

U.S. Masters Swimming — 2023 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Legislation Committee	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Stephanie Gauzens	Vice Chair:	Kristof Kertesz
Minutes recorded by:	Diana Dolan Lamar	Date/Time:	June 21, 2023 7pm eastern

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA** (Colburn, Copeland) motion to recommend L-2 for adoption to the HOD.
2. **MSA** (Colburn, Copeland) motion to amend L-2.
3. **MSA** (Peterson, Colburn) motion to add the term “member in good standing” to the glossary.
4. **MSA** (Colburn, Lamar) motion to recommend L-3 for adoption to the HOD.
5. **MSA** (Colburn, Peterson) motion to recommend L-1 for adoption to the HOD.
6. **MSA** (Copeland, Colburn) motion to suspend debate on L-1.
7. **MSA** (Colburn, Strahota) motion to adopt HK-1.

Number of committee members present: 12 **# Absent: 0** **# Guests: 1**

Committee members present: Marcia Benjamin, Rob Copeland, Omar de Armas, Diana Dolan LaMar, John Dussliere, Stephanie Gauzens, Kirsten Hoffman, Kristof Kertesz, Teddy Palmer, Steve Peterson, Meg Smath, Jeff Strahota, Patrick Weiss

Ex Officio present: Katie Kenyon (Legal Counsel)

Absent: Dawson Hughes (CEO), Jessica Reilly (Sr. Director, Marketing Technology & Volunteer Services)

EC present: Chris Colburn (VP Administration)

Guests: Douglas Sayles

Minutes:

1. **The chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm eastern.**
 - a. Welcome and roll call. A quorum is present.
2. **Agenda for this meeting:**
 - a. Discussion of L-2
 - i. The Committee added the phrase “an LMSC in that zone” to L-2 and agreed on the need for a definition of the term “member in good standing.”
 - ii. The Committee recommended the proposal for adoption as amended to the HOD.
 - b. Discussion of L-3
 - i. There was a question of whether it was a good idea to sunset the Fitness Education Committee and the Committee was informed that this proposal was put forward by the Fitness Education Committee.
 - ii. The Committee recommended the proposal for adoption to the HOD.
 - c. Discussion of L-1
 - i. There was robust discussion around amending the proposal, the proper words to use, and whether the values section should be complete sentences.
 - ii. The Committee decided to suspend discussion and continue to debate via email whether there was interest in wordsmithing this amendment prior to sending to the HOD.
 - d. Discussion of HK-1
 - i. The first sentences of A and B were incomplete and needed verbs to change them to complete sentences to match the style of “C” and the rest of the rules. Compound modifiers, “USMS-sanctioned” and “USA Swimming-sanctioned”, needed hyphens.
 - ii. The Committee also edited the phrase “World Aquatics national federations” to match the terminology used by the World Aquatics organization.

- iii. The Housekeeping amendment was adopted and will be reported out to the House of Delegates in our Annual Report
- e. Discussion of 201.1.2A
 - i. The Chair will send an email so that the Committee can consider whether we need to craft a proposal during our July meeting.

3. **New business:**

- a. Discussion of the need for a glossary definition of the term “member in good standing”
 - i. The Committee liked the definition suggested in our working document by Steve Peterson.
 - ii. The Chair decided to send a committee-wide email to see if there were any suggested edits or additions and vote on the glossary definition at the July meeting.
- b. Additional July Meeting
 - i. The Chair added a second meeting in July on the 26th at 7:00 pm eastern, in case the Committee did not complete all of its business during our first July meeting.

4. **Adjournment:**

- a. **MSA** (Colburn, Copeland) motion to adjourn.
- b. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm eastern.