

2021 USMS Legislation Committee Meetings

Committee Name:	Legislation Committee	Session #: N/A
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chair: Stephanie Gauzens
Minutes recorded by:	Byron Shefchik	Date/time of meeting: July 1, 2021 7:30PM ET

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

1. N/A

Motions Passed:

1. Last meeting's minutes approved with minor changes
2. MSA to recommend L-4 as amended to the house of delegates passed unanimously
3. MSA to table L-3 was unanimous with the sense of the committee being we need USMS Legal input on the proposed changes.
4. MSA to table L-2 was unanimous with the sense of the committee being that more work is needed, including to be an indivisible package with changes made to 108.

Number of committee members present:	Absent:	Number of other delegates present:
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Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):

Charles Cockrell
Stephanie Gauzens
Diana Dolan LaMar
Kristof Kertesz
Jane Moore
Steve Peterson
Doug Sayles
Byron Shefchik
Meg Smath
Patrick Weiss
Joan Campbell
Becky Cleavenger
Teddy Palmer

Committee Members Absent:

Jeff Enge

Ex Officio: Mollie Grover

EC: Chris Colburn

Cheryl G from Elections

Minutes

- L-4 506.2.3 - Discussion – the Legislative committee is trying to keep the rules to a minimum to maintain flexibility in policy, though there is also a need for clarity of intent. Policies still need to be approved by the Board of Directors so perhaps this is not necessary. If we reject this, it will be because we'd like the Elections committee to rule on policy rather than codify it. A reason for codifying it, the guidelines were interpreted by the elections committee while not seeking other input. This would keep the elections committee from interpreting in a way that's not in alignment with the original intent. Meg motioned/Patrick seconded to only make the change to 506.2.1. Amendment passed 8-4. Another vote for a change to 506.2.1 passed unanimously.
- L-3 awaits legal counsel/input on the proposal and proposed changes to it

- L-2 could be considered as a dual package with deletions to 202 and additions to 108 but the Rules committee did not align to that. The sense of the committee is we support the general intent but it should be reviewed for specific language and should be an indivisible package. Let's work offline between both committees to improve the recommendation.

Tasks/Next Steps

1. Next meeting will be by 7/15 at 7:30 ET
2. Review and approve previous meeting's minutes.
3. Reconsider L-3
4. Reconsider L-2
5. Reconsider L-1

The committee was recessed at 9:03ET.
