

USMS CONVENTION – DALLAS, TEXAS - 2002

Committee Name: Block #2 Teaming Together . . . to take care of business!

Agenda Item #12

ACTION ITEMS

Efforts should be made to work together with the other committees within the Block. The task for the coming year is for the committees to incorporate the ideas generated into their committee business.

Committees present: Finance, Ad Hoc Legal Counselors, Legislation, Planning.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Miller at 5:00 PM.

Three questions were proposed to the block that they were to take back to their committee meetings and discuss. How does this group serve the mission statement going forward?

After conducting their individual committee meetings the committees reported back to the delegates.

The committees shared the ideas generated as follows:

Question #1 GOVERNANCE – WHAT SHOULD WE BE?

Finance – We must be solvent. We should be a watchdog. It is important that Finance gets more support early on. Must be able to more accurately predict last six months of the year.

Legislation - Checks and balances to the EC, financial soundness.

Planning - Will address this in their committee work.

Legal Counselors – We should be a resource to all of the organization and more service oriented.

Question #2 HOW SHOULD USMS BEHAVE AS A PROACTIVE RATHER THAN A REACTIVE ORGANIZATION?

Finance – More than 1-year budget with a conservative approach.

Legal Counselors – More education from this committee

Legislation – Stronger BOD that meets regularly. Be more active in developing coaches, stronger, develop infrastructure to attract more members.

Planning – Wants to be a task force to go out and look for possibilities: i.e. facilities, successful programs. Develop a checklist for LMSCs – strengths and weaknesses. Develop information for a facility to develop a Masters program.

Question #3 HOW DO YOU AS A GROUP COORDINATE YOUR EFFORTS AMONG THE COMMITTEES?

Finance – Finance is involved as a business partner with every cost-center head and committee. Questioned structure of blocks.

Legal Counselors – Are a resource to all committees for advice. Liaisons to other committees – give advice. Invite others to come to LC meetings.

Legislation – Meeting at same time is counter-productive. Needs liaisons to other committees in blocks. Have tracks of like topics.

Planning – Are already communicating with some committees. Natural relationship with Legislation and Finance.

Minutes prepared by USMS Secretary, Sally Dillon