

# USMS Convention — Jacksonville, Florida 2014

<b>Committee Name:</b> Legislation	<b>Session #:</b> 1	<b>Report #:</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Meg Smath	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Sean Fitzgerald	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Meg Smath	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> 9/18/14 6:45-8:00 p.m.	

## Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

- 1.

## Motions Passed:

- 1.

**Number of committee members present: 11**                      **Absent: 3**                      **Number of other delegates present: 10**

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Meg Smath, Brian Albright, Teddy Palmer, Marcia Anziano, Rob Copeland, Daniel Cox, Richard Garza, Mary Hull, Arni Litt, Erin Sullivan, Frank Thompson; EC liaison Ed Tsuzuki**

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

1. Committee members introduced themselves.
2. Meg noted that one of our absent members was Debbie Morrin-Nordlund, a longtime member who passed away in the spring. She is much missed.
3. The Michigan LMSC clarified that the "emergency proposal" they submitted was actually intended only as a request for an interpretation of article 201.2, "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." Their position is that "the phrase 'through its LMSCs' ... should be interpreted literally, such that club (and workout group) registration may only occur when an interested group contacts the LMSC and makes appropriate application." Before convention Meg had been asked for her interpretation, which was that "through its LMSCs" means that administratively all clubs are affiliated with an LMSC, and not that an LMSC has exclusive jurisdiction over their registration. The committee voted unanimously to concur with Meg's interpretation.
4. Registration Committee chair Leo Letendre had informed Meg that his committee intended to submit an emergency proposal to clarify article 201.3.5, which deals with declaring unattached status during a swim meet. The consensus of the committee was that it did not seem to be an emergency, but if such a proposal is received, the Legislation Committee will consider it at its second meeting on Saturday morning.
5. During the next year the committee will review the sections of the rule book under its jurisdiction to determine if any amendments are necessary. Meg will also contact the Governance Committee to ask it to review the interaction between the Legislation, Rules, and Open Water/Long Distance Committees.
6. Vice Chair Sean Fitzgerald was elected to the Board of Directors as the at-large delegate from the Dixie Zone earlier in the day during the House of Delegates, and therefore does not intend to continue as vice chair. Meg asked that any committee member interested in being vice chair contact her after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.