

U.S. Masters Swimming — 2024 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Legislation Committee	Session #:	4
Committee Chair:	Stephanie Gauzens	Vice Chair:	Kristof Kertesz
Minutes recorded by:	Stephanie Gauzens	Date/Time:	August 5, 2024 7:30pm eastern

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA** (Copeland, de Armas) to approve the minutes of the July meeting.
2. **MSA** (Copeland, LaMar) to recommend L-3 for adoption to the HOD.
3. **MSA** (Moore, Copeland) to recommend L-4 for adoption to the HOD.
4. **MSA** (Sibilia, Smath) to deem an amendment to 201.3.5 an emergency that requires immediate action to serve the interests of USMS
5. **MSA** (Sibilia, Copeland) to approve an emergency amendment to 201.3.5 that shall expire August 26, 2024
6. **MSA** (Copeland, Campbell) to recommend L-5 for adoption to the HOD.

Number of committee members present: 9	# Absent: 2	# Guests:
Committee members present: Omar de Armas, Chris Campbell, Rob Copeland, Diana Dolan LaMar, Stephanie Gauzens, Ahren Lehnert, Meg Smath, Jane Moore, Maddie Sibilia		
Ex Officio present:		
Absent: Teddy Palmer, Kristof Kertesz		
EC present: Katie Kenyon (legal counsel)		
Guests:		

Minutes:

1. **The chair called the meeting to order at 7:33pm**
 - a. Welcome and roll call. A quorum is present.
2. **Agenda for this meeting:**
 - a. Approve the minutes of our July meeting.
 - b. Discussion of L-3 from the Board of Directors
 - i. Proposal to update the USMS Code of Conduct.
 - ii. The Committee recommended L-3 for adoption to the HOD.
 - c. Discussion of L-4 from the Board of Directors
 - i. Proposal to amend the National Board of Review procedures
 - ii. The Committee recommended L-4 for adoption to the HOD.
 - d. Discussion of an emergency amendment to 201.3.5
 - i. There are not 60 consecutive days in between the end of the 2024 Spring Nationals meet and the beginning of the 2024 Summer Nationals meet. This will impact USMS members who wish to change their club affiliation and is a situation beyond their control that has never happened before in the memory of Committee members.
 - ii. The Committee deemed this an emergency that requires immediate action to serve the interests of USMS.
 - iii. The Committee voted to amend 201.3.5 to change the 60-day waiting period to a 55-day waiting period, effective immediately and expiring on August 26, 2024.
 - iv. The Chair submitted this emergency amendment to the Board of Directors in accordance with 601.5.4C
 - e. Discussion of L-5
 - i. The Chair presented the Committee with an amendment to 201.3.5 to swap the 60-day waiting period for three club affiliation changes per year, outside of the time of annual registration.

- ii. The Chair shared the following considerations:
 - 1. The number of club changes – 3 – was chosen in consideration of the following:
 - a. Accommodate club affiliation changes for two National Championships in a calendar year and one additional change.
 - b. Accommodate for one change per season.
 - 2. If passed, meet hosts will be alerted to the change with the suggestion that they close meets during the work week for 2025 to allow for any last-minute changes that the USMS National Office may receive as swimmers adapt to the change.
- iii. The Committee recommended L-5 for adoption to the HOD.

3. **Adjournment:**

- a. **MSA** (Copeland, LaMar) motion to adjourn.
- b. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm eastern.