

USMS CONVENTION – Orlando, FL 2004

Committee Name: Legislation

Session # (if more than one meeting): 2

Cmte. report #: 11

Minutes recorded by: Jennifer Park

Date/time of this meeting: 9/17/04

ACTION ITEMS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	
1.	NONE.

ACTION ITEM	
1.	MSA to approve emergency legislation, L2, as presented from the Planning Committee.

Committee Chair: Rob Copeland

Vice Chair(s): Jennifer Parks

Number of committee members present: 16

Absent: 2

Number of other delegates at this meeting: 8

Committee members present: Rob Copeland, Bill Cleveland, Dan Cox, Marilyn Fink, Sean Fitzgerald, Marie-Pierre Graf, Cindy Hawkinson, Mary Hull, Homer Lane, Arni Litt, Marcia Marcantonio, Jennifer Parks, Steve Peterson, Jon Steiner, Erin Sullivan, Patty Powis (liaison), Leo Letendre (ex-officio), Meg Smath (ex-officio)

MINUTES

1. Rob Copeland reconvened the meeting.

2. Discussion on L2 as presented from the Planning Committee. MSA to consider L2 an emergency. MSA to recommend L2.

NOTE: *In accordance with 601.5. (Effective Date) – This change once approved, will NOT become effective January 1, 2005. Instead, it will become effective in conjunction with the 2005 election of officer process.*

Rationale: *This is being presented as an EMERGENCY this year, in preparation for additional changes to our organization to be presented for approval by the Planning Committee to the HOD in 2005. These changes need to be approved this year so that the election of officers in 2005 can align with anticipated improvements in other areas of our organizational structure. This also provides our potential candidates and the HOD with an opportunity to prepare for and be involved in our evolution.*

The organization of our standing committees and other entities have not been finalized and will be addressed by the HOD, BOD, EC, Planning Committee and others at the 2004 convention and through the following months. With the final recommendation and proposed amendment to code presented to the HOD at the 2005 convention. The committee presented a strawman of one proposed divisional breakdown.

The meeting was recessed September 17, 2004