, 5 At-Large Members will be elected to serve 1-year terms, and 5 will be elected to serve two-year terms. All members of the AEC will have both voice and vote in meetings.

3 Elections

Members of the Athletes' Committee participating in the 2018 USAS Convention will have the opportunity to participate in three elections for national level positions:

- The Athletes' Committee will elect 10 At-Large members of the AEC.
- The Athletes' Committee will elect 3 Athlete Members of the USA Swimming Board of Directors.
- The House of Delegates will elect 6 Board of Directors At-Large/Semi-Independent Directors from a slate of 15 candidates.

Elections Procedure

The elections for the 10 At-Large Members of the AEC and the Athlete Board of Directors Members will occur on Friday, September 28th, 2018, in the athlete meeting room at USAS Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. The procedure for elections will be as follows:

- 1:30 PM – Ballots will be distributed by the USA Swimming Credentials and Elections Committee to all athletes with a USA Swimming House of Delegates vote.
- 1:40 PM – The athlete Board of Directors candidates will be introduced by the Credentials and Elections Committee.
- 1:45 PM – The election of the Athlete Members of the USA Swimming Board of Directors occurs.
- 1:50 PM – The candidates for the USA Swimming AEC are announced.
- 2:00 PM – The election of the members of the USA Swimming Athletes' Executive Committee occurs.
- 2:05 PM – The Athlete Members of the USA Swimming Board of Directors are announced.
- 2:25 PM – The members of the AEC are announced.
- 9:00 PM – The AEC meets to elect its officers. The location of this meeting will be announced at convention.

The election of the Board of Directors At-Large members will occur at the House of Delegates meeting on Saturday, September 29th, 2018.



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More Information

Please visit the USA Swimming Convention webpage at www.usaswimming.org/convention for more information. Candidate biographies will be posted under the "Resources" heading. All members of the Athletes' Committee are expected to read these bios *prior* to their arrival in Jacksonville. Please contact Cathy Durance, Member Services Director, at cdurance@usaswimming.org with any questions that you may have.

We look forward to seeing you in Florida!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Van Donkersgoed".

Van Donkersgoed
Deputy Athletes' Vice-Chair, USA Swimming