

Committee Name: Governance	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair: Hugh Moore	Vice Chair: Anthony Thompson	
Minutes recorded by: Leianne Crittenden	Date/time of meeting: September 11, 2013 2:30 pm Pacific	

Motions Passed:

1. Minutes of prior meeting approved

Number of committee members present: 6	Absent: 0	Number of other delegates present: 8
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Hugh Moore, Sean Fitzgerald, Patty Miller, Anthony Thompson, Leianne Crittenden, Jim Wheeler		

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 9/11/13, Call to Order 2:35 PDT

- 1) **Minutes from 8/25/13 meeting** MSA to approve minutes (2 abstentions)
- 2) **Legislative Proposal L50** The committee discussed the proposal, but declined to make a recommendation since the BOD has already made its recommendation.
- 3) **Other New Business** Anthony: There is great information in USMS 2.0 Task Force report. He recommends that we consider how local and regional governance is done in other sports. We should compare and contrast over the next year.
- 4) **What would USMS look like if we started from scratch?** Hugh: Previously, the BOD had a break out session that led to a discussion of the topic. At Hugh's recommendation the committee spent 45 minutes discussing:
 - 1) What are needs from Governance?
 - 2) Purpose of HOD Standing Committees, BOD, permanent committees of BOD, Zones, LMSCs, clubs, chapters, national office
 - 3) Is there overlap?
 - 4) Is this the best structure?
 - 5) Are there reporting structures optimal?
 - 6) If we started from scratch how would we structure these entities?
 - a) size
 - b) geography
 - c) Purpose
 - 7) What is the purpose of Convention

Significant comments included:

-Anthony: Member wants access to a pool and access to a coached program

-Jim: Look at concentric circles—pool is center, then outside it is a circle for coaches and clubs, next circle is LMSC (to support clubs), then Zones, then National (the National Office, BOD, and national structure).

Patty: How should we most effectively use the existing structures, or modify appropriately in light of the current plan?

The real question is, "What do clubs need to succeed in delivering the goals for members?"

The Committee decided that over the next year that it would look at the mission, map the current organization and then try to figure out what is effective and what is overlapping, and well as where the organization is not working. We may also see that some of the activities do not fit into the organizing principles, and make recommendations accordingly. The Committee will report to the BOD before next Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45
