

U.S. Masters Swimming — 2022 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Legislation Committee	Session #:	4
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chair:	Stephanie Gauzens
Minutes recorded by:	Douglas Sayles	Date/Time:	May 23, 2022, 7:30 p.m. EDT

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to initiate L-11 into the legislation package the committee will formally vote to advance at a later date.
2. MSA to initiate L-7.
3. MSA to initiate L-8.
4. MSA to initiate L-5.
5. MSA to initiate L-6.
6. MSA to initiate 504.2.4 as a standalone proposal.
7. MSA to initiate L-1.
8. MSA to initiate L-2.
9. MSA to initiate L-3 and L-4.
10. MSA to initiate L-10.

Number of voting committee members present: 10 # Absent: 2 # Guests: 0

Committee members present: Charles Cockrell, Rob Copeland, Diana Dolan LaMar, Jeffrey Enge, Stephanie Gauzens, Kirsten Hoffman, Teddy Palmer, Steve Peterson, Douglas Sayles, Meg Smath

Members absent: Kristof Kertesz, Patrick Weiss

Ex Officio present: Chris Colburn (VP Administration)

Ex Officio absent: Maria Elias (Legal Counsel), Mollie Grover (Rules Committee Chair), Dawson Hughes (CEO), Jessica Reilly (Sr. Director, Marketing Technology & Volunteer Services)

Minutes:

1. Roll Call

- a. The chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. EDT
- b. Quorum present.

2. Meeting Minutes

- a. The chair deferred consideration of the May 9 meeting minutes to the next committee meeting.

3. Renumbering of Draft Amendment Proposals

The March 10 online “sense of the committee” poll resulted in renumbering of the draft proposals as follows:

- a. **L-1 (504.2)** Clarifies the powers of the House of Delegates.
- b. **L-2 (504.3)** Clarifies the process for calling meetings of the HOD.
- c. **L-3 (Glossary)** Adds a definition of “Code” to the glossary to clarify this term and designate which operational portions of the rule book constitute the *Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition*.
- d. **L-4 (Glossary)** Adds a definition of “Housekeeping” to the glossary allowing non-substantive factual or stylistic corrections to the Code to occur outside of the annual meeting amendment process.
- e. **L-5 (601.1)** Clarifies the scope, timing, and jurisdiction of amendments to the Code at the annual meeting and changes to other elements of the rule book at any time. Moves the reference to dual-sanctioned meet guidelines to Part 2.
- f. **L-6 (507.1.6-8, 507.1.13)** Simplifies organization of the Code by putting all references to committee jurisdictions in Part 5 so we can address amendment processes in Part 6.
- g. **L-7 (502.7, 503.1)** Moves the LMSC and Zone names and boundaries from Appendix D into Part 5 to clarify that this information is subject to the same amendment process as the rest of the Code.

- h. **L-8 (507.1.7)** Streamlines amendment processes by reducing the number of jurisdictional committees, returning jurisdiction of LMSC and zone names and boundaries to the Legislation Committee.
- i. **L-9 (601.2-601.4)** Clarifies the amendment process by removing duplicative references to process and committee jurisdictions in Parts 5 and 6 and standardizes those provisions for all rulemaking committees in one place in Part 6.
- j. **L-10 (506.3.10, 601.5 new)** Standardizes and clarifies emergency amendment processes and deadlines at the annual meeting and between annual meetings.
- k. **L-11 (601.4.7, 601.4.8)** Clarifies the process for automatically adopting competition rule changes for conformity with USA Swimming and FINA rules unless they are not applicable to USMS.

4. Discussion of L-11

- a. MSA to initiate L-11 into the legislation package the committee will vote to advance at a later date.

5. Discussion of L-7 and L-8

- a. MSA (Rob, Kirsten) to initiate L-7.
- b. MSA (Rob, Teddy) to initiate L-8.

6. Discussion of L-5

- a. 601.1.3 Consensus that changes to the glossary should require concurrence by the jurisdictional VP.
- b. 601.1.4 Consensus that “standing committees” and the EC can edit the appendices at any time.
- c. 601.1.5 Deleted draft procedure for changing “other informational material.” Considered unnecessary.
- d. 202.1.1 Discussed whether to include Sanction Requirements in Part 2, Part 6, both parts, or an appendix. The sense of the committee was to include in Part 6.
- e. MSA (Steve, Rob) to initiate L-5.

7. Discussion of L-6

- a. Check the Legislation, Rules, and Open Water committee descriptions in article 507.1 of the rule book against the final L-6 wording to clarify jurisdiction over the glossary.
- b. MSA (Rob, Steve) to initiate L-6.

8. Discussion of L-1

- a. Discussed HOD retaining power to specify the method but not date, time, or place of the annual meeting.
- b. Discussed whether to reaffirm the HOD’s power to set fees in 504.2 or rely on existing copy in Part 2. The sense of the committee was to rely on Part 2. (There was no discussion of 508.2.)
- c. Chris suggested making 504.2.4 (granting the HOD the power to set the method of the annual meeting) a standalone proposal separate from the rest of L-1.
- d. The chair invited the board to submit a competing proposal that grants the BOD the power to set fees.
- e. MSA (Doug, Steve) to initiate 504.2.4 as a standalone proposal.
- f. MSA (Rob, Kirsten) to initiate L-1 (sans 504.2.4).

9. Discussion of L-2

- a. Charlie reported the legal counsel’s opinion that 504.3.1 is unnecessary. Removed without objection.
- b. MSA (Rob/Steve) motion to initiate L-2.

10. Discussion of L-3 and L-4

- a. MSA (Rob/Teddy) motion to initiate L-3 and L-4.

11. Discussion of L-10

- a. MSA (Rob/Kirsten) motion to initiate L-10

12. New business and suggested agenda topics

- a. There were no new amendments or agenda items proposed by Legislation Committee members.
- b. The next committee meeting will be in the second half of June (date & time TBD).

13. Adjournment

- a. MSA motion to adjourn.
- b. The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m. EDT