

MINUTES
U.S. Masters Swimming
Board of Directors, Governance Committee
Phone Conference, April 5, 2010

Attendance: Anthony Thompson (chair), Meg Smath, Michael Moore, Nancy Ridout,
and Don Mehl.

Absent: Sean Fitzgerald

1. Minutes from 15-March-10 Governance Committee meeting approved and will be forward to USMS Secretary for posting on website.
2. Review information for stakeholders :
 - a. Current and Former Zone Rep/Chairs
 - b. USMS National Office
 - c. Current and Former VP of Local Operations
 - d. Various Zone website, policies, and Zone Committee documents
 - e. Governance Committee member (in previous meeting)
3. The Governance Committee reviewed all the stakeholder information and reach consensus that there are two key roles for the Zones:
 - a. Meet annually at convention (and may meet more frequently by telephone or otherwise between conventions) to discussion regional activities (per USMS article 503.2).
 - b. Provide nominations for at-large directors of the USMS BOD which helps assure some regional representation on the BOD. Since USMS BOD is composed of elected officers which have no regional representation requirements, the regional representation is needed via the at-large positions.
 - c. The previous third role served as regional representation on HOD Committees (now only Legislation and Rules Committees). The Governance Committee saw this regional representation unnecessary and appointments to these committees should be base on qualification of individual members. Governance Committee would propose bring the changes to 507.1.6 and 507.1.14 to the BOD, but did not see them as "emergency" legislation and to wait to formally submit the changes at the 2011 USMS/USAS convention.
 - d. All other activities are at the discretion of the Zones – to hold championships, keep records, collect and spend funds, and other in policies or listed in article 503.

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4. Governance also recognize that the position of Zone Chair may vary between the Zones and members of the Zone should be clear about what is expected of the Zone Chair, but no universal job description may be required.
5. There was no discussion over changing the boundaries of the current Zones.

Minutes drafted by Anthony Thompson, 5-April-2010.

Next meeting: Monday 19-April-2010 at 6pm Central Time, agenda will be provided soon.