

USMS Convention — ATLANTA, GEORGIA 2016

Committee Name:	Governance	Session #:	1	Report #:	1
Committee Chair:	Leianne Crittenden	Vice Chair:	Jim Wheeler		
Minutes recorded by:	Leianne Crittenden	Date/time of meeting:	September 22, 2016		

Motions Passed:

Number of committee members present: 4

Absent: 3

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Leianne Crittenden, Dave Diehl, Bruce Hopson, Sean Fitzgerald, Hugh Moore

Absent: Chris Stevenson, Patty Miller, Anthony Thompson, Jim Wheeler

Ex officio: Patty Miller

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm

Here is the Agenda:

A discussion of: Committee Meetings at HOD--Business as Usual, or Opportunity to Educate?

Rob Copeland said he thought the meetings at convention should be a strategic planning session, with a presentation of what was accomplished and what still needs to be done.

Doug Sayles thinks that, for touchstone issues the committee meetings can provide a background on pending issues, so HOD is more informed about them.

Sean suggested that we need to assure that issues that are of interest are highlighted for members as to time and place (such as the presentation of bids to Championship Committee instead of to HOD).

Doug likes the summary in the packet to highlight issues. When there is a presentation to HOD, it would be nice to have an impartial pro and con spelled out on each issue so HOD can decide. We need to assure that people feel that they are informed and not being dictated to when there is a change or a proposal.

Rob and Sean suggested that if the rules and legislation proposals get cleared before convention, then provide a forum to give opportunity for hearing if delegates disagree. Rob suggests a single process for the Rules changes coming from Rules, Legislation and Long Distance.

What about the LMSC Development workshops: Are they valuable to delegates? Yes and no, because the working committee members should be participating in the Committees. The workshops are excellent, but we need to broaden the audience to make sure they are also relevant and can later be provided to people who do not come to Convention. Michael H—the workshops distract from the committee meetings and in person meetings. While they are valuable, they are taking away from committee participation. Timing and number of workshops may need to be reviewed (such as having repetitions so that more people can be educated on a smaller number of well put together programs. This is the Committees' only chance to meet in person, and in person meetings are valuable. Bruce thinks the workshops are valuable to educate participants, and show them how to do some of the activities, that part of the value of attending Convention is to learn something that is valuable.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm
