

*This report is divided into three sections: those reported favorably (recommended) by the Legislation Committee, those reported favorably as amended (recommended) by the Legislation committee, and those not reported favorably (not recommended) by the Legislation Committee.*

**I. The following proposals were reported out favorably by the Legislation Committee. They require a simple majority of the HOD to pass.**

<b>L01</b>	Glossary			
<b>Approve</b>	Approve as Amended	Fail	Withdrawn	

**Should**—recommended but not mandatory.

<b>L03</b>	Article 202.1.1—Sanction Requirements			
<b>Approve</b>	Approve as Amended	Fail	Withdrawn	

202.1.1F(4) Sanctioned events may be conducted in facilities not meeting the dimensional tolerance for required pool length, but the results of those events shall not count for USMS records and Top 10. It must be noted in the meet information that events conducted in these facilities are noncompliant.

<b>L04</b>	Article 202.2. RECOGNIZED EVENTS			
<b>Approve</b>	Approve as Amended	Fail	Withdrawn	

**202.2. RECOGNIZED EVENTS**

Times achieved at recognized events shall be considered for USMS national records and Top 10 times if a designated USMS observer is present and verifies in writing that the conduct of the competition conforms to the relevant USMS swimming rules and administrative regulations. USMS membership is not required for swimmers entered in recognized events. Times achieved by USMS members at events sanctioned by USA Swimming ~~or a FINA member federation~~ shall be considered for USMS national records and Top 10 times without formal application for recognition. Times achieved by USMS members at events sanctioned by a FINA member federation shall be considered for USMS national records and Top 10 times without formal application for recognition if the USMS member(s) register for the meet as USMS members. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to submit times obtained in recognized events with complete documentation to the appropriate LMSC Top 10 recorder and the Records and Tabulation Committee chair.

**202.2.1—Recognition**

**E** The conduct of a recognized event shall conform to relevant USMS swimming rules and administrative regulations; including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) Articles 101  
Or Article 108

Starts, Strokes and Relays  
(Swimmers with a Disability)

(2) Article 103.12.3

Timing Resolution

(3) Articles 103.13.1, 103.13.2  
103.13.3, 103.13.4, and 103.13.6

Official Time

(4) Articles 105.1, 105.2.1, 105.2.2A,  
105.3.2, 105.3.7A, and 105.3.10

Records and Top 10 Times

(5) Articles 107.2.1, 107.2.3A,  
107.3, 107.11.1, 107.11.2, and  
107.13

Minimum Standards for Facilities

(6) Relay leadoff split times that conform to 103.13.1 and 105.2.2A will be recognized for events listed in 102.5. USMS membership is not required for the other members of the relay team and the relay event itself need not conform to 102.5.

*Other articles that would require changing in order to maintain consistency:*

**202.1.1—Sanction Requirements**

202.1.1F(3)

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(3) Sanctioned events may include nonconforming events ... USMS records and Top 10 times shall not be maintained in nonconforming events- , except for initial distances and relay leadoff split times for distances that are also defined in 102.5.

<b>L12</b>	Article 507.2.4—Editorial Committee			
<b>Approve</b>	Approve as Amended	Fail	Withdrawn	


507.2.4—Editorial Committee

~~The Editorial Committee shall consist of the committee chair; one representative from each of the following committees: Marketing, Finance and Sports Medicine, Health and Safety; and additional members to ensure representation from each division. The USMS national publication editor and the USMS webmaster/IT director shall be ex-officio members. The committee shall manage all USMS publishing activities and shall set publishing policy. The committee shall support the operations staff handling the separate elements of USMS publications. The committee shall work with representatives from the publishers of the USMS national publication on magazine-related activities.~~

**Replace With:**

**507.2.4—Publications Management Committee**

The Publications Management Committee shall manage all USMS publishing activities and shall set publishing policy. The committee shall develop and maintain or promote the development and maintenance of publications that  
a) support USMS’s values and operating principles, b) provide benefits and information services for all USMS members, c) provide viable marketing tools, where appropriate, d) provide an income source for USMS, where possible and e) employ the most current industry standards for design, style, editorial content and usability, where appropriate. The committee shall establish working relationships with and support the volunteer and professional staff developing USMS publications, including the publishers of the USMS national publication, web operations personnel, committees that publish information for USMS and National Office personnel. The committee shall consist of the committee chair and sufficient members to execute the committee function. Members shall have the requisite skills to accomplish tasks as defined by the committee’s objectives and goals. USMS professional staff with responsibility for publications shall be ex-officio members.

<b>L15</b>	 Article 507.2.8—International Committee			
<b>Approve</b>	Approve as Amended	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.8—International Committee**

The International Committee shall promote communication with Masters swimmers throughout the world, facilitate USMS members’ participation in international events and encourage the participation of foreign Masters swimmers in USMS events. The USMS liaison to the Union Americana de Natacion (UANA) Amateur Swimming Union of the Americas (ASUA) representative and the USMS liaison to FINA representative shall be ex-officio members. The International Committee shall identify opportunities for and provide support to USMS in bidding to host international events and facilitate and support local organizing committees when USMS hosts an international event. The committee shall promote international communications and USMS members’ participation in international meets, open water events and postal swims. The committee shall also serve as a resource for the USMS membership concerning differences between USMS and international competitions. The committee shall consist of the committee chair and sufficient members to execute the committee function.

<b>L18</b>	Article 507.2.13—Planning Committee			
<b>Approve</b>	Approve as Amended	Fail	Withdrawn	

507.2.13—Planning Committee. Remove section and renumber.

<b>L28</b>	Article 507.2.12—Officials Committee			
<b>Approve</b>	Approve as Amended	Fail	Withdrawn	

The Officials Committee shall ~~develop policies and procedures to assure that all USMS sanctioned events are~~ be responsible for conducting training, education and certification programs to ensure that the competitive program offered to USMS members is conducted with the highest standard of professional officiating and in full conformance with the USMS swimming rules and regulations. The committee shall consist of the committee chair and sufficient members to execute the committee function.

**II. The following proposals were reported out favorably by the Legislation Committee, as amended. They require a simple majority of the HOD to pass.**

<b>L06</b>	Article 502: LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE (LMSC)			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

Article 502: LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMING COMMITTEE (LMSC)

The Local Masters Swimming Committee is a division of the corporation with supervisory responsibilities within a specified geographic territory.

Glossary

**LMSC**—~~Local Masters Swimming Committee, a division of the corporation, with supervisory responsibilities within a specified geographic territory.~~

<b>L07</b>	Article 502.8. Financial Controls			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

502.8. FINANCIAL CONTROLS

LMSC funds shall not be commingled with funds of USMS clubs, individual members or any other person or entity.

<b>L08</b>	Article 502.9. LMSC Championship Meets			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

502.9. LMSC CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

Each LMSC may conduct championship meets, but pool meets identified as such ~~shall~~ should not be scheduled beginning the weekend before, through and including the weekend following the USMS Short Course and Long Course National Championship Meets.

503.5. ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

Each zone may conduct zone championship meets, but meets identified as such ~~shall~~ should not be scheduled beginning the weekend before, through and including the weekend following the USMS Short Course and Long Course National Championship Meets.

<b>L09</b>	Article 507.2.1—Championship Committee			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.1—Championship Committee**

~~The Championship Committee shall consist of the committee chair and at least three members who have had experience in overseeing a national championship meet and two members without such experience. The Championship Ceommittee shall serve in an advisory capacity to national championship hosts and make recommendations and decisions that enhance the quality of championship meets. The committee shall solicit and receive bid proposals, review bids and make recommendations to the House of Delegates regarding sites for national championship meets. The Championship committee shall consist of the committee chair and at least three members who have had experience in overseeing a national championship meet and two members without such experience.~~

<b>L10</b>	Article 507.2.2—Coaches Committee			
<b>Approve</b>	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.2—Coaches Committee**

The Coaches Committee shall recruit, educate and support coaches for USMS members. develop programs and tools to enhance the quality of Masters swimming programs and coaching. The committee shall provide for the

~~recognition of outstanding Masters swimming coaches and programs, and may serve in an advisory capacity to other USMS committees and officers on coaching issues. The committee shall consist of the committee chair and sufficient members to execute the committee function.~~

<b>L11</b>	Article 507.2.3—Communications Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.3—Communications Committee**

~~The Communications Committee shall consist of the committee chair, the rule book coordinator, the chair of the Editorial Committee and at least eight other members. The national publication editor and the webmaster/IT director shall be ex officio members. The committee shall plan and provide guidance for communications with the general membership and shall interact with all USMS committees and LMSCs to develop communications that promote the healthy lifestyle of Masters swimming, highlight the benefits of membership and provide ongoing feedback and information regarding USMS programs. The Communications Committee shall interact with the Board of Directors to create an overall communication strategy and to support its implementation execution of that plan. The strategy shall define channels for communication with the general membership, USMS clubs, LMSCs and USMS committees. The Communications committee shall consist of the committee chair, the rule book coordinator, the chair of the Editorial Committee and at least eight other members. The national publication editor and the webmaster/IT director shall be ex-officio members.~~

<b>L13</b>	Article 507.2.5—Finance Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.5—Finance Committee**

~~The purpose of the Finance Committee is to shall advise the Corporation on investment policy, fund management, budget, financial management and capital expenditures with a focus on improving the Corporation's services to its members in accordance with the charter of the Finance Committee.~~

~~The Finance Committee shall consist of the committee chair and no more than 16 additional members, with at least one member from each zone. The treasurer, the internal auditor and the controller shall serve as ex officio members of the committee.~~

~~The Finance Committee shall advise the Corporation on investment policy, fund management, budget, financial management and operations and capital expenditures. And to serve as a provide support function to all member service functions within the USMS organization. The committee shall develop policies pertaining to the financial affairs of USMS. The committee shall receive and review annual reports form the internal auditor, controller and treasurer; The committee shall and review and submit the USMS budget for the next fiscal period to the House of Delegates for approval. The committee shall provide support to USMS services, groups and members in need of the committee's financial skills and knowledge.~~

~~The Finance committee shall consist of the committee chair and no more than 16 additional members, with at least one member from each zone. The treasurer, the internal auditor and the controller shall serve as ex officio members of the committee.~~

The Finance Committee shall:

- ~~A— Develop policies pertaining to the financial affairs of USMS.~~
- ~~B— Receive and review the annual reports of the internal auditor, treasurer and controller.~~
- ~~C— Prepare or cause to be prepared a summary of the above reports to be presented to the House of Delegates at each annual convention.~~
- ~~D— Annually receive and compile all budget requests from each officer and committee for the next fiscal year.~~
- ~~E— At each annual convention, prepare USMS's budget for the next fiscal period and submit same to the House of Delegates for approval.~~

<b>L14</b>	Article 507.2.6—Fitness Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.6—Fitness Education Committee**

~~The Fitness Education Committee shall study and develop fitness swimming activities for the general membership at the national level, and encourage such activities at the local level. The committee shall educate adults on the fitness~~

~~benefits of swimming promote and assess the fitness, health and lifestyle benefits of Masters swimming. The committee shall consist of the committee chair and sufficient members to execute the committee function.~~

<b>L16</b>	Article 507.2.9—Legislation Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.9—Legislation Committee**

~~The Legislation Committee shall consist of the committee chair and no more than 16 additional members, with at least one member from each zone. The Rules Committee chair and the rule book coordinator shall be ex officio members of the committee. The Legislation Committee may initiate and shall receive, consider and report proposed amendments, and shall report them, with the committee’s recommendations, at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, in accordance with the provisions of Part 6, which includes proposed changes to: Code of Regulations, Organizing Principles, Glossary, Part 2: Administrative Regulations of Competition, Part 4: Athlete’s Rights, Hearings and Appeals, Part 5: United States Masters Swimming Inc. Organization and Bylaws, Part 6: Amendment Procedures and Appendix D: Zone and LMSC Boundaries. The committee may interpret and render opinions regarding any provision of the rules and regulations of USMS within the committee’s jurisdiction as defined in article 601.1. The Legislation committee shall consist of the committee chair and no more than 16 additional members, with at least one member from each zone. The Rules Committee chair and the rule book coordinator shall be ex-officio members of the committee.~~

<b>L17</b>	Article 507.2.10—Long Distance Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.10—Open Water and Long Distance Committee**

~~The Long Distance Committee shall consist of the committee chair and no more than 16 additional members, with at least one member from each zone. The rule book coordinator shall be an ex officio member of the committee. The chair shall serve as the USMS liaison to the USA Swimming Open Water Committee. The Open Water and Long Distance Committee shall solicit and review bid proposals and select the sites for the long distance championship events. The committee shall work in a coordinating and advisory capacity with event hosts and make recommendations to enhance the quality of long distance championship events. The committee may initiate and shall consider proposed amendments, and shall report them, with the committee’s recommendations, at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, in accordance with the provisions of Part 6. The committee shall maintain records and select the All-American Long Distance and Long Distance All-Star Teams. The committee may interpret and render opinions regarding any provision of the rules and regulations of USMS within the committee’s jurisdiction as defined in article 601.1. The Long Distance committee shall consist of the committee chair and no more than 16 additional members, with at least one member from each zone. The rule book coordinator shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. The chair shall serve as the USMS liaison to the USA Swimming Open Water Committee.~~

<b>L19</b>	Article 507.2.14—Recognition and Awards Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.14—Recognition and Awards Committee**

~~The Recognition and Awards Committee shall consist of the committee chair, USMS registered Ransom J. Arthur Award recipients and additional members to assure age and zone representation. The Recognition and Awards Committee shall review and approve proposals for all official USMS awards and. The committee shall maintain a history of award recipients. The Recognition and Awards committee shall consist of the committee chair and 16 or more members with at least eight Ransom J. Arthur award recipients and additional members to include one member from each of the following committees: Coaches Committee, Long Distance Committee, Records and Tabulation Committee and the History and Archives Committee. USMS registered Ransom J. Arthur recipients and additional members to assure age and zone representation.~~

<b>L20</b>	Article 507.2.16—Registration Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.16—Registration Committee**

~~The Registration Committee shall include the committee chair, one member from each zone and one member at large. The committee shall develop policies and procedures for registration and LMSC registrars, inventory registration materials, communicate with the LMSC registrars and assist in evaluating the registration function of the~~

~~national office. The Registration Committee shall develop effective policies and procedures for registering provide efficient methods for renewing membership and gaining new members. for our organization. The Committee members shall work with assist LMSC registrars within their zones to and communicate current policies and procedures. The Registration committee shall include consist of the committee chair, one member from each zone and one member-at-large.~~

<b>L21</b>	507.2.17—Rules Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.17—Rules Committee**

~~The Rules Committee shall consist of the committee chair and no more than 16 additional members, with at least one member from each zone. The Legislation Committee chair, the rule book coordinator and the Officials Committee chair shall be ex-officio members of the committee. The Rules Committee shall assure that the competitive rules in Part 1 of the USMS rules and regulations provide for fair and equitable competition in the best interests of all USMS members and that members are informed of current rules, interpretations and changes. The Rules Ceommittee may initiate and shall accept, consider and report proposed amendments, and shall report them, with the committee’s recommendations, at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, in accordance with the provisions of Part 6. The committee may interpret and render opinions regarding any provision of the rules and regulations of USMS within the committee’s jurisdiction as defined in article 601.1. The committee shall consist of the committee chair and no more than 16 additional members, with at least one member from each zone. The Legislation Committee chair, the rule book coordinator, the Officials Committee chair and the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Committee chair shall be ex-officio members of the committee.~~

<b>L22</b>	Article 507.2.18—Sports Medicine, Health and Safety Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.18—Sports Medicine, Health and Safety Science Committee**

~~The Sports Medicine, Health and Safety Science Committee shall advise USMS and educate its members and the public on topics of health, sports medicine and safety sports science. The committee shall conduct, stimulate and encourage research in health, medicine and safety pertaining to Masters swimming. The committee shall consist of the committee chair and sufficient members to execute the committee function.~~

<b>L23</b>	Article 507.2.19—Zone Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.2.19—Zone Committee**

~~A The Zone Committee shall consist of the vice president of local operations, who shall serve as chair, plus a representative from each zone elected by the delegates from each LMSC within that zone.  
 B The Zone Ceommittee shall enhance communications between the National Office and LMSCs, and between USMS committees and LMSCs. The committee shall carry out the responsibilities assigned to it by the policies of the House of Delegates, the president, the USMS Code of Regulations and the stated needs of the LMSCs. C The Zone Committee shall develop and maintain election operating guidelines pertaining to the conduct of USMS national elections. The Zone committee shall consist of the vice president of local operations, who shall serve as chair, plus a representative from each zone elected by the delegates from each LMSC within that zone.~~

<b>L24</b>	Appendix D: LMSC Boundaries			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

~~Breadbasket—Co Io, Iowa, Midwestern, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ozark, South Dakota, Wyoming.~~

p. 154 29 MW Midwestern 29 NB Nebraska

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~~Iowa—The state of Iowa. except the counties of Lyon, Osceola, Sioux, O’Brien, Plymouth, Cherokee, Woodbury, Ida, Monona, Crawford, Harrison, Shelby, Pottawattamie, Mills, Montgomery, Fremont and Page.~~

~~Midwestern Nebraska~~—The state of Nebraska. ~~In the state of Iowa the counties of Lyon, Osceola, Sioux, O'Brien, Plymouth, Cherokee, Woodbury, Ida, Monona, Crawford, Harrison, Shelby, Pottawattamie, Mills, Montgomery, Fremont and Page.~~

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**Area 2**—Area 2 shall be composed of the following LMSCs: Arizona, Arkansas, Border, Colorado, Gulf, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, ~~Midwestern~~, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, North Texas, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ozark, South Dakota, South Texas, Southeastern, Southern, Utah and Wisconsin.

p. 160 See attached map.

Note that all page with changes would require that Nebraska be placed appropriately in alpha order.

All portions of L24 will be effective November 1, 2007.

<b>L25</b>	Appendix D: LMSC Boundaries			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

~~Colorado~~—The states of Colorado and Wyoming.  
~~Wyoming~~—The state of Wyoming.

**BIDDING AREAS FOR LONG DISTANCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS**

**Area 1**—Area 1 shall be composed of the following LMSCs: Alaska, Hawaii, Inland Northwest, Montana, Oregon, Pacific, Pacific Northwest, San Diego-Imperial, Snake River and Southern Pacific ~~and Wyoming.~~

All portions of L25 will be effective November 1, 2007.

<b>L27</b>	Article 201.2.2—Club Membership Forms			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**201.2.2—Club Membership Forms**  
 Membership forms for clubs may be obtained from the registrar of the LMSC. Renewal forms will be accepted September 1 for the next registration year. ~~The form, fully-completed, form~~ shall be submitted with the applicable fee to the registrar of the LMSC. The National Office shall issue a certificate of club membership.

<b>L29</b>	Article 507.2.11—Marketing Committee			
Approve	<b>Approve as Amended</b>	Fail	Withdrawn	

**507.211—Marketing Committee**  
 The Marketing Committee shall define the marketing and communications goals and objectives that ~~are supportive of promote~~ the purpose and philosophy of Masters swimming to target external audiences, and shall execute the activities necessary to accomplish these goals and objectives. The committee shall consist of the committee chair and sufficient members to execute the committee function.

**III. The following proposals were NOT reported out favorably by the Legislation Committee. They require a 2/3 majority of the HOD to pass.**

<b>L02</b>	Article 201.2. MEMBERSHIP OF CLUBS			
Approve	Approve as Amended	<b>Fail</b>	Withdrawn	

**Article 201.2. MEMBERSHIP OF CLUBS [Page 51]**  
 Member clubs are organizations or groups of permanent character currently registered with USMS through its LMSCs and that actively promote and participate in Masters swimming. For competition at National Championship Meets, a regional club shall consist of those meet entrants who are registered with a USMS club that includes separate entities that compete within its own LMSC. (i) includes 40% or more of the LMSC's registered members, and (ii) does not have centralized management and a single operating account to pay coaches and other expenses such as pool rental fees. ~~The Zone Championship Committee is responsible for publishing~~ shall publish the list of

regional clubs on the USMS National Championship Meet Information webpage no later than February 15 of each year. A USMS club choosing to challenge its designation must file an appeal with the Chair of the Championship Committee at least 60 days prior to the first day of competition at the National Championship Meet.

Article 104: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS

**Article 104.5.7—Awards** [page 35]

**C Team awards**—The organization conducting the national championship meet shall provide awards ~~to the first through tenth place winners in the women’s, men’s and combined categories.~~ Based on meet entries, the Championship Committee may provide awards in up to five places in each of the following men’s, women’s and combined categories for both Regional Team and Club Team Divisions: Large, medium and small, with a team’s placement in one of these categories determined by the number of swimmers that are entered in the meet. The number of entrants for a large, medium and small team will be determined by the Championship Committee after the close of entries.

<b>L26</b>	Appendix D: LMSC Boundaries		
Approve	Approve as Amended	<b>Fail</b>	Withdrawn

**Illinois**—The state of Illinois except the counties of St. Clair, Calhoun, Greene, Jackson, Jersey, Monroe and Madison.

**Ozark**—The state of Missouri east of and including the counties of Scotland, Knox, Shelby, Monroe, Pike, Montgomery, Osage, Miller, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Douglas and Ozark. In the state of Illinois, the counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jackson, Jersey, Madison, St. Clair and Monroe.