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**Action Item:**

1. MSA the minutes of the January 6, 2009, conference call.
  2. MSA obtaining a USMS corporate credit card for the executive director; the logistics will be worked out by Jeff and Rob B.
  3. MSA that the national office set up an executive COSTCO membership.
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President Rob Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. EST. Also present were Meg Smath, Julie Heather, Leo Letendre, Jeff Moxie, Mark Gill, Patty Miller, Mike Heather and Rob Butcher.

## **Approval of minutes**

**MSA the minutes of the January 6, 2009, conference call.**

## **Sarasota update**

Rob B reported that he'd spent five days in Sarasota touring potential office property locations. We have received great community support from Sarasota offering assistance in the move. Rob has also done several Sarasota media interviews.

## **LMSC issues**

Julie informed the EC of some issues with some LMSC officers. These issues may be related to lack of manpower in smaller LMSCs. The LMSC Development Task Force will study this problem, and at some future date the Board of Directors should brainstorm about ways to help smaller LMSCs.

## **Committee missions, objectives and goals**

Rob C asked all vice presidents to make sure all their committees have drafted missions, objectives and goals for 2009 that are consistent with our strategic plan.

## **Inaccuracies in the rule book**

Julie has found several instances where amendments passed in 2006 and 2007 are not in the rule book. Mike and Meg are in the process of compiling a list of these omissions. Meg will ask Rule Book Coordinator Susan Ehringer to correct the online version of the rule book, and provide an errata sheet that can be downloaded for use with printed copies. Leo will make the Legislation Committee aware of this problem and ask them to also look for any possible omissions.

## **Corporate credit card for executive director**

Because we elect a new treasurer at least every four years, Jeff suggested that the executive director is the logical person to be the holder of this credit card. **MSA to obtain a USMS corporate credit card for the executive director; the logistics will be worked out by Jeff and Rob B.** Jeff also noted that FOG allows this to be done with the approval

of the president and treasurer, but in the interest of transparency, he preferred that the EC approve this decision. Julie suggested that USMS also have a corporate COSTCO membership, to facilitate conference call billing, as well as buying supplies for convention. **MSA that the national office set up an executive COSTCO membership.**

## **Convention schedule**

Meg and Julie have begun planning the 2009 convention schedule and asked if the EC felt it needed a meeting separate from the full Board of Directors on Tuesday, as has been past practice. We did not have a separate EC meeting at this year's midyear meeting, and all agreed that worked well, and actually saved duplication of effort. The consensus was there is no longer a need for the EC to meet separately on Tuesday. The 2009 convention will begin with an all-day BOD meeting on Wednesday; Board members may arrive Tuesday evening so that the meeting may start first thing Wednesday morning. Meg and Julie will have a draft of the entire schedule for the EC to consider at its March 3 meeting.

## **Next EC meeting and adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. EST. Our next meeting will be March 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Meg Smath  
Secretary