

**April 30, 2009 Governance Committee Call  
Notes**

Committee members present: Patty Miller, Nancy Ridout, Michael Moore, Don Mehl, Sean Fitzgerald, Anthony Thompson

Communications Plan

We discussed contacts that have been had with Mark Gill to date and the continuing need to have conference calls with the chairs of some of the committees he oversees that are proposed for elimination. Michael will follow up on a possible call with Communications on May 10. Anthony will contact Mark Gill to pursue a call with International.

507.2.6 – Fitness Education

Nancy had sent by e-mail prior to the meeting changes to the wording of this committee description that were proposed by Marcia Anziano, the committee chair. The governance committee decided to strike the words “and assess” from the current committee description. We decided not to make Marcia’s proposed changes. If Marcia or the Fitness Education Committee fees strongly about this legislative change, the committee is free to propose it to Legislation.

507.2.10 – Open Water and Long Distance Committee

Sean will get us the draft language for creation of an OW/LD Rules Committee before our next meeting. The group decided to strike the sentence in the existing OW/LD description that specifies the maximum committee size and instead replace it with the generic wording from other committee descriptions that calls for there being sufficient members to conduct the business of the committee. The concern was that the number specification is more consistent with a rule-making or legislative committee and there is a tendency to appoint up to the maximum.

LMSC Development Committee

The group decided to strike language from this new provision that calls for the VP of Local Operations to act as the committee chair. There is already language in section 507.2 stating that the divisional VP for a committee shall be an ex officio member and that should suffice for this new committee.

507.2.12 – Officials Committee

No change

#### 507.2.13 – Recognition and Awards Committee

No change

#### 507.2.14 – Records and Tabulation Committee

No change

#### 507.2.15 – Registration Committee

We noted that there had been some discussion at the mid-year BOD meeting of altering the wording of the mission for this committee. But this need not be done in the rules. However, it was noted that the committee description refers to the committee developing “policies and procedures”. We decided to strike “policies and”, as policy-making is a Board responsibility. Instead, we decided to recognize the committee’s expertise in registration matters and add a clause to the end of the first sentence in the rule that states “and advise the Board of Directors on registration policies.”

#### 507.2.16 – Rules Committee

We discussed whether to change the title or description of this committee to specify that it covers pool rules, since we will now have an OW/LD Rules Committee as well. However, since the committee’s jurisdiction over Part 1 is specifically stated in the rule, we felt it was unnecessary to further specify the committee’s pool focus in the committee name or rule.

#### 507.2.17 – Sports Medicine and Science Committee

No change

#### Next Steps and Timeline

Next steps were determined to be:

- Sean to send draft of OW/LD Rules description
- In preparation for our next meeting regarding board structure, Patty will look for any summary of the visioning exercise from the BOD mid-year meeting with feedback from the break-out groups.
- Everyone to look at Articles 505 and 506 of the rules in preparation for the next meeting.

The deadline for submission of legislative proposals is July 10. Therefore, we decided to finish review and mark-up of rules regarding the board, officers and HOD by the end of May and to schedule a board meeting (with legislative drafts being sent to the board ahead of time) to seek board input on the proposed legislation.

The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2009.