

Committee Name:	Convention Feedback and Comments/Recommendations	Session #:	Report #:
Committee Chair:	Nadine Day	Vice Chair:	
Minutes recorded by:	Chris Colburn	Date/time of meeting:	September 20, 2014 4pm EDT

Motions Passed:

None.

Number of committee members present:	Absent:	Number of other delegates present: 57
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm EDT by President Nadine Day.

1. Ginger Pierson (OR): Please provide feedback if someone is not named to a committee or removed from a committee. Nadine provided some background clarification.
2. Phyllis Quinn (PC): Possibly only pull reports for discussion and have a consent agenda for other committee reports.
3. Lynn Morrison (NT): Needed more clarification on the Rules Forum. Looking for a way to foster better discussion and feedback.
4. Jane Moore (PN): Agrees with Phyllis, but wants the Committee Chairs to have 3-5 minutes to summarize what they've done over the year.
5. Leo Letendre (CT): Could we zip the files together daily instead of having to download them one at a time.
6. Carolyn Boak (GU) suggested that the rules forum happen earlier (after a short rules meeting) so Rules would know what they were voting on ahead of time.
7. Jacks Cole (SP): Please offer more food options for those with dietary restrictions.
8. Susan Nolte (CO): Please do a better job of promoting the vendors in attendance at Convention.
9. Debbie Cavanaugh (FG): It wasn't clear what the LMSC Round Tables were and what the workshops were all about. Need more bio break time. 6:45pm meetings were a little late with no dinner break.
10. Tom Boak (GU): Expanded on his comment about Rules.
11. Richard Garza (FG): Scheduling is improved. Recommend Legislation forum earlier like earlier Rules forum. New delegate acknowledgment is good, but also point out younger (millennial) delegates as new blood in the organization. Ed Tsuzuki asked for clarification.
12. Debbie Cavanaugh (FG): In previous years we stood the house up in terms of seniority. Maintaining our history is important, as is recognizing those who have come to many conventions.
13. Allison Ware (SE): Line up meeting start times and break times better. Thought the Rules preparation was plenty of time.
14. Sandra (MN): Task force to target growth in general for people under 35.
15. MJ Caswell (OR): We need to recruit volunteers across all age groups.
16. Katherine Longwell (AM): Offer dryland to more people, possibly at the pool to ease lane crowding at the pool. Have a dryland workshop at times other than at workout times.
17. Sandi Rousseau (OR): Rules and Legislation forums in the HOD was good. Internet access worked well. Enjoyed dryland sessions in the hotel for those not swimming. More food options this year than other years – it's not the LMSC's obligation to feed us. We need more direction on the LMSC Round Tables.
18. Chris Campbell (PC): Morning workouts are typically run by members of the Coaches Committee. Please schedule Coaches not back-to-back with morning workouts.
19. James Biles (WI): IT challenges: Maybe there should be an IT policy to limit network usage and type of usage during the Convention. Take steps to ensure reliability of network services. Notifications of minutes uploads via text, email, or Twitter feed.

20. Jessica Seaton (SP): Concerned about food issues, and the ability of small LMSCs to support the requested food options. The Sports Medicine lecture didn't reflect the available food choices. Instead of burdening the LMSC with the food choices, task the National Office with helping the LMSC with nutrition choices and the finances for them.
21. Jeanne Ensign (PN): USMS supports the LMSC's food bill. Nadine asked a show of hands of LMSCs that don't reimburse for food.
22. Matt Hooper (FG): Bring back an option to sort the meeting minutes by date. Please enlarge presenters' font sizes so they can be read in the back of the room.
23. Paige Buehler (INW): Thanks to all who participated in "peer-to-peer live." Sheets are on the table. Liked the coupon that USAS provided and the window of time (breakfast or lunch) and dollar amount.
24. George Simon (NC): Enjoyed the ability to look at minutes online. Please ensure page numbers go on each multi-page report.
25. Richard Garza (FG): IT/Text Notifications: remind.com is a free resource that can send a text message to subscribers. If USMS is planning to build a mobile app, it'd be nice for it to access the minutes and convention details
26. Mary Pohlmann (OZ): Several good PowerPoint presentations: Hopes that those presentations be presented on the website, possibly with audio overlay.
27. Doug Sayles (NE): Variability in usefulness of attending the committee meetings by those not on the committee. Have better best practices prep on how to run a good committee meeting. New delegates had mixed reviews of committee meetings. Meeting for new Board members: how could we do this for our new LMSC members? Maybe that could go into the LMSC leadership workshop. Better wi-fi bandwidth. Question about how changes are implemented.
28. Ray Novitske (PV): Maybe try some other cities for our convention (I know this is a USAS decision)? Nadine indicated that this discussion is covered by the USAS Convention Committee. Nadine and Rob Butcher have had discussions with USAS on this issue.
29. Jeanne Ensign (PN): Only 1% of hotels can accommodate USAS, so other cities would require walks to the venue.
30. David Bergquist (MN): Distracting when folks on the stage aren't focused on what's going on while discussion is going on. Also wants discussion that is requested afterwards be shared with the rest of the delegates. Food times are limited, so please provide more time for lunch during the day.
31. Chris Campbell (PC): Better luck following things online than ever – connectivity is a step in the right direction, and much better than in previous years.
32. Dan Cox (LE): Meet the Candidates was excellent this year. We learned more about the candidates than ever before, but ask ALL the candidates to speak, not just the contested races.
33. Anna Lea Matysek (FL): Gave suggestions on how to handle the food issues at Convention. Locates grocery store via Google and gets a refrigerator in the room.
34. Jeanne Seidler (WI): Gave more food suggestions. Commented that the connection was encrypted. Consider an unencrypted connection. We spoke to our constituents in our meeting.
35. Carolyn Boak (GU): Liked Meet the Candidates forum and the LMSC Round Table discussion.
36. Susan Ehringer (KY): This was the easiest convention to get to all committees she needed to in 9 conventions. Make sure to bring things up in the Rules forum.
37. James Biles (WI): Thanked Nadine, the Board, and the convention organizers. The New Delegate Luncheon all together was a good experience, and we learned lessons to make it better next year. Having the feedback session right after the House of Delegates was a great idea.
38. Leo Letendre (CT): There are a number of apps (aka Guidebook) to work with the local organizers to better prepare delegates for things they can do outside the hotel.
39. Lisa Dahl (PN): Food choices are limited. Provide more opportunities and be aware of those choices. Build into the HOD program presentations on what we are up to in our local areas so we can see those items. Provide a venue for people to be creative and share at Convention.
40. Paige Buehler (IW): The workshop rooms were well sized (thank you Tracy Grilli).
41. Charles Smith (MR): The 180-page pre-Convention document was excellent. The deadline should be sooner so folks have more time to read.
42. Laurie Hug (DV): Thanks for morning workouts and the options they provide, even in the pouring rain.
43. Lynne Lund (UT): Thanks to Tracy for making paper copies available. Please continue to make them available and number multiple pages.

44. Jacks Cole (SP): Acknowledges the quality of the people who run the organization, both staff and volunteers.
45. Bill Tingley (KY): This was the best prepared group that he's seen walk into Convention.
46. Richard Garza (FG): Thanks for having the office available for computers and printing. Don't forget to say thank you to the folks who have helped you.
47. Nadine thanks everyone for their suggestions and feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14pm.
