

LEGISLATION PROPOSALS

Final Results

2015 Convention—Kansas City, Mo.

HK-1 Goals and Objectives	PASSED
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C To encourage organizations and communities to establish and sponsor Masters **sSwimming** programs.

HK-2 Goals and Objectives	PASSED
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E To stimulate research in the sociology, psychology, and physiology of Masters swimming.

HK-3 Glossary	PASSED
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Club—an organization or group of permanent character ... participates in Masters **sSwimming**.

HK-4 Glossary	PASSED
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Escort Craft—boats or paddle boards that accompany swimmers in **an** open water swim

HK-5 Glossary	PASSED
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Event—any clinic, demonstration ... or meet, including pool, long distance, and open water.

HK-6 Glossary	PASSED
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FINA—**Fédération** International de Natation ...

HK-7 Glossary	PASSED
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Foul—an instance of obstruction, interference, collision, or equipment malfunction

HK-8 Glossary	PASSED
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Masters Swimming—a program including training, competition, and other activities

HK-9 Glossary	PASSED
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Medical Identification Item—an item worn by a swimmer that identifies medical conditions, emergency contacts, or other information

HK-10 Glossary	PASSED
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Member—an individual, club, or organization registered with USMS.

HK-11 Glossary	PASSED
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Recognized Events—the written acknowledgment ... or a demonstration, clinic, or exhibition conducted by USMS member clubs, individual members, or organizations

HK-12 Glossary **PASSED**

Sanction—the written authorization of an LMSC ... competition, demonstration, clinic, exhibition, or Swim-A-Thon®.

HK-13 Glossary **PASSED**

Session—any portion of a pool meet ... by locale, time, day, or type of competition

HK-14 Glossary **PASSED**

Warning Signal—a bell, whistle, air horn, or other appropriate audible device.

HK-15 201.1 **PASSED**

201.1 Membership of Individuals

All swimmers participating in events sanctioned by USMS, with the exception of events falling under article 203.1.1B and 203.1.1C, must be ...

L-2 201.1.3B **PASSED**

B Pool One-Event Registration—An LMSC may offer a single-event registration that allows an athlete to participate in one event sanctioned by that LMSC. Membership cards shall not be issued for one-event registration. One-event registrants must be considered unattached and agree to be governed by the rules and regulations of USMS, except that their times shall not be considered for Top 10 tabulation and national or world records, All-American status, or any other USMS special awards; **one-event registration forms must include the statement “Times swum under one-event registration are not eligible for USMS Top 10 or records consideration.”** One-event registrations shall be identified as such in the meet results.

L-3 201.1.3A–B **PASSED**

A ... except that their swims shall not be eligible for USMS **national** open water awards and recognition. ...

B ... except that their times shall not be considered for Top 10 tabulation and **national USMS** or world records, All-American status, or any other USMS special awards. ...

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

Table of Contents, page v: 105.3 USMS **National** Records

Article 102.1.2, page 6: ... cannot be used for LMSC rankings or **national USMS** Top 10 times, ...

Article 103.18.4, table, page 26:

Automatic timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World records, USMS national records, and USMS Top 10 times Initial splits for all purposes Relay leadoff times for all purposes
Semiautomatic with three buttons or manual with three watches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World records, USMS national records, and USMS Top 10 times Initial splits and relay leadoff times for world records and USMS Top 10 times

Semiautomatic with two buttons or manual with two watches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USMS Top 10 times • Initial splits and relay leadoff times for USMS Top 10 times
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Article 104.5.3C(1), page 31: ... The adjustment times for men and women competitors shall be calculated by multiplying the time adjustment in the following table by the ratio of the 200-yard freestyle national USMS record for the age group to that of the 25–29 200-yard freestyle for men and women, respectively. ...

Article 104.5.4A(2), page 32: Foreign swimmers—National championship meets shall include and welcome foreign swimmers, except that they may not qualify for USMS Top 10 and All-American awards nor set USMS national records.

Article 105.1.3, page 37: LMSC Responsibility—Each LMSC is responsible for reporting the Top 10 times, USMS national records, and world records achieved in its LMSC in the appropriate format (see Appendix B), including all times achieved by swimmers from other LMSCs.

Article 105.1.4, page 38: Required Information—To be considered for national USMS Top 10 times or for USMS national records, eligibility ...

Article 105.1.8, page 39: USMS national records shall be published annually in the *USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition*.

Article 105.2.1, page 39: The National USMS Top 10 Times list shall be published annually for each age division and for each gender for the events listed under article 102.5.

Article 105.3, page 39: USMS National Records

Article 105.3.1, page 39: The fastest official time by a USMS member in each event in a USMS-sanctioned or USMS-recognized competition, as verified in accordance with article 105.3.8, shall be designated as a USMS national record. For open water and long distance records, see article 308.

Article 105.3.6, page 39: Split times shall be considered for USMS national records if:

Article 202.1, page 53: Times achieved at sanctioned events are considered for USMS national records, USMS Top 10 times, and FINA world records ...

Article 202.2, page 55: Times achieved at recognized events shall be considered for USMS national records and Top 10 times Times achieved by USMS members at events sanctioned by USA Swimming shall be considered for USMS national records and Top 10 times Times achieved by USMS members at events sanctioned by a FINA member federation shall be considered for USMS national records ...

Article 203.1, page 56: Swims achieved by USMS members at sanctioned events are considered for USMS open water national awards and recognition

Article 307.8.1G, page 75: Special information (national USMS records, overall place, place among gender, etc.).

Article 307.9.1B, page 75: ... to fit the age group national USMS record times for each gender.

Article 308.1.1, page 77: Individual national USMS records will be maintained Relay national USMS records shall be maintained

Article 308.1.2, page 77: To be considered for a national USMS record, individual participants and relays

Article 308.1.3, page 77: ... no national USMS records will be maintained in open water events due to differences in courses, currents and other physical factors.

Article 308.1.6, page 77: Long distance national USMS records for cable swims may not be established by using a swimmer's split time in an individual event.

Article 308.1.7, page 77: Long distance national USMS records for postal swims may be established by using a swimmer's split time in an individual event if:

Article 507.1.11, page 96: Records and Tabulation Committee—The Records and Tabulation Committee shall establish and maintain a standardized process of recording and verifying times and shall publish the Top 10 times, All-American and All-Star rosters, and USMS national records annually for each course. ...

Appendix A, page 103: ... For the most up-to-date and complete record listings, please check the USMS national pool records database online at: www.usms.org/com/usmsrecords.php.

Appendix B, page 144: FMS1.14 Records—Applications for FINA Masters world records

Applications for USMS national records

Appendix B, page 150: “Complete the above form, lines 1 to 17, in its entirety. Line 18 is for use by the Records Administrator. National USMS records are due within 90 days of the end of the season of the swim.

L 4	201.1.4	PASSED
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201.1.4 Membership Application Forms

- A Individuals may apply for membership through the USMS website or by obtaining an individual membership application forms may be obtained from the registrar of the LMSC. The form, fully completed, shall be submitted with the applicable fee to the registrar of the LMSC or an official designee of the LMSC, who. The LMSC shall provide a link to an electronic membership card or issue a membership card upon request.
- B ~~Liability release~~—All membership applications forms shall contain the language of the liability release as stated in USMS policy.

HK-17	201.2.1	PASSED
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201.2.1 Annual Membership—Annual membership for clubs is from the date of registration through December 31 of that year; however, a club applying for membership on or after November 1 October 1 will receive membership valid through December 31 of the following year.

L-5	201.2.2	PASSED
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201.2.2 Club Membership Forms Application—Clubs may apply for membership through the USMS website Membership forms for clubs may be obtained or by obtaining an application form from the registrar of the LMSC. Renewal forms will be accepted October 1 for the next registration year. The 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.

L-6	201.3.5	PASSED
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201.3.5 A swimmer shall not represent any club in competition for 60 consecutive days before transferring affiliation to another club, unless this transfer takes place at the time of annual registration. A swimmer may declare unattached status at any time without written application. A swimmer intending to compete in an event after declaring unattached status shall notify the LMSC registrar of the declaration of unattached status prior to the event. It is recommended that swimmers who intend to compete as unattached in a meet contact their registrar prior to the meet and request that their registration status be changed. The registrar shall change the club affiliation of the swimmer to the UC and note the effective date.

HK-16	202	PASSED
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**ARTICLE 202:
Sanction/Recognition of Pool Events**

202.1 Sanctions

202.1.1 Sanction Requirements—Sanctions shall be issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with the following:

A Applications for sanction shall be made to the LMSC within which the event is to be held. Sanction applications shall be accompanied by the entry form ~~and applicable fee.~~ ...

(4) The sanction fee shall ~~be established by the LMSC.~~ consist of a national fee established by the House of Delegates. Each LMSC may also establish a local fee.

202.2.1 Recognition—Recognition shall be issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with the following:

A Application for recognition of events within the jurisdiction of USMS shall be made to the LMSC within which the event is to be held, and applications shall be accompanied by the recognition fee. ~~The recognition fee shall consist of a national fee established by the House of Delegates.~~ Each LMSC may also establish a local fee.

203.3 Sanction Requirements

203.3.1 Jurisdiction—The LMSC in which the event originates shall have jurisdiction in issuing the sanction. If any events are to be swum in more than one LMSC, the other LMSC(s) may also issue a sanction for the event. ~~The sanction fee shall be established by the LMSC with jurisdiction.~~

203.3.2 Requirements—The following requirements shall be followed by the sanctioning LMSC and sanction applicant: ...

J The sanction fee shall consist of a national fee established by the House of Delegates. Each LMSC may also establish a local fee.

202.1.1 Sanction Requirements—Sanctions shall be issued, withheld, or withdrawn in accordance with the following:

...

A(2) Event entry forms and programs must bear the statement “Sanctioned by (LMSC name) for USMS Inc. ~~Sanction number: _____.~~” ~~Event entry forms and programs may include the statement “Sanction number _____.”~~

Insert new 202.1.1B and renumber:

B Entries shall not be accepted before the sanction has been granted. Paper forms shall not be distributed, online entry systems shall not be activated, and the event shall not be listed as sanctioned on the USMS Calendar of Events until the sanction has been granted.

203.3.3B Entry forms, programs, and results must bear the statement “Sanctioned by (LMSC name) for USMS Inc. ~~Sanction number: _____.~~”

Add new 203.3.3D and renumber.

D Entries shall not be accepted before the sanction has been granted. Paper forms shall not be distributed, online entry systems shall not be activated, and the event shall not be listed as sanctioned on the USMS Calendar of Events until the sanction has been granted.

L-7 202.1.1 PASSED

H Pursuant to article 202.1.1 A, after receiving a sanction application the sanctioning LMSC may transfer its sanctioning administration to another LMSC, provided both agree to the transfer in writing. All fees and sanction obligations under article 202.1.1 will be transferred to the accepting LMSC.

L-13 202.1.1B [now C] PASSED

C Approval of All sanctions shall be signed made by the LMSC's authorized representative, and a record thereof shall be retained for two years.

L-9 202.1.1D [now E], 202.2.1D PASSED

202.1.1E

No sanction may be issued to any organization whose interest in sports and games is purely commercial, or where the event is to be promoted solely for the profit or the advertising value to be derived therefrom. Any income derived from sanctioned events must be used for the further promotion of swimming, for an approved charity, or for the general welfare of the promoting organization as a whole.

202.2.1D

No recognition may be issued to any organization whose interest in sports and games is purely commercial, or where the event is to be promoted solely for the profit or the advertising value to be derived therefrom. Any income derived from recognized events must be used for the further promotion of swimming, for an approved charity, or for the general welfare of the promoting organization as a whole.

HK-19 202.1.1F(2) [now G(2)] PASSED

(2) In order to be in compliance with FINA rule C.7.23, an LMSC may grant exceptions to specific USMS swimming rules and administrative regulations when sanctioning a FINA Masters World Championship.

L-14 202.2 PASSED

Times achieved at recognized events Times achieved by USMS members at events sanctioned or approved by USA Swimming shall be considered for USMS national records and Top 10 times without formal application for recognition.

L-15 202.2 PASSED

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. ... Times achieved by USMS members at events sanctioned by USA Swimming 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. ...

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 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. **Times achieved by USMS members at the FINA World Masters Championships shall automatically be considered for USMS records and Top 10 without formal application for recognition and without further documentation.** 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.

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

105.3.9, p. 40

Records set outside the United States shall be submitted on official USMS record application forms (Appendix B) and are subject to all pertinent requirements.

B Records set at the FINA World Masters Championships shall be considered for USMS records without further documentation.

105.1.7D, p. 38

D If a moveable bulkhead is used and the initial pool length certification for all lanes is on file, the measurement rules and policies of FINA shall be the standard for events sanctioned by a FINA Masters member federation other than USMS.

(2) Documentation for pool measurement is not required for times set at the FINA World Masters Championships.

Approval of All recognitions shall be **signed made** by the LMSC's authorized representative, and a record thereof shall be retained for two years.

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

(6) Articles 107.2.1, Minimum Standards for Facilities
107.2.3A, 107.3,
107.11.1, 107.11.2,
and 107.1314

L-19 203.3.2A PASSED

A LMSCs shall use the prescribed sanction application form **or online sanctioning system** without additional requirements.

L-20 203.3.2C PASSED

C **Approval of S**anctions shall be **signed made** by the LMSC's authorized representative, and a record thereof shall be retained for two years.

L-21 203.3.2D PASSED

The LMSC's authorized representative shall **report ensure that** the sanction **application is forwarded to the USMS Open Water Compliance Coordinator (OWCC) for National Office for approval of the safety plan.**

L-22 203.3.2F PASSED

No sanction may be issued to any organization whose interest in sports and games is purely commercial, or where the event is to be promoted solely for the profit or the advertising value to be derived therefrom. Any income derived from sanctioned events must be used for the further promotion of swimming, for an approved charity, or for the general welfare of the promoting organization as a whole.

L-23 204.1 PASSED

204.1 Release

All individual membership application forms and sanctioned entry forms shall include a liability release. The liability release shall be signed by the person registering or entering. The liability release shall conform to the language and format specified by USMS policy **(see USMS Guide to Operations, Sanctions section).**

L-24 401.2 PASSED

No member of USMS or any organization associated with USMS may deny or threaten to deny any eligible individual the opportunity to participate in USMS administrative activities **or deny any member the opportunity to host or participate in and sanctioned or recognized events USMS activities** without just cause. ...

L-25 403.4 PASSED

403.4.3

A Matters of jurisdiction to the National Board of Review shall be initiated by a written filing made in accordance with the National Board of Review procedures.

B 403.4.4 Requests to the National Board of Review for review of LMSC decisions shall be initiated by a written request for review filed in accordance with the National Board of Review procedures.

L-42 403.4.1 PASSED

403.4.1 Because certain disputes are most appropriate heard at the national level, the National Board of Review has original and exclusive jurisdiction to hear:

A Any complaint from members of USMS where more than one LMSC is involved.

- B Any complaint of violation of article 402.4.4, providing false information, or article 402.4.8, causing a credible and material risk to safety.
- C Any complaint initiated by USMS.
- D Any complaint in which LMSC bylaws, rules, policies, or procedures preclude filing of a grievance by a USMS member.
- E Upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee, the National Board of Review may be assigned exclusive and immediate jurisdiction at any stage of any matter within the purview of this article 403 to serve the best interests of Masters sSwimming.

HK-21 403.4.1D [now E] PASSED

E Upon a majority vote of the Executive Committee, the National Board of Review may be assigned exclusive and immediate jurisdiction at any stage of any matter within the purview of this article 403 to serve the best interests of Masters sSwimming.

L-26 403.5 PASSED

403.5.12 Take such further action and make such further directives as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

L-27 403.9 PASSED

- 403.9.2** The Board of Directors panel may assess costs and fees against any or all named parties.
- 403.9.3** The review by the Board of Directors panel shall be on the basis of the record from the National Board of Review and written briefs and shall not include new evidence. However, by majority vote, the Board of Directors panel may decide to take new evidence and hear testimony.
- 403.9.4** The Board of Directors panel shall render a final and binding decision and a written decision shall be sent to all parties.
- 403.9.5** The review by the Board of Directors panel shall be on the basis of the record from the National Board of Review and written briefs. The Board of Directors panel may decide in its sole discretion to take new evidence and hear testimony.

L-28 502 PASSED

**ARTICLE 502:
Local Masters Swimming Committee (LMSC)**

The A Local Masters Swimming Committee is a subordinate organization of the corporation with supervisory responsibilities within a specified geographical territory.

HK-22 502.4 PASSED

502.4 Election of Officers

HK-23 503.6 PASSED

503.6 Communications

Zone chairs shall enhance communications among the LMSCs to promote Masters sSwimming within the zones.

L-31 504.1 PASSED

504.1 Membership

All members of the House of Delegates shall maintain membership until their successors are selected, except that membership may be terminated by resignation filed with the secretary. The House of Delegates of USMS shall consist of the following:

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~~504.1.8 All members of the House of Delegates shall remain until their successors are selected, except that membership may be terminated by resignation filed with the secretary.~~

L-29 504.1 PASSED

504.1 Membership

The House of Delegates of USMS shall consist of the following: ...

504.1.5 All voting members of the Finance, Legislation, Long Distance, and Rules Committees, the chairs of all standing committees, the convention coordinator, the rule book coordinator, the legal counsel, and the National Board of Review chair.

HK-24 504.1.1 PASSED

504.1.1 One member from each LMSC. If the LMSC has over more than 300 individual members, it is entitled to one additional member. ...

L-30 504.1.6 PASSED

504.1 Membership

The House of Delegates of USMS shall consist of the following:

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~~504.1.6 Nonvoting delegates from affiliate and allied members.~~

504.1.76 The president of USMS shall be empowered to appoint up to 10 percent of the total membership of the House of Delegates as at-large members of the House of Delegates.

504.1.7 Nonvoting delegates from affiliate and allied members.

L-32 504.1.7 [now 504.1.6] PASSED

504.1.6 The president of USMS shall be empowered to appoint At-large members representing up to 10 percent of the total membership of the House of Delegates. These members shall be appointed by the president of USMS as at large members of the House of Delegates.

HK-25 504.2 PASSED

504.2 Powers

The powers of the House of Delegates shall be as follows:

504.2.1 To determine the mission and objectives that shall govern USMS in all of its activities.

L-33 504.2.3 PASSED

504.2 Powers

The powers of the House of Delegates shall be as follows:

- 504.2.1** To determine the mission and objectives that shall govern USMS in all of its activities.
- 504.2.2** To delegate responsibility and authority to other USMS entities as prescribed in USMS code and by USMS policy. **However,**
- 504.2.3** ~~The following powers are fully the responsibility of the House of Delegates and shall not be delegated:~~
- A** ~~To E~~lect officers and directors (Note: The nomination and election procedures may be delegated).
 - B** ~~To A~~amend the *USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition*.
 - C** ~~To R~~eview and approve the annual budget.
- 504.2.43** To admit to group membership or individual membership any organization or person eligible under this code and who applies.
- 504.2.54** To prescribe and amend the code for the governance of USMS.
- 504.2.65** To call regular and special meetings of USMS and to fix the time, place, and manner for holding all meetings not fixed by this code.
- 504.2.76** To collect and expend the monies of USMS.
- 504.2.87** To create, modify, or disband standing committees.
- 504.2.98** To alter, amend, repeal, or otherwise change any provision of the *USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition*. Explanation and interpretation shall be delegated to the chair and/or committee of jurisdiction.
- 504.2.109** To receive and approve all annual reports.

HK-26 504.2.6 [now 504.2.5]	PASSED
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- 504.2.5** To call regular and special meetings of USMS and to fix the time, place, and manner for holding all meetings not fixed by this code.

L-43 504.3.1	PASSED
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- 504.3.1** The annual meeting of the House of Delegates shall be held at such time and place, within or without the state of ~~Ohio~~**Florida**, as may be fixed in the notice of such meeting.

L-34 505.3.2A	PASSED
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- A** Chair their respective divisions **as designated in Appendix E.**

L-36 506.3–506.6	PASSED
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506.3 Powers

The powers of the Board of Directors shall be:

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Insert new 506.3.2

- 506.3.2** To alter, amend, or repeal the articles of incorporation.

Renumber current 506.3.2-506.3.9 to 506.3.3-506.3.10.

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506.4 Meetings

~~A minimum of two meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each year (one at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates and one midyear). Meetings held by conference call shall be held on a regular basis. Other meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at any time or place, within or without the state of Ohio, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors or to a call signed by the~~

president or any three directors. Two weeks' written notice of such meeting shall be given to each director. Notice of any meeting may be waived in writing before such meeting. Special matters may be voted upon by the Board of Directors by mail, but no action can thus be taken without the endorsement of a majority of all directors.

506.4.1 A minimum of two meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held each year.

506.4.2 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at any time or place, within or without the state of Florida, pursuant to (i) a resolution of the Board of Directors or (ii) a call signed by the president or any three directors. Two days' written notice of such meeting shall be given to each director. Notice of any meeting may be waived in writing before or after such meeting.

506.4.3 The Board of Directors may participate in any regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication, including telephone, by which all directors participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A director participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

L-37 506.7.3B

PASSED

B Receive and review the reports of the treasurer and controller National Office.

HK-27 506.7.5

PASSED

506.7.5 Investment Committee—The Investment Committee shall be responsible for developing and submitting written recommendations for Board of Directors' approval of investment objectives ...

HK-28 507.1.3

PASSED

507.1.3 Fitness Education Committee—The Fitness Education Committee shall promote the fitness, health, and lifestyle benefits of Masters ~~s~~Swimming. ...

L-38 507.1.5, 507.1.7, 507.1.13

PASSED

507.1.5 Legislation Committee—The Legislation Committee The Rules Committee chair and the rule book coordinator shall be an ex officio members of the committee.

507.1.7 Long Distance Committee—The Long Distance Committee The rule book coordinator and Open Water Committee chair shall be an ex officio members of the committee.

507.1.13 Rules Committee—The Rules Committee 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.

HK-29 507.1.10

PASSED

507.1.10 Recognition and Awards Committee—The Recognition and Awards Committee The committee shall consist of the committee chair, at least four Ransom J. Arthur Award recipients ...

HK-30 507.1.14

PASSED

507.1.14 Sports Medicine and Science Committee—The Sports Medicine and Science Committee The committee shall stimulate and encourage research pertaining to Masters ~~s~~Swimming. ...

L-39 507.3

PASSED

507.3.1 Coordinators—The president, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall may appoint the coordinators. The Board of Directors may grant a coordinator the same rights and responsibilities as the chairs of standing committees. A coordinator, with the concurrence of the president, may appoint a working group to assist the coordinator.

~~**A Convention coordinator**—The convention coordinator shall cooperate with U.S. Aquatic Sports in the preparation of each year’s national convention and carry out the operational needs of the House of Delegates and its committees at convention.~~

~~**B Rule book coordinator**—The rule book coordinator shall design, ensure the accuracy of, and produce the rule book and other materials or media, as approved by the House of Delegates. The rule book coordinator shall be an ex officio member of the Legislation, Long Distance, and Rules Committees.~~

HK-31 510.1

PASSED

510.1 Coverage

Each person who is or was a director, officer, or employee of USMS (including the heirs, executors, administrators, or estate of such person) shall be indemnified by USMS to the full extent permitted by the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the state of Ohio against any liability, cost, or expense incurred in the capacity as director, officer, or employee, or arising out of the status as a director, officer, or employee (including serving at the request of USMS as a director, trustee, officer, employee, or agent of another not-for-profit organization).

L-44 510.1

PASSED

510.1 Coverage

Each person who is or was a director, officer, or employee of USMS (including the heirs, executors, administrators, or estate of such person) shall be indemnified by USMS to the full extent permitted by the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the state of Ohio Florida against any liability, cost, or expense incurred in the capacity as director, officer or employee, or arising out of the status as a director, officer, or employee (including serving at the request of USMS as a director, trustee, officer, employee, or agent of another not-for-profit organization).

L-45 511

PASSED

ARTICLE 511:

Dissolution

If deemed advisable by the members, USMS may be dissolved pursuant to the applicable provision of the corporation laws of the state of Ohio Florida.

L-40 601.1.1

PASSED

Move the current 601.1.1 after the current 601.1.5 and renumber.

601.1.15 Executive Committee—Proposed changes to all other sections of the *USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition* shall be considered by the Executive Committee or committee designated by the president. Such proposals are not subject to the provisions of articles 601.21, 601.32, 601.43, and 601.54.

601.3 Modification of Proposed Amendments

Proposed amendments may be modified in any manner by the Legislation, LMSC Development, Long Distance, ~~or Rules Committees~~, or ~~the~~ House of Delegates, where appropriate, while under consideration by said body. Such modification by the Legislation, LMSC Development, Long Distance, or Rules Committees ~~s~~ requires a majority vote. Such modification by the House of Delegates requires a two-thirds vote.

601.4 Adoption of Proposed Amendments

The *USMS Code of Regulations and Rules of Competition* may only be altered, amended, repealed, or otherwise changed at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates and only as follows:

- 601.4.1 Rules**—~~In even numbered years,~~ Part 1 and the Glossary may be amended by a majority vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if the proposed amendments are submitted to and recommended by the Rules Committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if the proposed amendments are submitted to and NOT recommended by the Rules Committee.
- 601.4.2 Long Distance**—~~In even numbered years,~~ Part 3 and the Glossary may be amended by a majority vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if the proposed amendments are submitted to and recommended by the Long Distance Committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if the proposed amendments are submitted to and NOT recommended by the Long Distance Committee.
- 601.4.3 Legislation**—~~In odd numbered years, t~~The Organizing Principles, Glossary, Part 2, Part 4, Part 5, and Part 6 may be amended by a majority vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if the proposed amendments are submitted to and recommended by the Legislation Committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if the proposed amendments are submitted to and NOT recommended by the Legislation Committee.
- 601.4.4 LMSC Development**—~~In odd numbered years,~~ Appendix D may be amended by a majority vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if the proposed amendments are submitted to and recommended by the LMSC Development Committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the House of Delegates members present and voting if the proposed amendments are submitted to and NOT recommended by the LMSC Development Committee. ...

Other articles that would require changing in order to maintain consistency:**601.4.7 USA Swimming Amendments That Affect USMS Rules**

- A** Amendments to USA Swimming articles 101, "Individual Strokes and Relays," 102, "Conduct and Officiating of All Swimming Competition," and 105, "Guidelines for Officiating Swimmers With a Disability in USA Swimming Meets," shall automatically be adopted by USMS unless the USMS House of Delegates votes to reject those amendments. ~~Votes to reject shall not be considered emergency amendments.~~ Amendments to USA Swimming article 103, "Facility Standards," may be recommended by the Rules Committee for adoption by the House of Delegates. ~~Votes to accept shall not be considered emergency amendments.~~

Summary of Amendment Procedures table located after article 601.5: Delete.

HK-33 601.4.7A

PASSED

- A Amendments to USA Swimming articles 101, "Individual Strokes and Relays," 102, "Conduct and Officiating of All Swimming Competition," and 105, "Guidelines for Officiating Swimmers ~~w~~With a Disability in USA Swimming Meets," shall

FAILED PROPOSALS

L-1 201.1.3

FAILED

~~**B Pool One Event Registration**—An LMSC may offer a single event registration that allows an athlete to participate in one event sanctioned by that LMSC. Membership cards shall not be issued for one-event registration. One event registrants must be considered unattached and agree to be governed by the rules and regulations of USMS, except that their times shall not be considered for Top 10 tabulation and national or world records, All American status, or any other USMS special awards. One event registrations shall be identified as such in the meet results.~~

B Pool One-Event Registration—USMS will no longer offer pool single-event registrations that allow an athlete who is not currently registered as a USMS member to participate in one pool event sanctioned by any LMSC.

L-8 202.1.1A

FAILED

Insert new 202.1.1A(4) and renumber thereafter.

(4) When the one-event registration is allowed for a pool meet, the meet information must state "Times swum under the one-event registration are not eligible for USMS Top 10 or records consideration (see article 201.1.3B).

L-16 202.2

FAILED

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 shall be considered for USMS national records and Top 10 times without formal application for recognition. Times achieved by USMS members representing the USA National Team at a USA Swimming recognized Olympics, World Championships, or Pan American elite international meet held under the control of FINA sanctioned by a FINA member federation shall be considered for USMS records and Top 10 without formal application for recognition and without further documentation. 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.

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

105.3.9, page 40: Records set outside the United States shall be submitted on official USMS record application forms (Appendix B) and are subject to all pertinent requirements.

A Records set at a USA Swimming recognized elite international meet held under the control of sanctioned by a FINA member federation shall be considered for USMS records without further documentation.

105.1.7D, page 38

D If a moveable bulkhead is used and the initial pool length certification for all lanes is on file, the measurement rules and policies of FINA shall be the standard for events sanctioned by a FINA Masters member federation other than USMS.

(1) Documentation for pool measurement is not required for times set at a USA Swimming recognized elite international meet sanctioned by a FINA member federation held under the control of FINA.

L-35 506.1.2

FAILED

506.1.2 The nonvoting members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the executive director, legal counsel, all past presidents not already voting members, a representative of each allied organization (as approved by the Board of Directors), and a representative from USA Swimming. All presidents who become a past president after 12/31/15, shall be limited to the length of time they serve on the Board of Directors as a non voting past president to 4 years.