

## MESI BY-LAW CHANGES FOR HOD 2020

### MESI BYLAWS Ratification requires a vote of approval by 2/3 of members of the House of Delegates present and voting

**OLD 4.1.4: 4** 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.

**PROPOSED 4.1.4** 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 *shall be recommended by the Senior Athlete Representative to 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.

**OLD 4.4.1 VOTING RIGHTS** - Each of the Group Member Representatives, the Board Members, and the At-Large House Members shall have both voice and vote in meetings of the House of Delegates.

**PROPOSED 4.4.1** - Each of the Group Member Representatives, the Board Members, and the At-Large House Members shall have both voice and vote in meetings of the House of Delegates. *Each shall have one (1) vote on each matter submitted to the House of Delegates. There shall be no voting by proxy. At all meetings of the House of Delegates only those members duly certified and present (including virtually present at all meetings conducted via telecommunication) shall be permitted to vote.*

**OLD 4.8 Error! Bookmark not defined.** - All meetings of the House of Delegates shall take place at a site within the Territory. The House of Delegates or the Board of Directors shall determine the location and time of all meetings of the House of Delegates.

**PROPOSED 4.8 Error! Bookmark not defined.** -The annual meeting of the House of Delegates shall be held at any date, time, and place within the territory, *including via telecommunication, as may be fixed in the notice of such meeting.*

**OLD 5.2:** ATHLETE AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS: A sufficient number of athlete members shall be elected At-Large Board Members such that athletes constitute at least twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership of the Board of Directors at any given time (taking into account the Athlete Representatives). The Athlete At-Large Board Members shall meet the same requirements as the Athlete Representatives set forth in Section 6.2.1. All At-Large Board Members shall hold office from the date of their election or appointment through the conclusion of the second annual meeting of the House of Delegates following such election or appointment, or until their successors are elected or appointed.

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**OLD 6.2.1 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES:** Two (2) Athlete Representatives shall be elected, one each year for a two-year term, or until their respective successors are elected. At the time of election, the Athlete Representative 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 balloting shall take place at the MESI short course winter championship meet or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the election will be provided at least 20 days prior to the election. The Athlete Representatives elected shall be determined by a majority of the athletes age 13 & older who participate in the election.*

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**OLD 6.2.2 COACH REPRESENTATIVE** One Coach Representative shall be elected, in even years for a two-year term, or until a successor is elected. The election of the Coach Representative shall be conducted at MESI winter championship meet, and determined by a majority of the Coach Members in good standing present and voting or, failing that, at a time and place and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. At least twenty (20) days' written notice of the election shall be given to all clubs.

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**OLD 6.2.3.B COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS/AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS:** A sufficient number, but no fewer than two (2), At-Large Athlete Members shall be elected such that athletes comprise at least twenty per cent (20%) of the voting membership of the Board at any given time. Terms shall be two years, with approximately one-half elected each year. At the time of election, the At-Large Athlete Member 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 balloting shall take place at the MESI short course winter championship meet or failing that, at a time and in a manner designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the election will be provided at least 20 days prior to the election.* The Athletes-at-Large elected shall be determined by a majority of the athletes age 13 & older who participate in the election.

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**OLD 6.6.2 COMMENCEMENT OF TERM** – All elected and appointed Members (except the Coach, Athlete Representatives and At-Large Athlete Members) shall assume office on September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year elected or appointed and shall serve until a successor takes office. Athlete Representatives and the Coach Representative shall assume office on May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year elected and shall serve until a successor takes office.

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### **OLD 7.4.1** 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 HOD members.

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