

USMS Convention—Anaheim, California 2007

Committee Name: Zone Committee	Session #: 1	Report #: 1
Committee Chair: Julie Heather	Vice Chair: N/A	
Minutes recorded by: Mike Lemke	Date/time of meeting: Thursday, 9/27/07, 11 a.m.	

Action Items: Proposed Expenditures

1. none

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Number of committee members present: 9	Absent: 0	Number of other delegates present: 30
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Julie Heather, Chair; Mike Lemke; Anthony Thompson; Jane Moore; Debbie Morrin-Nordlund; Marcia Marcantonio; Deb Cavanaugh; Mary Hull; Janet Renner		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

1. MSA to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2007 conference call.
2. Betsy Durrant from the BOD addressed the committee concerning the strategic plan. MOG (Missions/Objectives/Goals) were solicited from each committee after the 2006 National Convention and have been incorporated into the developing strategic plan. Emphasis is on member services, receiving a good return on our investment, keep it simple and realistic, assign tasks with realistic timeline and assign tasks with realistic goals, and to stay in good communication with each other. The committees will be asked to revisit their MOG with emphasis on member services.
3. Based on this request, the Zone Committee discussed its MOG and concurred as follows:
 - a. Support LMSC's with goals being to respond to problems in LMSCs in a timely manner in the best interests of USMS; to improve communication with LMSCs; Set up a mentoring process using outside resources; and proactively support and provide assistance for struggling LMSCs. Priority HIGH
 - b. Run National Elections and develop national leadership, with goals being that elections are run fairly and smoothly; proactively identify and recruit and encourage potential candidates; enroll the HOD to help us identify potential candidates; and to develop leadership on the local and national level by providing information and training and to conduct leadership workshops at the National Convention. Priority HIGH
 - c. Develop materials to strengthen LMSCs with goals being to have a website presence on the USMS website with support materials for LMSCs. Priority LOW
 - e. Establish and manage the Zone Committee budget, with goals being that we submit the budget in a timely manner with appropriate supporting documents. Priority MEDIUM
4. Zone Convention Grants Report - grants given as follows: Two delegates from Allegheny Mountain; one from Montana; one from New Mexico; one from Oklahoma and one each (split) from Border and Oklahoma; one from Iowa; and one from Ozark

5. Elections report, Debbie Morrin-Nordlund – we have one candidate for each national office, elections will take place on Friday and we will seek a vote by acclamation. Next year we will have elections for At Large Directors and we will be seeking input from them as to whether they will run again.
6. Legislation this year includes the proposed absorption of the Wyoming LMSC into Colorado. It was discussed whether we should try to leave the LMSC structure in place for the time being even though the swimmers there can register with Colorado or any other LMSC. It was reported by Julie Heather that attempts have been made over the past years to solicit interest from Wyoming swimmers, with virtually no response.
7. Legislation this year includes a proposal to rename the Midwestern LMSC to Nebraska, and to realign certain counties to Iowa. This is supported by the Iowa and current Midwestern LMSCs.
8. Legislation also includes a proposal to renumber provisions of Article 507.2. This is considered housekeeping.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

1. Seek input from at large directors as to whether they will run again, and to solicit candidates where needed. Zone reps are encouraged to let the committee know if a BOD member is not planning to run.
2. Review the EOG to assist the process of publishing election candidate materials on a timely basis.
3. We will help the transition for any new zone reps who may be elected at this assembly.
4. At our earliest conference call, we will prioritize the goals under our MOG.
5. We will continue to review and revise the State of the LMSC report which we began last year. We will fill in our gaps and update as needed or as requested by the BOD or the Executive Director.
6. Solicit information about how LMSCs select and fund delegates for the National Convention. This information will assist us in our goal to Support LMSCs. Anthony Thompson has begun this report and we eventually will incorporate it into the State of the LMSC report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.
