

Minutes of the Executive Committee Conference Call
September 5, 2001

1. Convention Matters

David Diehl may not be able to attend the convention. If he is not able to attend, Eric Norland will conduct the meeting of the Officials Committee meeting. David will brief Eric and make sure he has all materials and information needed.

The Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 12, from 9:00 am to 3:45 pm.

Nancy reported that she spoke with Scott Rabalais about the coaches' meetings on Wednesday. He will let Nancy know the best time for the Executive Committee to stop by.

Discussion was held concerning the time for voting on the championship bids.

ACTION: The decision of when to conduct the voting will be left to the Championship Committee but the Executive Committee strongly recommends that the voting remain on Friday night. If Championship wants the vote on Saturday, the vote will be just prior to the lunch break. This motion was approved by a 5-1 vote. (Lynn Hazlewood had not yet joined the call.)

Possible conflicts for committee liaisons were discussed and resolved.

2. Other Convention Matters

Nancy will have a Database coordination meeting sometime during the convention. This will include Registration, Top Ten, Communications, History and Archives, Webmaster, and others interested. Time will be decided later.

E-mail service will not be provided at the convention this year. It was mentioned, however, that some hotels provide this service.

Nancy reported that she has discussed the Roberts Rules of Order session with Jim Wheeler.

Keith Bell has filed a complaint against the South Texas LMSC. He has alleged that the LMSC has not followed its bylaws, including when it selected its delegates for the 2001 convention. All materials submitted have been distributed to this Executive Committee and the issue of certification of the South Texas delegates was discussed. Whether the South Texas delegates to the convention have been selected according to proper procedure cannot be easily decided from the correspondence that was submitted. Because of this and after discussion of other factors (there is only one week left before the convention, there is no time to hold an election, and South Texas deserves some representation) the Executive Committee decided to give the benefit of doubt to the LMSC on this particular issue at this time. The new Executive Committee will be given all the information that has been received and will be urged to resolve the other issues raised as soon as possible.

ACTION: It was unanimously agreed that the proposed delegates from South Texas would be certified for the 2001 convention.

3. Officer Reports

A draft of the audit will be sent to the Executive Committee, the Finance Chair, and the Controller. Cathy Pennington, the Controller, will present the report to the Finance Committee.

The overbudget request for the Survey, when approved by Finance, must go to the BOD. This can be done at the BOD meeting on Wednesday. The overbudget request for the vests will be handled the same way.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Durrant, USMS Secretary