

USMS Convention — Greensboro, North Carolina. 2012

Committee Name:	Governance Committee	Session #:	1	Report #:	6
Committee Chair:	Anthony Thompson	Vice Chair:	None		
Minutes recorded by:	Anthony Thompson	Date/time of meeting:	12-Sept-12 2:30pm		

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None

Motions Passed:

1. None

Number of committee members present: 5	Absent: 2	Number of other delegates present: 12
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Anthony Thompson (Chair), Hugh Moore, Michael Moore, Dave Diehl, and Sean Fitzgerald		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm

1. Introduction of the committee and other attendees.
2. Reviewed activities during 2011-12. It was noted that the Governance Committee is still working on the communication policy for the USMS Board.
3. A draft documents of legislation to codify the Audit and Investment Committees was reviewed. The Committee decided that the drafts should be routed to the Audit and Investment Committees for comments, returned to Governance, and then to the Board via our minutes. Then Legislation Committee can have the draft in plenty of time to prepare for 2013 Convention.
4. During the Fall 2011, Governance had recommended that the model bylaws be removed from the USMS website. The Guide to Operations continues to have a good guidance document for LMSC bylaws. The committee discussed need for model bylaws, and found the need was low since all LMSC have bylaws. The current LMSC Standards are also being surveyed and LMSC Development Committee is working with LMSC who do not meet the Standards. It was noted that some clubs do not have bylaws, but many of the LMSC bylaw are accessible on the websites plus USMS Club & Coach Services can provide assistance to clubs who need to draft bylaws. It was suggested that in the guidance document some contacts be added, such as the Governance Committee, LMSC Development and National Office who LMSCs or clubs who need help with bylaws.
5. The Board also asked the Committee to review article 506.9. A discussion was started and review of previous discussion of 506.9 which noted that in addition to the article members of the Board can be removed by National Board of Review process using Part 4. The Chair will provide information on a similar review to the related article in USA Swimming to the committee and some investigation of other non-profit boards is advised. The discussion will continue at a future meeting.
6. These was no new business, but an informal exchange between the committee and other delegates around general governance issues, since some of the delegate were from Masters Swimming Canada.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm