

U.S. Masters Swimming — 2022 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Legislation Committee	Session #:	8
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chair:	Stephanie Gauzens
Minutes recorded by:	Douglas Sayles	Date/Time:	August 15, 2022, 7:30 p.m. EDT

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to approve the July 13 meeting minutes.

Number of voting committee members present: 10 # Absent: 2 # Guests: 25

Committee members present: Charles Cockrell, Stephanie Gauzens, Kirsten Hoffman, Diana Dolan LaMar, Kristof Kertes, Teddy Palmer, Steve Peterson, Douglas Sayles, Meg Smath, Patrick Weiss

Committee Members absent: Rob Copeland, Jeffrey Enge

Ex Officio present: Chris Colburn (VP Administration), Maria Elias (Legal Counsel)

Ex Officio absent: Mollie Grover (Rules Committee Chair), Dawson Hughes (CEO), Jessica Reilly (Sr. Director, Business Operations)

Guests: Alina de Armas, Omar de Armas, Bob Anderson, Lina Bot, Bob Bruce, Paige Buehler, Caycee Buscaglia, Nadine Day, Sally Dillon, Marilyn Fink, Christina Fox, Judy Gillies, Jeremy Gross, Donn Livoni, Jim Miller, Patty Miller, Barb Protzman, Phyllis Quinn, Sandi Rousseau, Maddie Sibilia, Robin Smith, Carrie Stolar, Frank Thompson, Jason Weis, Ben (?)

Minutes:

1. Roll Call

- a. The chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. EDT
- b. Quorum present.

2. Meeting Minutes

- a. MSA (Steve/Diana) to approve the minutes of the July 13 meeting.

3. Legislative Package for 2022 Annual Meeting

- a. Steve motioned to reconsider the committee's recommendation of L-20, which amends article 507.1.11 to decrease the number of past Ransom J. Arthur Award recipients on the Recognition & Awards Committee. No second. Motion not considered. The chair stated his willingness, time allowing, to hear from the non-committee member whose concerns Steve procedurally attempted to air.
- b. The chair provided an overview of the rationale and evolution behind legislative proposals [L-1 through L-14](#), which originated within the committee.
- c. The chair reviewed legislative proposals [L-15 through L-20](#), which originated outside the committee, and noted that L-20 was received after the submission deadline and thereby required a two-thirds vote of the committee to recommend.
- d. Bob Anderson said he did not realize that L-3 and L-4 were an either/or proposition and suggested holding a separate House of Delegates session for the board of directors to explain why the board, not the HOD, should determine the method of the USMS annual meeting moving forward.
- e. Sandi Rousseau spoke for Sally Dillon (who had connection issues) regarding L-20, noting alleged inaccurate and misleading statements in the rationale. Sally then came on the call, explained her concerns, and described a process within the R&A Committee that, in her opinion, precluded due consideration of the alleged inaccuracies before the R&A committee's final vote. The chair said he would ask R&A if it wanted to alter the rationale; if not, Sally could state her concerns during the HOD legislation session.
- f. The chair stated that the upcoming Legislation Forum will be an opportunity for members to ask questions and voice opinions about the proposals, not a meeting to formally reconsider or amend them.
- g. The chair thanked the committee members and the other committees he consulted during the past 10 months for their contributions and help bringing this year's legislative package to fruition.

4. Other Business

- a. No new business.
- b. The next committee meeting will be the annual meeting [Legislation Forum](#) on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 8 p.m. EDT. The meeting will be open to all current USMS members.

5. Adjournment

- a. **MSA** (Steve/Stephanie) motion to adjourn.
- b. The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. EDT