

ROLE OF THE USMS HOUSE OF DELEGATES (HOD)

Policy Statement

The House of Delegates of USMS is the ultimate legislative and fiscal body of the organization. It will meet at least annually in convention to hear and consider the matters within its authority. As such, its determinations will, of necessity, set the course of action for the Board of Directors (BOD), the Executive Committee (EC) and all professional staff for the year. Its organizational responsibility as the ultimate legislative and fiscal body is to be distinguished from the implementation and executive responsibilities of the BOD, the EC and the professional staff. The establishment of policy by the HOD does not prohibit the BOD from creating policy so long as such policy is not inconsistent with the organizational responsibilities of the HOD as set forth in the Bylaws of USMS or in other Policy that has been enacted by the HOD. The HOD, by electing and empowering officers and directors, should allow the EC, the BOD and the professional staff work to meet the established goals and objectives of the organization.

Code (Underlined is new. The rest is current code, renumbered.)

504.2 POWERS:

The powers of the House of Delegates shall be as follows:

504.2.1—To serve as the ultimate authoritative body of USMS, including receiving and approving all annual reports and activities.

504.2.2—To determine the policy objectives which shall govern USMS in all of its activities.

504.2.3—To admit to group membership or individual membership any organization or person eligible under this code and who applies.

504.2.4—To prescribe and amend the code for the government of USMS.

504.2.5—To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the code of USMS.

504.2.6—To call regular and special meetings of USMS and to fix the time, place and manner for holding all meetings not fixed by this code.

504.2.7—To collect and expend the monies of USMS.

504.2.8—To institute, locate, conduct, and manage all national championship meets.

504.2.9—To explain, define, and interpret any provisions of the code or other rules of USMS, including the rules of competition.

504.2.10—To delegate responsibility and authority to other USMS entities as prescribed in USMS code and by USMS policy.

504.2.11—The following powers are fully the responsibility of the HOD and shall not be delegated:

A. Election of officers and directors (Note: the nomination and election procedures may be delegated.)

B. The ratification of amendments to the USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition.

C. The review and approval of the annual Budget.

504.2.12—To create, modify or disband standing committees as is appropriate and beneficial to the corporation.