

Minutes of the Executive Committee Conference Call
September 22, 2001

1. Convention Rescheduling

ACTION: A poll listing November and December dates will be sent out by Sunday, Sept 23, with responses due by Tuesday, September 25. A decision on the convention dates can be made by the the weekend of September 29.

2. Dues Increase

A large increase in our insurance premiums is anticipated. Dues cannot be raised for 2002 as LMSCs have already set fees and planned for renewals. ACTION: Given that Article 508.4 states that fees are established by the HOD and that USMS has a reserve of approximately \$900,000, the Executive Committee recommends that the existing fee structure continue. If the HOD decides there should be a fee increase, it will be effective for 2003.

3. Convention Delegates

After the date has been determined, Nancy will send a letter to all delegates. Betsy will follow up with getting responses to create an accurate roll.

4. South Texas LMSC

Two issues need to be dealt with: certification of delegates and a hearing for suspensions. If the Parliamentarian rules the election of delegates complied with the by laws, the delegates remain as selected. If the by laws were not followed, a new election of delegates should occur. ACTION: A letter will be sent to the South Texas LMSC Parliamentarian requesting information on validity of delegate selection.

The Executive Committee believes the other issues can be resolved with the use of a mediator. Nancy will follow up on this with the Legal Counsel.

5. Contract Extensions

An addendum to the contract will be made that extends current contracts until June 30, 2002. The extensions were approved in the conference call of September 14. ACTION: Jack will write a letter of extension for each contract.

6. Other Items

Mel discussed printing copies of the survey. Jeanne E reported that a check from SWIM for advertising revenue has been sent to Tracy. Tracy will handle registration for the convention, no fee will be charged if the delegate was registered for the original convention.

Respectively submitted,
Betsy Durrant, USMS Secretary