Standing Rules of the USMS Annual Meeting of 2015

Rule 1 The Secretary, directly after the opening ceremonies of the first business meeting, shall report the number of delegates and others registered as present with proper credentials, and shall make a supplementary report after the opening of each session that business continues.

Rule 2 A member of USMS, may, upon proper clearance by the Secretary, be transferred to delegate status, at any time during the continuance of business meetings.

Rule 3 All meetings of the House are open to the public. However, the privilege of speaking in the House is limited to 1) House members who are wearing credentials issued by United States Aquatic Sports and a sticker from the USMS convention coordinator, or 2) "Guests of the president" who shall be allowed to speak before the HOD. Guests of the president shall not be allowed to speak to or vote on any motions.

Rule 4 In the report from a Committee, all Action Items shall be placed on the floor of the House without a motion or second. The House may consider the action items of a committee as one motion, or individual motions.

Rule 5 No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, on the same day, or longer than three minutes, without permission of the convention granted by two thirds vote without debate.

Rule 6 Motions shall be made from the microphones only.

Rule 7 If a motion to call for the question is made and accepted by 2/3 of the House, any member in line at a microphone shall be recognized to speak for their allotted time.

Rule 8 All motions, in the House or Committees, shall be recorded, in writing or electronically, with the name of the maker.

Rule 9 Elections shall be run in accordance with the USMS Election Operating Guidelines.

Rule 10 Rules contained in the current edition of the Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the House of Delegates and its Committees, in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of U. S. Masters Swimming and these standing rules