

MESI BYLAWS

Board of Directors - vote to recommend amendment to House of Delegates

House of Delegates - vote to amend MESI Bylaws (must be approved by 2/3 of members present and voting)

ATHLETE AT-LARGE HOUSE MEMBERS - A sufficient number of athletes to ensure that Athlete Members constitute at least 20% of the voting membership of the House of Delegates shall be appointed by the General Chair with advice and consent of the Board of Directors and shall hold office from the date of appointment or until their successors are appointed to the House of Delegates. *...shall be recommended by the Senior Athlete Representative to be appointed by the General Chair with advice and consent of the Board of Directors...*

7.4 STANDING COMMITTEES & COORDINATORS

.1 ATHLETES COMMITTEE -

A. CHAIR - The Senior Athlete Representative or his/her designee shall be the chair of the committee.

B. MEMBERS - The Athletes Committee shall consist of the Athlete Representatives, the Athlete At-Large Board Members, and the Athlete At-Large House Members. *...and five (5) additional athletes.*

C. DUTIES - The Athletes' Committee shall have general charge of the business and affairs of the Athletes of MESI, and shall undertake such activities (a) delegated to it by the Board of Directors or the General Chair or (b) undertaken by the Committee as being in the best interests of the Athlete Members, MESI, USA Swimming and the sport of swimming.

MESI POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Board of Directors - vote to amend MESI Policies & Procedures (must be approved by majority of members present and voting)

ATHLETE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In addition to the Senior Athlete Representative, Junior Athlete Representative, and Athlete At-Large Board Members, five (5) additional athletes shall be selected annually to serve on the Athletes Committee.

At the time of selection, the athletes must (a) be an athlete member in good standing; (b) be at least a sophomore in high school by the end of the school year or at least 16 years of age, (c) be currently competing, or have competed within the three (3) immediately preceding years, in the program of swimming conducted by MESI or another LSC; and (d) have his or her place of permanent residence in the Territory and expect to reside therein throughout at least the first half of the term (other than periods of enrollment in an institution of higher education).

The selection shall be made through an application process and shall be conducted by the Senior Athlete Representative, Junior Athlete Representative, Athlete At-Large Board Members, and Senior Vice Chair. Athletes must submit an application via the MESI website. Written notice shall be given to all eligible athletes at least 1 week prior to the application deadline.

Athletes will serve a one year term, beginning on May 1st immediately following their selection.