

USMS Convention — Anaheim (Garden Grove), California 2013

Committee Name: Legislation	Session #: 2	Report #: 11
Committee Chair: Sean Fitzgerald	Vice Chair: Meg Smath	
Minutes recorded by: Meg Smath	Date/time of meeting: 9/12 4:45 PM	

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. None.

Motions Passed:

1. None.

Number of committee members present: 15. **Absent: 5** **Number of other delegates present: 130**

Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Chair Sean Fitzgerald, Vice-Chair Meg Smath; committee members Rob Copeland, Daniel Cox, Peter Guadagni, Mary Hull, Arni Litt, Debbie Morrin-Nordlund, Dick Pitman, Heather Stevenson, Erin Sullivan, Skip Thompson; ex officio members Susan Ehringer, Patty Miller; Executive Committee member Michael Heather.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM.

1. Sean read the USMS mission statement to remind the delegates about how the Legislation Committee helps implement the USMS mission.
2. Delegates were asked to pull proposals they wished to discuss. L44, L15, and L50 were pulled.
3. L44: Anthony Thompson was concerned that although the intent of this proposal was to provide for transparency in the grievance process, it could also violate the privacy of people involved in the grievance.
4. L15: Leo Letendre and Nadine Day explained that this proposal is in response to new FINA rule MSW 5.3, which states, "World records can only be established in a Masters meet: ... d. in which only swimmers registered in a club member of a FINA Member Federation participated." In addition, Appendix 1 of FINA rules, which covers world top 10 tabulations, also applies: "Results that are valid for the FINA Masters Top Ten results can only be established in a Masters meet: ... d) in which only swimmers registered in a club member of a FINA Member Federation participated."
5. L50: Anthony Thompson noted that this proposal, if passed, would be a major change in our governance structure, and encouraged the delegates to consider the ramifications.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM..
