

<b>Committee Name:</b> Governance	<b>Session #:</b>	<b>Report #:</b>
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Hugh Moore	<b>Vice Chair:</b> Anthony Thompson	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b> Hugh Moore	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b> May 5, 2013 7:00 pm EDT	

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**Motions Passed:**

1. Urge the BOD to recommend that each committee define quorum as 50% of its members and list the definition in its policies.

<b>Number of committee members present: 4</b>	<b>Absent: 2</b>	<b>Number of other delegates present: 0</b>
<b>Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):</b> Hugh Moore, Patty Miller, Sean Fitzgerald, Leianne Crittenden		

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**Minutes**

Governance Committee Conference Call

1. Minutes from 3/3/13 and 4/7/13 meetings have been approved and posted on the USMS website.
2. Action plan for improving weak BOD evaluation scores. The committee discussed the following questions that were noted as indicators of weak performance (i.e. those with high number of votes for strongly disagree, disagree, or neutral).
  - I feel that the board discussions are prioritized around significant issues (10 of 20)
  - I feel that my talents and skills are effectively used by the board (8 of 20)
  - I proactively cultivate and recruit new leaders. (10 of 20)
  - During my first term on the board, I received adequate mentoring from veteran board members. (10 of 20)
  - As a member of the board, I participated in mentoring of new members of the board. (10 of 20)

Numerous suggestions were made by the committee. Hugh will compile the comments and start a discussion forum thread for soliciting additional comments. These will be presented to the board at the July face-to-face meeting. Hugh will also ask for time at the July BOD meeting for BOD focus groups to create action plans.

3. Committee Quorums. It was noted that there are currently no quorum requirements in USMS Rules. After discussion it was agreed to urge the BOD to recommend that each committee define quorum as 50% of its members and list the definition in its policies.
4. Purpose/use of convention delegates. The evolution of convention and use of delegates was discussed. Hugh will compile comments and create a discussion forum thread with the intent of producing a report to the BOD by this year's convention.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for 6/2/13 at 7:00 EST

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm EDT

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