

USMS Convention—Atlanta, Ga. 2008

Committee Name: Zone	Session #: 1	Report #: 17
Committee Chair: Julie Heather	Vice Chair: N/A	
Minutes recorded by: Debbie Morrin-Nordlund	Date/time of meeting: 9/27/08 8:00 a.m.	

Action Items:

1. MSA to make the attached changes to the Election Operating Guidelines.

Number of committee members present: 7	Absent: 2	Number of other delegates present: 9
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Julie Heather, Mary Hull, Jill Gellatly, Debbie Cavanaugh, Debbie Morrin-Nordlund, Mike Lemke, Anthony Thompson		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. Convention grant recipients: Recipients of convention grants need to pick up a reimbursement form from Julie Heather and return it either at convention or by mail before the end of the year.
2. Status of Elections: Chuck Burr has withdrawn his nomination, so elections will be by acclamation.
3. 2009 Elections: The current Zone committee was named as the election committee at the Wed. BOD meeting. Since Anthony Thompson and Jane Moore have resigned, we will follow the procedures in the EOG to replace them on the Election Committee.
4. Proposed Changes to EOG: With Lynn Hazelwood's excellent assistance, MSA to accept proposed changes to the EOG.
5. Zone Committee Legislation Proposals: Both proposals from the Zone committee were reported out favorably by the Legislation Committee, and will need 90% approval by the HOD. Whether or not L2 passes (Appendix D oversight) the committee will propose a policy to be followed for proposed LMSC and Zone boundary changes.
6. Work Plan for Coming Year: The Zone committee will create a document defining "minimum competencies" for LMSCs. This will have a section of items that must be performed by the LMSC (required) and items that we would like to see LMSCs doing (suggested). We will also develop a policy for the steps to be taken when and LMSC is not meeting the requirements. This document will also include a calendar of deadlines for LMSCs, and we will also look into electronic calendar notification of upcoming deadlines.
7. Anthony Thompson has resigned, and the Breadbasket Zone has requested that Lori Payne replace him. Jane Moore has resigned, and the Northwest Zone has requested that Wes Edwards replace her. Both replacements have been approved by Julie Heather and Rob Copeland, according to 503.3.3. We would like to thank Anthony and Jane for their time and service to the Zone Committee.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. The Election Operating Guidelines will be reviewed and revised as necessary to streamline the election process. The goal is to have a revision available for the review of the BOD at their mid-year meeting.
2. Define LMSC minimum competencies and create a policy for enforcement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.