

U.S. Masters Swimming — 2024 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Legislation Committee	Session #:	3
Committee Chair:	Stephanie Gauzens	Vice Chair:	Kristof Kertesz
Minutes recorded by:	Stephanie Gauzens/Teddy Palmer	Date/Time:	July 18, 2024, 7:30pm eastern

Motions Passed:

1. **MSA** (Copeland, Kertesz) to approve the minutes of the June meeting
2. **MSA** (Palmer, Kertesz) to issue an interpretation of 201.3.5
3. **MSA** (Campbell, Copeland) to recommend L-9 for rejection to the HOD.
4. **MSA** (Kertesz, Sibilia) to recommend L-10 for rejection to the HOD.

Number of committee members present:	10	# Absent:	1	# Guests:	1
Committee members present:	Chris Campbell, Diana Dolan LaMar, Stephanie Gauzens, Kristoff Kertesz, Teddy Palmer, Rob Copeland, Meg Smath, Ahren Lehnert, Jane Moore, Maddie Sibilia,				
Ex Officio present:					
Absent:	Omar de Armas				
EC present:	Katie Kenyon (legal counsel), Ed Coates (President)				
Guests:	Paige Buehler				

Minutes:

1. **The chair called the meeting to order at 7:33pm eastern.**
 - a. Welcome and roll call. A quorum is present.
2. **Agenda for this meeting:**
 - a. Approve the minutes of our June meeting.
 - b. Reminder of the Legislative Meeting/Forum during the 2024 USMS Annual Meeting on August 29 from 8-9:30pm eastern.
 - c. Interpretation of 201.3.5
 - d. Discussion of 201.4.1
 - i. The Committee wrote proposal L-1 to delete 201.4 from the rule book.
 - ii. The Committee recommended L-1 for adoption to the HOD.
 - e. Discussion of L-9 from the Pacific Northwest LMSC
 - i. Proposal to require an in-person component for the annual meeting.
 - ii. While the Committee values the connections that can be made at an in-person meeting, it would be financially irresponsible to codify this in our rule book.
 - iii. The Committee recommended L-9 for rejection to the HOD.
 - f. Discussion of L-10 from the Oregon, Inland Northwest, Pacific Northwest, Snake River, Pacific, and San Diego Imperial LMSCs
 - i. Proposal to require the USMS Board of Directors to hold open meetings.
 - ii. The Committee received a memo from the Board of Directors detailing the reasons behind their decision to close their meetings and proposed open communication plan.
 - iii. While the Committee supports transparency, it is important to allow our Board of Directors the freedom they need to lead the organization. This is also a policy proposal, not something that should be codified into our rule book.
 - iv. The Committee recommended L-10 for rejection to the HOD.
3. **Adjournment:**
 - a. **MSA** (Copeland, Kertesz) motion to adjourn.

- b. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm eastern.