

# USMS Convention—Chicago, Ill. 2009

<b>Committee Name:</b> Zone	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b> 13
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Julie Heather	<b>Vice Chair:</b> N/A	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Mike Lemke	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 9/17/09 10:00 a.m.	

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## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

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## Motions Passed:

1. MSA that we recommend and endorse the passage of the following legislative proposals: L-48, L-10, L 11, L-23 (with suggested amendment), L 40 (with suggested amendment), L-57, L-59, L-62, and L-64. Suggested amendment to L-34 would add one sentence to 506.4.8 at the end “Elections of officers and Board Members shall be delegated to an ad hoc committee composed of at least 3 members of the House of Delegates, none of whom have any conflict of interest with the election.” Suggested amendment to L-40 would modify 507.2.10 so as to replace the word, “monitor” with “review and assist with”.

<b>Number of committee members present: 9</b>	<b>Absent: 0</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 26</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Debbie Cavanaugh, Leianne Crittenden, Jill Gellatly, Julie Heather (chair), Mary Hull, Mike Lemke, Deb Morrin-Nordlund, Lori Payne, and Sandi Rousseau</b>		

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## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

- 1.. Convention grants: There were 7 convention grants applied for and issued this year. The following LMSC’s benefitted directly: New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, Iowa, Allegheny Mountain, Border, and Hawaii.
2. Elections: Meet the candidates forum will be tonight (Thursday). Mike Lemke and Mary Hull will monitor. There were no floor nominations and all the candidates have materials in the convention packet. The zone committee will run the elections this year. Paper ballots have been requested and will be handed out and collected even for uncontested elections. The Zone committee will also count the ballots. A candidate needs 50% plus 1 vote in order to be elected, members will be required to administer and count ballots for any runoff.  
  
Since three candidates for national office are currently sitting as Zone Directors, there is a possibility that they may need to be replaced. Each Zone so affected must recommend a replacement to the Board of Directors at their meeting on September 19, in order that a new director can be appointed by the Board and be seated at the Board meeting on September 20.
3. Discussion of legislation proposals that affect the Zone Committee:
  - a. Proposed elimination of the Zone committee, evolution of the Zone Rep Position
  - b. Proposed creation of the LMSC Development CommitteeThese items were discussed more or less together. Comments were taken and discussion held concerning specific proposals which would accomplish this task. It should be noted that Zone Representatives (soon to be Zone Chairs) will still exist, and the VP of Local Ops will be more or less their liaison to the Board of Directors, and vice-versa. They will still conduct activities and communications within and among the LMSCs in their zone, as needed. They will still be elected by their respective Zones. The Zone Chairs will no longer have LMSC support duties (goes to the new LMSC Development Committee) or any responsibility for the management and conduct of national elections (goes to the Board of Directors).

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4. Proposed LMSC minimum standards. We endorsed the legislation creating these standards and requiring compliance. As to the standards themselves, we recommended a small change to the Leadership section, last part (concerning use of the USMS logo) so as to add “with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party” after the word “contract.” This is to clarify that members may use the logo in USMS affairs without permission. Permission is only needed if a 3<sup>rd</sup> party would use the logo. Various more specific standards were raised, but deferred to other committees.
5. Decide on work plan for the coming year. There may not be much. The VP of Local Operations will be in communication with the Zone Chairs from time to time and this can probably be done by e-mail.
6. New Business. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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