

## USMS CONVENTION – DALLAS, TEXAS - 2002

Committee Name: Ad Hoc Legal Counselors

Agenda item #: 9

ACTION ITEMS
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Committee Chair: Jack Geoghegan

Number of committee members present: 6 Absent: 6 Total delegates attending this meeting: 13

Committee Members present: Jack Geoghegan, Patty Powis, Mike Laux, Bret Hamlin, Mike Lemke, Jude Bourque

### MINUTES

Time Meeting Called to Order: 5:15 p.m.

1. Committee members and other attendees were introduced and lawyers explained what their particular legal expertise and experience is.
2. The committee chair gave an explanation of the types of legal issues that USMS Legal Counsel encounters regularly. The purpose of the explanation was to inform committee members about the types of legal matters for which they may be asked to provide assistance. The need for an attorney with information technology expertise came up in this discussion, especially with regard to Database Task Force. It was suggested that we ask Michael Moore to publish a request for an attorney in the Pacific LMSC (including Silicon Valley) who can deal with IT issues for the Database Project.
3. There was discussion of electronic transactions statutes and their impact on the ability to have on-line registration for USMS. A question was raised from the audience about whether a person could register and sign a waiver and then not have to re-sign the waiver every year. It was agreed that this issue would become moot if we are able to establish on-line registration and use electronic signatures.
4. The group discussed communication with the committee during the year and finding people on the committee with specific expertise to assist Legal Counsel with issues and projects that arise.
5. The committee discussed the coaches safety training proposal put forth by the Safety Education Committee to the Coaches and Insurance Committees. The committee did not recommend any particular position at this time but favored a track that leans toward encouragement of safety training rather than specific requirements.
6. The block questions raised by the Executive Committee were discussed and responses were later reported at the block meeting.

Time Meeting Was Adjourned: 6:18 p.m.

### TASKS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

1. Involve the committee more and draw on the resources of the committee in the legal issues and projects that arise during the year.
2. Find legal expertise in the area of information technology and electronic transactions.
3. Work on education with regard to frequently asked legal questions and issues that arise often.