



Dear USAT Annual Member:

USAT is comprised of a paid staff in Colorado Springs and a volunteer governance Board at the National and Regional level. Per USAT by-laws elections are held to elect the National Board of Directors (non-paid volunteers), a Regional Board of Directors (also non-paid volunteers) and to vote on a number of changes to USAT's Bylaws.

This year, you will be asked to vote on three specific elements:

- One is for the National Board candidate running from the Southeast region.
- The second is for the Regional Board candidates running from the Southeast region.
- The third is for three proposals that the USAT organization has asked for you to accept that will help change a number of issues with the by-laws.

On August 1st, USAT mailed the election ballots to all USAT annual members in good standing as of 11:59pm Mountain Standard Time on June 20th. Unfortunately, if you joined USAT after that date, you will not be able to participate in these elections.

For your vote to count, your ballot must be postmarked by October 1st. This should give you ample time to research the candidates as well as the three proposals submitted and then make an informed decision. To help you, USAT has put together an informative web area (http://www.usatriathlon.org/Pages/2006_board_elections_intro.htm) and USAT will create a special election section in USAT Triathlon Life to be mailed mid-August.

Over the past year, USAT has taken several significant steps to launch a slate of initiatives to better fulfill their mission of supporting the growth and development of the multi-sport lifestyle. Without a solid governance structure, the USAT staff could never have been able to embrace and direct the changes that have been implemented.

On behalf of the USAT Southeast Region, I urge you to do your research on the candidates and the three proposals. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support of USA Triathlon and the Southeast Region. Please be sure to vote before October 1st.

Crank On
Scott Murr
Current USAT Southeast President