

USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida. 2011

Committee Name: Governance	Session #: N/A	Report #: N/A
Committee Chair: Anthony Thompson		
Minutes recorded by: Anthony Thompson	Date/time of meeting: Wed 14-Sept-11	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None.

Number of committee members present: 6	Absent: none	Number of other delegates present: 4
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Anthony G Thompson, Michael W Moore, Sean Fitzgerald, David Diehl, Patty Miller and Hugh Moore		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm

1. Minutes from two meeting in August were not finalized, so the approval of these minutes was tabled to complete minutes from the 14-Aug-11 and 28-Aug-11 meetings. Note: All other minutes are approved and posted on the USMS website.
2. No comments were received on the business conducted during 2011 by the committee or other delegates attending the meeting.
3. The preparation for a review of the BOD began in meeting in August. Due to the lack of minutes and other pressing business, the discussion was tabled.
4. The LMSC Development Committee asked that the Governance Committee assist them by reviewing and making recommendation to update the LMSC Model Bylaws that are current posted on the USMS website.
 - a. It was first noted and clarified that the Model Grievance procedures posted on the website are under review by the LMSC Board of Review Task Force.
 - b. A discussion of the LMSC Minimum Standards section on Bylaws and Administration took place.
 - c. A discussion of the current LMSC Model Bylaws took place.
 - d. Other guidance documents posted on the USMS website on bylaws were reviewed.

The Governance Committee will recommend to the LMSC Development Committee and the BOD that the current model LMSC bylaws posted on the website be deleted. The Governance Committee will review all 52 LMSC Bylaws and select 5-6 that current give examples of how LMSC are meeting the current LMSC Minimum Standards. Once this review is completed, Governance will recommend that these samples bylaws be cited and links provided in the Guide to Operations document to replace the current model LMSC bylaws.

5. Governance will also review the LMSC Minimum Standards section on ByLaws and Administration and make recommendations to the BOD (which is a policy document) .
6. The proposal to create either a task force or committee on leadership development was reviewed which had been proposed in a previous meeting. The committee felt that creating a separate committee or task force was not needed and that Governance could review some best practices and generate some suggestions on leadership development both for the national level of the organization as well as regional and local leadership.
7. No new business assigned by the BOD nor from any the committee.

8. Additional Governance Committee meetings will be schedule to follow-up on open items in late September or early October 2011.
9. Conflict of Interest Policies were discussed. The current conflict of interest policy is published in the USMS Policy Manual. Some committees have also passed policies to address conflict of interest. Zones and LMSCs are strongly encouraged to review the Policy on the USMS Conflict of Interest policy and adopt any needed conflict of interest policies to address regional and local issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46pm
