

U.S. Masters Swimming — 2022 Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Legislation Committee	Session #:	9
Committee Chair:	Charles Cockrell	Vice Chair:	Stephanie Gauzens
Minutes recorded by:	Douglas Sayles	Date/Time:	September 17, 2022, 7:30 a.m. MT

Motions Passed:

1. MSA to change L-17 from not recommended to recommended as amended pursuant to a MSA clarifying that gender identity in the USMS Equal Opportunity Statement (501.3) includes gender expression.
2. MSA to recommend L-7 pursuant to a MSA changing “accept” to “receive” in 507.1.8.

Number of voting committee members present: 8 # Absent: 4 # Guests: 0

Committee members present: Charles Cockrell, Rob Copeland, Stephanie Gauzens, Diana Dolan LaMar, Kristof Kertesz, Steve Peterson, Douglas Sayles, Meg Smath

Committee Members absent: Jeffrey Enge, Kirsten Hoffman, Teddy Palmer, Patrick Weiss

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

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

Minutes:

1. Roll Call

- a. The chair called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. MT
- b. Quorum present.

2. Legislative Package for 2022 Annual Meeting

- a. If the House of Delegates approves L-4, the power to set the method of the USMS annual meeting will move to the Board of Directors, creating a conflict with L-2 that can be resolved by having a floor amendment ready to amend L-2 by deleting the current 504.2.5 in its entirety as follows:

~~**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.~~

- b. **MSA** (Rob, Stephanie) to reconsider and change the status of L-17 from not recommended to recommended as amended.
 - i. **MSA** (Rob, Meg) to amend 501.3 to read, “Membership in USMS shall not be denied by virtue of race, creed, gender, gender identity (**including gender expression**), religion, political affiliation, disability, sexual orientation, or national origin.”
- c. **MSA** (Rob, Stephanie) to reconsider L-7.
 - i. **MSA** (Rob, Meg) to amend “accept” to “receive” in 507.1.8.

3. Adjournment

- a. **MSA** (Kristof, Doug) motion to adjourn.
- b. The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:49 a.m. MT