

2019 U.S. Masters Swimming Annual Meeting — St. Louis, Missouri

Committee Name:	Legislation	Session #:	1
Committee Chair:	Richard Garza	Vice Chair:	Brian Albright
Minutes recorded by:	Meg Smath	Date/time of meeting:	9/12/19 2:00 p.m. CDT

Actions Requiring Approval by the HOD:

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Motions Passed:

1. Resolved: that the Legislation Committee recommends that an Adult Learn to Swim task force be formed.

Number of committee members present: 14	Absent:	Number of other delegates present: 28
Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair): Richard Garza, Brian Albright, Meg Smath, Heather Hagadorn, Peter Guadagni, Joan Campbell, Jane Moore, Patrick Weiss, Stephanie Gauzens, Bruce Hopson, Charles Cockrell, Kris Wingenroth, Maria Elias, Steve Peterson		
Committee Members Absent: Leianne Crittenden, Michelle Jacobs-Brown, Kristof Kertesz		

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. Richard explained the function of the committee and declared a quorum was present.
2. MSP minutes to July 28 meeting.
3. Richard asked if anyone on the committee or in the audience had any conflicts of interest to disclose. There were none. He reminded us that we are all here to serve our sport
4. MSP a standing motion to approve any amendments.
5. Richard announced that the U.S. Olympic Committee has recently changed its name to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, which means that the initialism for the committee that appears in several places in the rule book needs to be change from USOC to USOPC. A housekeeping proposal to accomplish this has been added.
6. Discussion of L-8. A delegate noted that the proposal deletes “C To review and approve the annual budget” as a power of the House of Delegates, and asked who will provide the check and balance if this responsibility is removed. Phil Dodson, a member of the Finance Committee, said their committee holds two meetings before convention, and this proposal will allow another meeting after convention. Leo Letendre asked what mechanism there would be for discussion of the budget if this proposal passes, and Brian Albright asked if there is a guarantee that we’ll get to see the budget at convention? Numerous delegates were not opposed to giving up approval of the budget, but were worried about review. If this proposal passes, the final approval for the budget won’t be until after convention, and will be based on outcomes of convention. A delegate asked if we have had such a problem in the past with the budget process that we need such a drastic change. Another delegate pointed out that we are moving toward being a more professional organization, so this is a logical step for that. President-elect Peter Guadagni said this will allow a much more accurate budget because all the revenue and expense data for the year will be available. Marilyn Fink asked if the Legislation Committee had considered what would happen if a line item was inserted after convention? Richard said the committee did consider this and concluded we need to trust our Board of Directors. Leo pointed out that the BOD is empowered to act between meetings of the House of Delegates. At-Large Board Member Jeff Strahota said that if the House feels the Board is doing a bad a job, then we should vote them out. He also said that only about 50 people at the convention really care about the details of the budget, and in fact one of the most common complaints by delegates is about how much time budget approval takes.
7. Discussion of L-10. Richard explained that the reason the committee did not approve this proposal was that it felt an ALTS organization should start out as a task force before becoming a committee. Charles said that the downside would be that the task force would not be listed in the rule book; he would like to see our programs captured somehow to show they are part of USMS. William Kolb, a member of the Swimming Saves Lives Foundation board, and heavily involved in ALTS, said they would like to make a clear delineation between SSL and ALTS. Jane moved, Bruce seconded, that we recommend that an ALTS task force be formed. MSA.
8. Discussion of L-13: Richard explained that the Legislation Committee did not disagree with the intent of this proposal but wanted to say the same thing in half as many words. Charles was concerned about clarifying jurisdiction in the Legislation

Committee's substitute proposal. Charles, Meg, and Kathy Casey will work on revising the language and come back with a new proposal for the next meeting. Carolyn Boak stated that she liked the Rules Committee's original language.

9. Discussion of L-1 and L-12: L-1 was submitted by the BOD to change the name of the Registration Committee and L-12 was submitted by the Registration Committee to update the description of their committee. The Legislation Committee amended L-12 to use same committee name as in L-1. Jane suggested that because the language in L-12 deals with procedure and advising the BOD, it might be more appropriate for the committee to be a committee of the board rather than a standing committee of the House. Leo felt the Legislation Committee's amendment of L-12 was premature, because it assumes that L-1 will pass. If L-1 does not pass, there would be no need to change the committee name in L-12, and if L-1 does pass, then changing the committee name in L-12 would become housekeeping. Susan Ehringer, chair of the Registration Committee, agreed with Leo, and said the priority for her committee is changing the committee description. At the time the Registration Committee proposed the amendment, they didn't know that the BOD would be proposing L-1. The consensus of the Legislation Committee was to reconsider L-12 at our next meeting.

Tasks for the Upcoming Year

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