

**April 9, 2009 Governance Committee Call  
Notes**

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

507.2 – Standing Committees

Add clause to second-to-last sentence: “Standing committees shall conduct business as necessary throughout the year and shall meet in conjunction with the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.”

Should there be committee term limits? We will discuss in our next meeting.

Strike the sentence that allows committee definitions to name other ex officio positions, since if the committee definitions do so, it doesn't need to be stated in the standing committees preamble.

Move the sentence about the President appointing associate members so that it immediately precedes the sentence about associate and ex officio members having voice but no vote.

507.2.1 – Championship Committee

Some questioned the purpose of the last sentence regarding members without national championship experience. Michael will talk to Mark Moore about the purpose and current committee view of this requirement.

Given the HOD's changes to 104.3.6 last year allowing the Championship Committee to award championship bids, 504.2.9 will need to be changed to remove that responsibility from the list of HOD powers.

507.2.2 – Coaches Committee

No change

507.2.3 – Communications Committee

Strike per the outcome of the BOD mid-year meeting

507.2.4 – Publications Management Committee

Strike per the outcome of the BOD mid-year meeting

507.2.5 – Finance Committee

Strike per the outcome of the BOD mid-year meeting. But will also need to state somewhere else in Part 5 where these powers will reside, such as a Board power in 506.4

#### 507.2.6 – Fitness Committee

The title of this rule should have been changed after last year's convention to Fitness Education Committee. Sean will check with Leo regarding the status of revised rules to properly reflect last year's legislation changes.

Nancy had a question about "and assess" in the committee description. She will discuss it with Marcia Anziano, who was a proponent of this language in Legislation last year.

#### 507.2.7 – History and Archives Committee

This description will be maintained, but we need to add the following sentence regarding composition so it is consistent with other committee descriptions: "The committee shall consist of the committee chair and sufficient members to execute the committee function."

There was suggestion at the mid-year Board meeting that there should be language added to this rule about the committee obtaining photo permissions, but that is more appropriate for policy or MOGs and should not be added to code.

#### 507.2.8 – International Committee

Strike per the outcome of the BOD mid-year meeting. However, we will still need a volunteer pool or policy committee for international activities.

#### 507.2.9 – Legislation Committee

No change.

Next meeting will be on April 16. We will start with the Open Water and Long Distance Committee. Before then, Patty will talk to Rob Butcher and Mark Gill about the status of the national office taking on management of postals and open water national championships.