

LMSC Development Committee Meeting Notes 1/30/11

In Attendance: Doug Adamavich (Chair), Lori Payne (Vice Chair), Paige Buehler, Doug Garcia, Sally Guthrie, Syd Latina, Lynn Morrison, Barb Protzman, Jeff Strahota, Ellen Tobler

Convention Surveys

- Status: 83 responses entered. Chris Lundie's and Connie Barrett's surveys do not seem to be entered into Survey Monkey. Workshop survey summary and PDF have been sent to Paige. Paige indicated that she did receive this information from Doug, but has not yet had the chance to review everything. Paige will review the information ASAP and will follow-up with the survey subcommittee on next steps. Ellen indicated that she could help Paige if need be.

Minimum Standards

- Surveys Have Been Sent Out: All of the surveys have been sent out by Anna Lea. Doug has forwarded links to all surveys to Paige.
- Evaluations Will Begin After February 8: These evaluations will help us see where the LMSCs are in relation to meeting the minimum standards.
- Zone Chairs Involvement: After 2/8, Doug will review the survey responses to see which LMSCs have not responded to the surveys. For those that have not responded, the applicable Zone Chair will be contacted for help in reaching out to the LMSCs for their survey feedback. Doug and Lori will set up a conference call with the Zone Chairs ASAP to discuss their involvement in this matter. It was decided that we would give the Zone Chairs 30 days from the conference call to get back to the LMSC Development Committee with those surveys that had yet to be completed. Doug will ask Anna Lea to send a reminder on February 8 to complete the surveys.

LMSC "Critical Mass" Evaluation

- Final Recommendations: It has been difficult getting in touch with those that are under review (North and South Dakota, New Mexico, Border). Border does not want to merge with New Mexico. Doug spoke with Anna Lea regarding forcing a merger and she stated that if the current LMSC's don't buy into the merger; USMS cannot force them to combine. Border has capable leadership but New Mexico appears to have little internal direction or guidance. If the LMSC is small, but self-sufficient, it may be best to leave things as they are.
- Status of Legislative Proposal: Do not believe we'll have a proposal ready in time for this year's Convention.
- Next Steps: We're going to see what kind of survey results we receive from the above-mentioned LMSCs and go from there. The Critical Mass subcommittee should begin to think of remediation steps for those LMSCs that are not meeting the required minimal standards. We will discuss this at next month's meeting. Doug will create a discussion thread in the forums so we can continue this discussion and document our thoughts.

Future Projects

- Convention Workshops: We need to have workshop topics set by late March/early April. Seven workshops are planned. One workshop, LMSC Development, will be mandatory for LMSC Chairs and/or Vice Chairs. A few people have come forward already and volunteered to present. Doug has finished doing some preliminary work, but would like some help moving forward on this project. We need to review the workshop surveys to see what topics delegates want to see. Ellen, Lynn, and Jeff volunteered to help out with this project. Doug will send Ellen what he has completed.
- Rulebook and Minimum Standards Reconciliation: Due to the number of projects our committee currently has underway, this item has been placed on the back-burner. However, Doug Garcia has a few suggested changes for the minimum standards. He will quickly review the Rulebook as well and will get back to Doug A. on his alterations. We will discuss during one of our next two meetings.

Next Meeting: Sunday February 13, 8 pm ET, 877-652-8925, Code: 1500.