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ARTICLE 504: HOUSE OF DELEGATES

504.1. MEMBERSHIP

The House of Delegates of USMS shall consist of the following:

504.1.1—One member from each LMSC. If the LMSC has over 300 individual members, it is entitled to one additional member. For each additional 500 individual members, the LMSC is entitled to one more member in the House of Delegates. Figures shall be determined by the records of the National Office for the previous year or June 15 of the current year, whichever is the greater.

504.1.2— All voting members of the ~~Executive Committee~~. Board of Directors.

Rationale: To accommodate new structure.

504.1.3— All past presidents.

504.1.4— All members of the Zone Committee.

504.1.5— All voting members of the Finance, Legislation, Long Distance, and Rules Committees, the chairs of all standing committees ~~appointed by the president~~, all coordinators, ~~the controller~~, the internal auditor, and the Legal Counsel.

Rationale: Added Finance to list of automatic delegates for same reasons as other committees – their work must be done at the convention. Controller moved to 504.1.8 with other employees/contractors. “Appointed by the president” is unnecessary as all committee chairs are appointed by the president. Coordinators are replacing selected committee chairs. Legal Counsel has always had delegate status, just listing it with other appointments.

504.1.6—Nonvoting delegates from affiliate and allied members.

504.1.7—The president of USMS shall be empowered to appoint up to 10 percent of the total membership of the House of Delegates as at-large members of the House of Delegates.

504.1.8—The president of USMS shall be empowered to appoint employees and contractors as members of the House of Delegates as needed for the benefit of the corporation.

Rationale: If an employee/contractor is needed at the convention, he/she should be a delegate.

504.1.9—All members of the House of Delegates shall remain until their successors are selected, except that membership may be terminated by resignation filed with the secretary.