
Action Items:

No action items.

President Rob Copeland called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. EST. Also present were Meg Smath, Mike Heather, Julie Heather and Mark Gill. Jim Miller joined the call at 6:18 p.m. and left the call at 7:05 p.m.

Honoring founding members

Because she was unable to attend the Board of Directors training session in Dallas in October, at which suggestions were made about ways to honor some of USMS's past presidents, Julie asked for background information about such recognition. She will ask the Recognition and Awards Committee to make a proposal on this topic.

2009 committees

Rob C had earlier sent the EC a form for committees to use to develop their 2009 goals and objectives. The EC gave Rob C feedback on the form, and the vice presidents will use the form to lead their committees through the process of developing goals and objectives. Jim suggested that the current EC make recommendations on committee structure and pass them on to the next administration for consideration. We also need to make clear distinctions between committees of the House of Delegates and committees of the Board of Directors. Mark suggested that we consider having planned turnover for HOD committees. By the next meeting, the vice presidents will make recommendations on committee size and purpose, keeping in mind that some current volunteer tasks will become staff functions.

Programs and services

The EC discussed the role of the executive director in determining which programs and services fulfill our mission. This is a situation we will face more in the future as we turn more projects over to staff. Rob C will draft a policy on executive limitations for the Board to discuss at the midyear meeting.

Next EC meeting and adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. EST. Our next meeting will be December 2 at 6:00 p.m. EST.

Meg Smath
Secretary